

# CITY OF SIGNAL HILL



2024

## GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

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## **LAND USE ELEMENT**

The Land Use Element was adopted in 2001. It contains four goals and 63 implementation programs. **The significant projects for 2024 and their status are described below:**

### **Projects Completed:**

#### **North End Neighborhood:**

- 3177 California Avenue, Gateway Center North – Development of a new self-storage facility.
- 3353 ½ Myrtle Avenue – Accessory Dwelling Unit
- 3331 ½ Cerritos Avenue - Accessory Dwelling Unit conversion

#### **Atlantic/Spring Neighborhood:**

- 999 East Spring Street – Interior improvements and new signage for an existing Starbucks Cafe

#### **West Side Neighborhood:**

- 2320 ½ Cerritos Avenue – Accessory Dwelling Unit
- 1180 East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street – Remodel of commercial buildings and property, and associated street improvements

#### **Central Neighborhood:**

- 1500 East Spring Street – Honda Dealership outdoor patio for service department.

#### **Civic Center Neighborhood:**

- 22391 ½ Gaviota Avenue – Accessory Dwelling Unit

#### **Hilltop Neighborhood:**

- 2152 East Willow Street – Demolition of Wells Fargo ATM.
- 2100 Ohio Avenue – Demolition existing damaged SFD
- 2150 East Willow Street – Interior remodel of an existing restaurant for a new Jersey Mike's

#### **Southeast Neighborhood:**

- 2023 ½ East 19<sup>th</sup> Street – Accessory Dwelling Unit
- 1870 ½ Temple Avenue – Accessory Dwelling Unit conversion

### **Projects Under Construction:**

#### **North End Neighborhood**

- 3369 ½ Cerritos Avenue – Accessory Dwelling Unit

#### **West Side Neighborhood:**

- 909 ½ E 25<sup>th</sup> Street – Accessory Dwelling Unit
- 921 ½ E 25<sup>th</sup> Street – Accessory Dwelling Unit
- 2321 ½ and 2323 ½ Lemon Avenue – Two detached Accessory Dwelling Units

Central Neighborhood:

- 2998 Cherry Avenue – New Audi Auto Dealership

Hilltop Neighborhood:

- 2160 East Willow Street – Interior remodel of an existing restaurant for a new donut shop, Knead

Southeast Neighborhood:

- 1991 ½ Junipero Avenue – Accessory Dwelling Unit
- 2638 and 2638 ½ Wall Street – Two detached Accessory Dwelling Units
- 1919 ½ Dawson Avenue – Accessory Dwelling Unit
- 1965 ½ Dawson Avenue – Accessory Dwelling Unit
- 1844 ½ Raymond Avenue – Accessory Dwelling Unit

**In Plan Check Review**

North End Neighborhood:

- 3269 ½ Lewis Avenue – Accessory Dwelling Unit
- 3288 ½ Lewis Avenue – Accessory Dwelling Unit
- 3201 ½ Orange Avenue - Accessory Dwelling Unit

West Side Neighborhood:

- 3318 ½ Cerritos Avenue – Accessory Dwelling Unit

Civic Center Neighborhood:

- 1788 East Willow Street – Interior improvements to an existing Starbucks café

Hilltop Neighborhood

- 1900 and 1900 ½ Temple Avenue – New Single-Family Dwelling and detached Accessory Dwelling Unit

Southeast Neighborhood

- 2750 East 20<sup>th</sup> Street- SH Smart Homes
- 1979 ½ Junipero Avenue – Accessory Dwelling Unit

**Projects Under Entitlement Review:**

North End Neighborhood:

- 3201 Walnut Avenue – 102,607 square foot distribution warehouse

Civic Center Neighborhood:

- 1701 East Creston Avenue- New industrial building.

#### Hilltop Neighborhood:

- 1933-39 Temple Avenue – Eight new townhomes

#### Southeast Neighborhood:

- 1939 Temple Avenue – Courtyard, 8 condominium units.
- 2599 Pacific Coast Highway – 7 condominium units.
- 1965 ½ Dawson Avenue- Accessory Dwelling Unit
- 2027 ½ Junipero Avenue- Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit

#### Citywide Long-Range Projects:

- Opportunity Study Area Economic and Land Use Analysis
- Civic Center Master Plan

**Goal 1: Manage growth to achieve a well-balanced land use pattern that accommodates existing and future needs for housing, commercial and industrial land, open space, and community facilities and services, while maintaining a healthy, diversified economy adequate to provide future City revenues.**

**Policy 1.2:** Provide opportunities for a variety of residential densities and housing styles.

- The City continues to provide opportunities for a variety of residential densities and housing styles. The City approved the construction of a new housing project for eight (8) condominium dwelling units on an existing vacant lot. Additionally, the City issued permits for nine (9) Accessory Dwelling Units within the past year.
- The City continues to comply with the State housing legislation to accelerate housing production within the City. In 2023, the City selected the National Community Renaissance (National CORE) to assist the City with the development of two workforce housing projects. The two workforce housing projects will provide a total of 380 units, 90 of which would be for moderate-income housing. In 2024, National CORE continued their due diligence of the housing sites, began negotiations with the property owner to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) and began preparation of numerous applications for available funding sources to complete the projects. National CORE has initially focused on the smaller Walnut Bluff site for securing site control and a PSA for the Walnut Bluff site is expected to be executed in early 2025.

