

# CITY OF LYNDEN

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Planning Commission



<b><u>Meeting Date:</u></b>	April 24, 2025
<b><u>Name of Agenda Item:</u></b>	PC Workshop – draft Land Use Element and Housing Element
<b><u>Section of Agenda:</u></b>	Workshop
<b><u>Department:</u></b>	Community Development Department
<b><u>Attachments:</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft Land Use Element (including Maps), Draft Housing Element</li><li>• Reference Documents: Land Capacity Analysis, Housing Needs Assessment</li></ul>	
<b><u>Summary Statement:</u></b>	
<p>Community Development staff are anticipating a number of opportunities for the Planning Commission (PC) to review early drafts of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update. At the March meeting, PC reviewed Comp Plan Vision, Health and Wellness, and Climate Resiliency Elements. The second Comp Plan Review Workshop (April 24) is for the PC to provide review and comment on the early drafts of the Land Use Element and Housing Element.</p> <p>The Land Use Element looks at the availability of land (for various uses) in the city to accommodate projected population and employment growth over the planning period. This element identifies important public lands, continues to protect critical areas, and recognizes hazard areas. The Housing Element takes a look at the availability of housing types and the diversity of housing needs within the city. HB1220 (2021) implements a new requirement for cities to plan for housing at all income levels and the results of that are seen in this draft.</p> <p>Staff welcomes the input of the Commission members as we work with our consultants to assemble this document. The same drafts will simultaneously be reviewed by the Department's Council Committee. The review schedule as planned is outlined below:</p> <p><b><u>March 27:</u> Review of Vision, Health &amp; Wellness Chapter, and Climate Resiliency Chapter</b></p> <p><b><u>April 24:</u> Review of Housing and Land Use Chapters</b></p> <p><b><u>May 22:</u> Review of Capital Facility, Utility, and Transportation Chapters</b></p> <p>A completed draft of the Comprehensive Plan is due to the Department of Commerce by June 13, 2025, but the city may continue making edits to the plan until the end of the year. Public hearings on the document and final adoption will be slated for the latter half of 2025.</p>	
<b><u>Recommended Action:</u></b>	
Review and provide feedback.	