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## **Draft Orinda Housing Element is now available for public review**

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After a number of appearances at city council meetings, and through a combination of staff analysis of sites and public input, Orinda now has a draft Housing Element that identifies land to accommodate the number of new housing units required by the state of California for the next Housing Element cycle. The sixth cycle since the Housing Element became a requirement, will cover the eight-year period from 2023 to 2031.

Orinda will have to provide for 1,506 new units within the city limits.

The next step in the process will be a review of the draft by the city council at its meeting at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19. There are many steps, however, before the Housing Element is finalized. In December 2022 and January 2023, the city council will adopt the Downtown Precise Plan, the Housing Element and the Safety Element. From January to March, 2023, Orinda must submit the final adopted Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for review and certification.

Orinda's draft housing element was released at the end of March for public review and can be found at [www.PlanOrinda.com/housing-element](http://www.PlanOrinda.com/housing-element).

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