**Policy 1.3:** Support the maintenance of residential areas and encourage in-fill of vacant lots close to transportation, municipal facilities, and shopping opportunities.

- The City has various projects either under review or approved to replace existing vacant or abandoned parcels with new development. As described in the projects list above, the location of the projects are in proximity to public transit and retail establishments.

**Goal 2: Ensure that new development is consistent with the City's circulation system, availability of public facilities, existing development constraints, and the City's unique characteristics and natural resources.**

**Policy 2.4:** Regulate development in identifiable hazardous areas as shown on the Special Management Areas Map or in areas that are environmentally sensitive.

- The City maintains ongoing implementation of the Oil and Gas Code for all projects and development activities, including new development.

**Policy 2.5:** Ensure an orderly extension of essential services and facilities and preservation of a free-flowing circulation system, by requiring the provision of essential services and facilities at the developer's cost where these systems do not exist or are not already part of the City's financed annual Capital Improvement Program.

- The City continued to require that utilities be undergrounded for new development.

**Policy 2.6:** Encourage the development of oil field areas through the removal or relocation of wells and pipelines, or with site plan designs that encourage the joint use of land for oil production and other urban uses while maintaining essential access to petroleum resources.

- The City conducts regular maintenance and landscaping inspections at all well sites.
- As part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle certified Housing Element, the City started working on two workforce housing sites. The properties are currently vacant except for oil operations. The City entered into an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with National CORE to develop the sites and National CORE has commenced due diligence of site conditions, negotiations with the property owner, and funding applications.

**Goal 3: Assure a safe, healthy, and aesthetically pleasing community for residents and businesses.**

**Policy 3.1:** Mitigate traffic congestion and unacceptable levels of noise, odors, dust, and glare which affect residential areas and sensitive receptors.

- The City implemented a Mobile and Sidewalk Vending Ordinance that ensures all food vendors in the City comply with state, local, and health safety regulations. The ordinance provides minimum distance requirements were established for sensitive receptors, time frames, and safety regulations for locations on the street.
- The City addresses any noise, odors, dust, and glare violations through the Neighborhood Enhancement program.

**Policy 3.3:** Ensure a sensitive transition between commercial or industrial uses and residential uses by means of such techniques as buffering, landscaping, and setbacks.

- All new developments are required to undergo a Site Plan and Design Review process where the design, landscaping, setbacks, and buffering methods between uses are reviewed.

**Policy 3.13:** Reinforce Signal Hill's image and community identity within the greater Long Beach Metropolitan area.

- The City continues to collaborate with the Homeless Services Liaison, which was created through grant funding received from Measure H. The duties include advocating for the three cities, Signal Hill, Lakewood, and Hawaiian Gardens, to ensure that service providers (LAHSA, PATH) are responsive to the needs of the city, as well as working to address specific areas of concern. This role is an important addition to the City, as addressing homeless issues in the community is a goal

in our Housing Element of our General Plan. The Homeless Services Liaison has assisted City staff in achieving a net zero homelessness.

**Policy 3.16:** Review and revise, as necessary, the City's development standards to improve the quality of new development and protect the public health and safety.

- The Building Department continues to address building code violations through the Neighborhood Enhancement Program.
- National Building Safety Month is celebrated each year during the month of May.

**Policy 3.19:** Maximize to the extent practicable, the percentage of permeable surfaces to allow more percolation of storm water runoff into the ground.

- As part of the City's Site Plan and Design Review process, applicants of qualifying projects are required to prepare and submit stormwater management (LID) plans for City review and approval for compliance with State and City stormwater regulations.

**Policy 3.21:** Require new projects to include permanent controls to reduce storm water pollutant loads from development sites including parking lots to the maximum extent practicable.

- In addition to the State stormwater regulation (LID and MS4), the City has a small-site LID Ordinance which captures additional projects to reduce stormwater pollutants while still allowing maintenance of existing parking and landscape areas. In 2024, the City processed a total of 10 small-site LID plans.

**Goal 4: Ensure that future land use decisions are the result of sound and comprehensive planning:**

**Policy 4.1:** Consider all general plan goals and policies, including those in other general plan elements, in evaluating proposed development projects for general plan consistency.

- All projects noted in the policies above were evaluated for consistency with the City's General Plan, Zoning, and other development and design standards during public and administrative review and approval. Consistency for projects subject to public review is documented by way of adopted resolutions with findings of consistency.
- The City participates in the General Plan Annual Review process, submitting comprehensive reports on General Plan progress by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**Policy 4.3:** Endeavor to promote public interest in the understanding of the general plan and land use programs.

- The General Plan Annual Progress Report is prepared and presented before the City Council and Planning Commission during duly noticed meetings. The report is made available to the public for a full comprehensive review of the projects and programs throughout the year.

**Policy 4.4:** Encourage citizen participation in planning and the land use decision making process and development of land use programs and policies.

- As part of the Site Plan and Design Review process, applicants are required to conduct developer outreach and for projects requiring public hearings, to participate in the duly noticed public hearings for the purpose of receiving and responding to public input, comments, and questions.

## **General Plan Housing Element Annual Progress Report 2024**

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General Information	
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Reporting Calendar Year	2024
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**Optional:** Click here to import last year's data. This is best used when the workbook is new and empty. You will be prompted to pick an old workbook to import from. Project and program data will be copied exactly how it was entered in last year's form and must be updated. If a project is no longer has any reportable activity, you may delete the project by selecting a cell in the row and typing ctrl + d.

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<b>Jurisdiction</b>	Signal Hill	
<b>Reporting Year</b>	2024	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
<b>Housing Element Planning Period</b>	6th Cycle	10/15/2021 - 10/15/2029

Building Permits Issued by Affordability Summary		
Income Level		Current Year
Very Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	0
Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	0
Moderate	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	0
Above Moderate		9
Total Units		9

Note: Units serving extremely low-income households are included in the very low-income permitted units totals

Units by Structure Type	Entitled	Permitted	Completed
Single-family Attached	0	0	0
Single-family Detached	0	0	0
2 to 4 units per structure	0	0	0
5+ units per structure	8	0	0
Accessory Dwelling Unit	0	9	4
Mobile/Manufactured Home	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>

Infill Housing Developments and Infill Units Permitted	# of Projects	Units
Indicated as Infill	0	0
Not Indicated as Infill	8	9

Housing Applications Summary	
Total Housing Applications Submitted:	12
Number of Proposed Units in All Applications Received:	17
Total Housing Units Approved:	1
Total Housing Units Disapproved:	0

Use of SB 423 Streamlining Provisions - Applications	
Number of SB 423 Streamlining Applications	0
Number of SB 423 Streamlining Applications Approved	0

Units Constructed - SB 423 Streamlining Permits			
Income	Rental	Ownership	Total
Very Low	0	0	0
Low	0	0	0
Moderate	0	0	0
Above Moderate	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Streamlining Provisions Used - Permitted Units	# of Projects	Units
SB 9 (2021) - Duplex in SF Zone	0	0
SB 9 (2021) - Residential Lot Split	0	0
AB 2011 (2022)	0	0
SB 6 (2022)	0	0
SB 423 (2023)	0	0

Ministerial and Discretionary Applications	Applications	Units
Ministerial	10	12
Discretionary	2	5

Density Bonus Applications and Units Permitted	
Number of Applications Submitted Requesting a Density Bonus	0
Number of Units in Applications Submitted Requesting a Density Bonus	0
Number of Projects Permitted with a Density Bonus	0
Number of Units in Projects Permitted with a Density Bonus	0

Housing Element Programs Implemented and Sites Rezoned	Count
Programs Implemented	16
Sites Rezoned to Accommodate the RHNA	0

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	Signal Hill	
<b>Reporting Year</b>	2024	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
<b>Planning Period</b>	6th Cycle	10/15/2021 - 10/15/2029

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### Housing Element Implementation

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**Housing Development Applications Submitted**

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Jurisdiction	Signal Hill	
Reporting Year	2024	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
Planning Period	6th Cycle	10/15/2021 - 10/15/2029

## ANNUAL ELEMENT PROGRESS REPORT Housing Element Implementation

This table is auto-populated once you enter your jurisdiction name and current year data. Past year information comes from previous APRs.  
Please contact HCD if your data is different than the material supplied here

Table B														
Regional Housing Needs Allocation Progress														
Permitted Units Issued by Affordability														
		1		2									3	4
Income Level		RHNA Allocation by Income Level	Projection Period - 06/30/2021-10/14/2021	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total Units to Date (all years)	Total Remaining RHNA by Income Level
Very Low	Deed Restricted	161	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Non-Deed Restricted		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	161
Low	Deed Restricted	78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78
	Non-Deed Restricted		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Moderate	Deed Restricted	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90
	Non-Deed Restricted		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Above Moderate		188	2	-	6	7	9	-	-	-	-	-	24	164
Total RHNA		517												
Total Units			2	-	6	7	9	-	-	-	-	-	24	493
Progress toward extremely low-income housing need, as determined pursuant to Government Code 65583(a)(1).														
		5											6	7
		Extremely low-income Need		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total Units to Date	Total Units Remaining
Extremely Low-Income Units*		81		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81

\*Extremely low-income housing need determined pursuant to Government Code 65583(a)(1). Value in Section 5 is default value, assumed to be half of the very low-income RHNA. May be overwritten.

Please Note: Table B does not currently contain data from Table F or Table F2 for prior years. You may login to the APR system to see Table B that contains this data.

Note: units serving extremely low-income households are included in the very low-income RHNA progress and must be reported as very low-income units in section 7 of Table A2. They must also be reported in the extremely low-income category (section 13) in Table A2 to be counted as progress toward meeting the extremely low-income housing need determined pursuant to Government Code 65583(a)(1).

Please note: For the last year of the 5th cycle, Table B will only include units that were permitted during the portion of the year that was in the 5th cycle. For the first year of the 6th cycle, Table B will only include units that were permitted since the start of the planning period. Projection Period units are in a separate column.

Please note: The APR form can only display data for one planning period. To view progress for a different planning period, you may login to HCD's online APR system, or contact HCD staff at [apr@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:apr@hcd.ca.gov).

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Housing Element Implementation

Jurisdiction		Signal Hill	
Reporting Year		2024	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
Table D			
Program Implementation Status pursuant to GC Section 65583			
Housing Programs Progress Report			
Describe progress of all programs including local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing as identified in the housing element.			
1	2	3	4
Name of Program	Objective	Timeframe in H.E	Status of Program Implementation
Adequate Sites Program	Rezone 4 sites, totaling over 27 acres. 517 units needed by October 15, 2022. 35 to 45 dwelling units per acre. Walnut and Orange Bluff sites included in this.	Development agreements, site acquisition and remediation to be completed by 2025.	12/2021: Conduct thorough environmental and health assessment- COMPLETED 10/2022: Rezoning including CEQA and adoption of SP7 with adjusted development standards for bluff sites- COMPLETED 4/2023: RFP to be issue- COMPLETED 7/2023: Interview developers and select best qualified- COMPLETED 12/2023: Enter into development agreements to guide development of all 4 sites and include a commitment to all production and site remediation to be completed once developer is chosen- (COMPLETED) Submit adopted Housing Element to water and sewer within 30 days of adoption- COMPLETED Adopt required procedures to proposed developments that include units affordable to lower income households within 2 years of element adoption- IN PROGRESS City must alert Sanitation Districts of LA County of the requirements under Gov. Code Section 65589.7 and ask for confirmation that the district has procedures in place to grant priority for the provision of sewer services to proposed developments that include units affordable to lower income households as required within 2 years of adoption- COMPLETED
No Net Loss Program	To ensure sufficient residential capacity is maintained for each income category, develop and implement a formal, ongoing evaluation procedure pursuant to Gov. Code Section 65863. Evaluation procedure will track number of extremely low, very low, low, moderate, and above moderate income units constructed in order to calculate the remaining unmet RHNA. Will also track number of units built on identified sites.	Sites inventory updated in 2023 and will continuously be updated.	12/2021: Conduct thorough environmental and health assessment- COMPLETED 10/2022: Rezoning including CEQA and adoption of SP7 with adjusted development standards for bluff sites- COMPLETED 4/2023: RFP to be issue- COMPLETED 7/2023: Interview developers and select best qualified- COMPLETED 12/2023: Enter into development agreements to guide development of all 4 sites and include a commitment to all production and site remediation to be completed once developer is chosen- IN PROGRESS (COMPLETED) Submit adopted Housing Element to water and sewer within 30 days of adoption- COMPLETED Adopt required procedures to proposed developments that include units affordable to lower income households within 2 years of element adoption- IN PROGRESS City must alert Sanitation Districts of LA County of the requirements under Gov. Code Section 65589.7 and ask for confirmation that the district has procedures in place to grant priority for the provision of sewer services to proposed developments that include units affordable to lower income households as required within 2 years of adoption- COMPLETED
Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance Program	Provide rental assistance to an annual average of 40 to 60 households. To assist: advertise and promote regional housing assistance programs throughout the City. Provide information on City's website, target outreach, landlord outreach program, use of section 8 program in ADU developments.	Information posted on City website and will be updated continuously	Ongoing throughout the 2021-2029 planning period. Quarterly contact with County Housing Departments and groups for promotion of programs and assistance- CONTINUED EFFORT 12/2022: Update city website with regional housing assistance programs information- COMPLETED; CONTINUED EFFORT 6/2023: send direct outreach of higher need or lower-income and to rental/property managers and housing assistance service providers in higher opportunity areas- COMPLETED; CONTINUED EFFORT
First Time Homebuyer Assistance Program	Provide down payment assistance to three households during the 2021-2029 planning period. Promote County Homeownership (HOP) program; and County Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) Program. The MCC Program offers qualified first-time homebuyers a federal income tax credit. Ability to convert a portion of their annual mortgage interest into a direct dollar for dollar tax crediton their tax returns. Awarded a tax credit up to 20% of the annual interest paid on the mortgage loan. Remaining 80% of mortgage interest will continue to qualify as an itemized tax deduction.	Completed all of the programs, except for the programs that require a continued effort	The City will continue to participate in the Urban County Program throughout the eight-year planning period- CONTINUED EFFORT Hold at least two seminars for new homebuyer assistance, target outreach related to seminars to residents in geographic areas of higher need or lower income- COMPLETED ON 03/20/2023 & 05/06/2023. Quarterly contact with County Housing Departments and groups for promotion of programs and assistance- CONTINUED EFFORT Annual outreach to local entities for promotion and coordination of assistance programs- CONTINUED EFFORT
Waiver of Development Impact Fees	Affordable housing developments are exempt from the three impact fees for parks, water and traffic. Provide fee waivers for two projects within the planning period. The current (July 2021) per unit fees are: Parks and Recreation Single family dwelling \$21,910 Multi-family dwelling \$15,112 Water SD Meter of 1" \$21,437 Traffic (all residential) \$540.47	Staff has kept up quarterly contact with LA county Housing departments and groups	Ongoing throughout the 2021-2029 planning period. Quarterly contact with County Housing Departments and groups for promotion of programs and assistance- COMPLETED; CONTINUED EFFORT
Special Needs Program	Provide housing opportunities to meet the needs of special needs residents by allowing for development standard incentives, including reduced parking standards, setbacks, and increased height allowances. Provide additional regulatory incentives and concessions to projects targeted for special needs groups such as exemption from the site plan and design review process. Complete site remediation form oil extraction activities on sites for affordable or special needs housing. Interview prospective developers to develop the Walnut Bluff and Orange Bluff sites with the housing affordability components described in the Sites Inventory. Adopt objective design standards to ensure that the City can provide local guidance on design and standards for by-right projects as allowed by State law. Establish a centralized, one-stop housing inquiry location.	The City selected National Community Renaissance (National CORE) as the affordable housing developer for the sites. National CORE, the City, and SHP are developing an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement and preparation of financing applications. Once the Development Agreement is executed, site acquisition and remediation will commence. The City anticipates site work to begin by Mid-2024.	Impact fee deferrals current and ongoing and developer outreach annually- CONTINUED EFFORT 2023: April to July- Interview interested developers and select the best qualified private or non-profit developer- COMPLETED 2022: October- Adopt Special Planning area 7 with adjusted developments standards for the Walnut Bluff and Orange Bluff sites- COMPLETED 2024: Adopt Objective Design Standards- IN PROGRESS 2024: June- Site remediation initiated for the Walnut Bluff and Orange Bluff sites when development agreements completed- IN PROGRESS 2021-2029 ongoing: Participation in regional efforts to address homelessness 2022: December- Add information related to the Los Angeles County Homeless Outreach Portal (LA-HOP) on the City websit- COMPLETED 2023: January- Post quarterly on the City's social media pages in English and Spanish- COMPLETED; CONTINUED EFFORT 2024: Establish a centralized, one-stop housing inquiry location- IN PROGRESS
ADU Ordinance and Incentives Program	Adopt an ADU Ordinance and plan of incentives for the production of ADUS. Incentives include: <input type="checkbox"/> Inform owners that the construction of ADUs is exempt from fees. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide owners with example of small ADUs (micro-units, small studios (<500 SF)). <input type="checkbox"/> Inform owners of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and County of Los Angeles Housing Authority contacts.	To be completed by 2026	Prepare a density bonus ordinance by end of fourth quarter 2022 and adopt end of fiscal year 2023-Given the multiple legislative changes initiated by the State, the City has detrimned to postpone creation of a local Ordinance and adhere to State regulations.



Density Bonus Ordinance	Prepare and adopt a density bonus ordinance. Responsible Agency: Community Development Department	To be completed by 2025	2022-2023; annual assessment of housing production (starting in 2023), if production is lagging conduct a feasibility assessment by 2024 and if needed amend residential parking requirements and RH zone height limits in the Zoning Code by 2025- In 2024, the City continued working with the selected non-profit workforce housing firm, National CORE, to assess the Walnut Bluff and Orange Bluff sites, to negotiate a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the property owner and prepare financing applications.
Zoning Ordinance Amendments Program	Update Zoning Ordinance Definitions o Employee Housing. o Qualified Supportive Housing Development. o Low Barrier Navigation Center. Update Uses Permitted in the Residential Districts o Employee housing in zones permitting single family homes. o Large family day care homes in the multifamily districts (SB 234). Update Uses Permitted in the Commercial Zones o Low barrier navigation centers in the CR Zone. o Amend emergency shelter parking standards to limit required parking to only number of spaces sufficient to accommodate staff working at the shelter.	To be completed by 2025	2022-2023; annual assessment of housing production (starting in 2023), if production is lagging conduct a feasibility assessment by 2024 and if needed amend residential parking requirements and RH zone height limits in the Zoning Code by 2025. In 2025, the City identified a list of uses to be added to the land use table, including, but not limited to, employee housing in SFR zones, larger family day care homes, supportive housing, etc. A Zone Ordinance Amendment is planned to update the land use table to incorporate the changes 2025. -IN PROGRESS
SB 35 Development Streamlining Program	Create and make available an informational packet that explains SB 35 streamlining provisions and eligibility. Develop application supplemental for submittal	Completed November 2023	1st Quarter 2023- COMPLETED; ATTACHMENT C IN REPORT In 2024, maintained information on the City web site.
Energy Conservation	The City will take the following actions during the 2021-2029 planning period: Continue to promote energy conservation by promoting its Residential Green Building Primer. Continue to enforce the 2019 California Green Building Standards Code. Use the Sustainable City Committee (SCC) to continue developing and recommending a sustainability framework that promotes environmentally sound and financially practical objectives. Continue to implement the goals adopted as part of the Green City Report prepared by the Sustainable City Committee. The Report allows the City to self-certify as a One-Leaf Green City	Completed December 2023	Promote and encourage weatherization and energy efficient home improvements throughout the planning period; expand website information on energy conservation resources by 1st Quarter 2023- COMPLETED and CONTINUED in 2024;
Housing Code Enforcement	40 closed code violation cases per year	Continued effort by Building Inspector and Chief Building Official, Eric Kranda.	The program will be implemented on an ongoing basis during the 2021-2029- CONTINUED EFFORT
Housing Rehabilitation	Objective: 3 single family dwellings. During the 2021-2029 planning period the City will take the following actions: - Coordinate with the County of Los Angeles Urban County CDBG Program to lobby for an increase in CDBG funding for housing rehabilitation activities. - Use Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) program funds for housing rehabilitation activities once 6th cycle Housing Element cleanup activities have been completed. - Identify and actively support efforts to secure State, federal, and private funding sources as a means of leveraging local funds and maximizing assistance. Identify State, regional, and local public and private housing rehabilitation resources (including nonprofit agencies) that Signal Hill property owners can participate in and provide the information on the City's website. - Conduct annual outreach and marketing of available State, regional, and local public and private housing rehabilitation resources through workshops, seminars, social media platforms, 1 outreach activity per year; target outreach to homeowners in geographic areas of higher need.	Annual Outreach for 2023 conducted. PLHA funds continually applied for and housing information for funding and assistance is on the website.	Coordination with the County of Los Angeles: annually through the Annual Action Plan process; In 2024, continued revisions for release of approved PLHA funds for Years 1-4 from the County. Applied for PLHA Year 5. PLHA funds can be used for site remediation for the Walnut Bluff and Orange Bluff sites. Website availability of housing rehabilitation resources, by 1st Quarter 2023, Initiate outreach in June 2023 and annually thereafter- CONTINUED EFFORT
Accessibility Modifications Program	NOTHING WRITTEN	NOTHING WRITTEN	NOTHING WRITTEN
Fair Housing Information and Services Program	Implement the Fair Housing Information and Services Program; hold three Fair Housing Workshops during the eight-year planning period; Post information on accessing fair housing services quarterly on the City's social media pages; assist at least 25 residents during the planning period (AFFH viewer shows 12 inquiries from 2013-2021)	To be completed in 2025	Hold 3 fair housing workshops and implement program on an ongoing basis throughout the 2021-2029 planning period- IN PROGRESS Post information on accessing fair housing services quarterly on the City's social media pages in English and Spanish beginning January 2023- COMPLETED;
Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing	Varies by the following fair housing issues specific to Signal Hill: 1. disproportionate need experienced by hispanic households, 2. lower environmental quality, 3. racial equity/bias in the city practices and procedures, 4. displacement risk. More detail in attachment b (in adopted housing element can add if needed.)	To be completed in 2025	Adopt a policy that new housing developments must implement an Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan by mid-year 2022. In 2024, the City continued working with National CORE to negotiate site purchase, project design, and outreach for the Walnut Bluff affordable housing project. Additionally, the City has incorporate an Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plans (AFHMP) informational sheet and application. SEE ATTACHMENT A AND ATTACHMENT B - IN PROGRESS



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Note: "+" indicates an optional field

Cells in grey contain auto-calculation formulas

Table F									
Units Rehabilitated, Preserved and Acquired for Alternative Adequate Sites pursuant to Government Code section 65583.1(c)									
Please note this table is optional: The jurisdiction can use this table to report units that have been substantially rehabilitated, converted from non-affordable to affordable by acquisition, and preserved, including mobilehome park preservation, consistent with the standards set forth in Government Code section 65583.1, subdivision (c). Please note, motel, hotel, hostel rooms or other structures that are converted from non-residential to residential units pursuant to Government Code section 65583.1(c)(1)(D) are considered net-new housing units and must be reported in Table A2 and not reported in Table F.									
Activity Type	Units that Do Not Count Towards RHNA <sup>+</sup> Listed for Informational Purposes Only				Units that Count Towards RHNA <sup>+</sup> Note - Because the statutory requirements severely limit what can be counted, please contact HCD at apr@hcd.ca.gov and we will unlock the form which enable you to populate these fields.				The description should adequately document how each unit complies with subsection (c) of Government Code Section 65583.1 <sup>+</sup> . For detailed reporting requirements, see the ckcklist here:
	Extremely Low-Income <sup>+</sup>	Very Low-Income <sup>+</sup>	Low-Income <sup>+</sup>	TOTAL UNITS <sup>+</sup>	Extremely Low-Income <sup>+</sup>	Very Low-Income <sup>+</sup>	Low-Income <sup>+</sup>	TOTAL UNITS <sup>+</sup>	<a href="https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/docs/adequate-sites-checklist.pdf">https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/docs/adequate-sites-checklist.pdf</a>
Rehabilitation Activity									
Preservation of Units At-Risk									
Acquisition of Units									
Mobilehome Park Preservation									
Total Units by Income									



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NOTE: STUDENT HOUSING WITH DENSITY BONUS ONLY. This table only needs to be completed if there were student housing projects WITH a density bonus approved pursuant to Government Code 65915(b)(1)(F)

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Table J												
Student housing development for lower income students for which was granted a density bonus pursuant to subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 65915												
Project Identifier				Project Type	Date	Units (Beds/Student Capacity) Approved						
1				2	3	4						
APN	Street Address	Project Name*	Local Jurisdiction Tracking ID*	Unit Category (SH - Student Housing)	Date	Very Low- Income Deed Restricted	Very Low- Income Non Deed Restricted	Low- Income Deed Restricted	Low- Income Non Deed Restricted	Moderate- Income Deed Restricted	Moderate- Income Non Deed Restricted	Above Moderate- Income
Summary Row: Start Data Entry Below												

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Table K  
Tenent Preference Policy

Local governments are required to inform HCD about any local tenant preference ordinance the local government maintains when the jurisdiction submits their annual progress report on housing approvals and production, per Government Code 7061 (SB 649, 2022, Cortese). Effective January 1, 2023, local governments adopting a tenant preference are required to create a webpage on their internet website containing authorizing local ordinance and supporting materials, no more than 90 days after the ordinance becomes operational.

Does the Jurisdiction have a local tenant preference policy?	No	
If the Jurisdiction has a local tenant preference policy, provide a link to the jurisdiction's webpage containing authorizing local ordinance and supporting materials.		
Notes		



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Please update the status of the proposed uses listed in the entity's application for funding and the corresponding impact on housing within the region or jurisdiction, as applicable, categorized based on the eligible uses specified in Section 50515.02 or 50515.03, as applicable.

Total Award Amount	\$	-	Total award amount is auto-populated based on amounts entered in rows 15-26.
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Task	\$ Amount Awarded	\$ Cumulative Reimbursement Requested	Task Status	Other Funding	Notes

Summary of entitlements, building permits, and certificates of occupancy (auto-populated from Table A2)

Completed Entitlement Issued by Affordability Summary		
Income Level		Current Year
Very Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	0
Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	0
Moderate	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	0
Above Moderate		8
Total Units		8

Building Permits Issued by Affordability Summary		
Income Level		Current Year
Very Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	0
Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	0
Moderate	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	0
Above Moderate		9
Total Units		9

Certificate of Occupancy Issued by Affordability Summary		
Income Level		Current Year
Very Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	0
Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	0
Moderate	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	0
Above Moderate		4
Total Units		4

## **CIRCULATION ELEMENT**

The Circulation Element was adopted in 2010, contains eight goals and 33 implementation programs.

**The significant achievements for the year 2024 are below.**

### **Goal 1: NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REGIONAL COOPERATION**

**Ensure that new development results in the preservation and enhancement of the City's circulation system.**

**Policy 1.b:** Require that new development includes circulation and utility system improvements, including dedication of land for widening of roadways and pedestrian and bicycle facilities, where appropriate, and construction of new public works facilities reasonably related to the impacts of the development and intended use on the existing systems.

- East Burnett Street Improvement Project – The Public Works Department is undergoing a roadway rehabilitation on Burnett Street from Walnut Street up Skyline Drive to Dawson Avenue. The roadway rehabilitation project includes sidewalks on Burnett Street and bicycle lanes.

**Policy 1.e:** Strengthen the framework for effective regional and local circulation system planning efforts.

- See Policy 1.b

### **Goal 2: ROADWAYS**

**Provide a safe and efficient roadway system for all users.**

**Policy 2.a:** Construct new roadways and improve existing roadways consistent with the classification system for minimum right-of-way widths described in the Official Plan Lines Map.

- Cherry Avenue and Jessie Nelson Circle Improvement Project – The Public Works Department completed the slurry sealing of 13,300 square feet at Jessie Nelson Circle and Hilltop Park.

**Policy 2.c:** Promote proactive and systematic repair and replacement of worn roadways and infrastructure.

- Cherry Avenue and Jessie Nelson Circle Improvement Project – The Public Works Department completed the slurry sealing of 13,300 square feet at Jessie Nelson Circle and Hilltop Park.

- Citywide Median Improvement Project – The Public Works Department has completed the median improvement of Cherry Avenue and Spring Street, which included the addition of new drought tolerant landscaping, irrigation system, and a new City monument sign.
- 2024 Annual Sidewalk Repair – The Public Works Department completed a total of 4,653 square feet of sidewalk repairs at 58 locations within the City. This included the installation of a new ADA ramp on Jessie Nelson Circle.

**Policy 2.d:** Coordinate and monitor the physical condition and operation of existing transportation systems by analyzing activity areas and the various transportation links (roadway, pedestrian, bicycle, and others) that connect those activity areas.

See Policy 1.b

### **Goal 3: PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE CIRCULATION**

**Create a safe and comfortable environment for pedestrians and bicyclists, encouraging the use of these modes of transportation for the majority of shorter trips.**

**Policy 3.a:** Promote healthy, energy-efficient, and sustainable living by promoting the expansion of the city trails and walkways system.

- East Burnett Street Improvement Project – The Public Works Department is undergoing a roadway rehabilitation on Burnett Street from Walnut Street up Skyline Drive to Dawson Avenue. The roadway rehabilitation project includes sidewalks on Burnett Street and bicycle lanes.
- Hillbrook Park – The Public Works Department completed 95% of construction of Hillbrook Park.

**Policy 3.b:** Preserve existing public access to the trails system to promote recreational walking and hiking, fitness, and alternative modes of transportation.

- East Burnett Street Improvement Project – The Public Works Department is undergoing a roadway rehabilitation on Burnett Street from Walnut Street up Skyline Drive to Dawson Avenue. The roadway rehabilitation project includes sidewalks on Burnett Street and bicycle lanes.

**Policy 3.d:** Coordinate with the City of Long Beach to ensure that current and future pedestrian and bicycle facilities are properly linked at city boundaries.

- 2024 Annual Sidewalk Repair – The Public Works Department Annual sidewalk repair focused on repairing existing sidewalks throughout the City for better pedestrian access.

### **Goal 6: UTILITIES**

**Provide safe, efficient, and environmentally friendly utilities systems and pipelines.**

**Policy 6.c:** Encourage the development of infrastructure that supports new power generating sources, such as solar and wind energy.

- Consistent with State-mandated regulations, the City offered expedited review of EV chargers and rooftop solar projects.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ELEMENT**

The Environmental Resources Element was last updated on February 16, 1988. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) was previously updated in December 1989 and incorporated into the PRMP as Appendix A of the Environmental Resources Element (Ordinance No. 89-12-1047). In February 2021, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update was adopted by the City Council. During the finalization of the PRMP, additional areas of clarification were identified, including park development impact fees. Upon request by the City Council, the Prioritization and Implementation Plan (PIP) was developed as a companion document to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, both of which were subsequently approved in January 2022. The PIP identified the relevant and attainable priorities related to park, trail, facility, and program development over the next 10-15 years in the areas of Planning, Policy, and Programs, as well as Capital Improvement Projects. The goals and objectives that had been identified in the PRMP were reviewed for status as completion, progress, and relevancy/applicability. As a complementary document, the PIP will serve as a work plan for the Community Services Department as funding sources become available. Both the PRMP and PIP documents are intended to be incorporated into the Environmental Resources Element Update as part of the General Plan.

The Environmental Resources Element contains seven goals and 39 implementation programs. **The significant achievements for the year 2024 are below:**

**Goal 1: Maintain and enhance the identity and aesthetic quality of Signal Hill as a city with striking view potential and a City that is carefully managing its transportation from resource extraction to balance land uses.**

**Policy 1.3:** Develop design guidelines and themes that can be utilized throughout the City, and that are integrated with the greenbelt system, public signage, street furniture, public buildings, and similar facilities.

- City trees are trimmed on a set (biannual) schedule.
- Street Tree Master Plan – City Council adopted the Public Works Department’s Street Tree Master Plan in 2023. The five-year plan updated the street tree policy and tree planting standards.
  - The Public Works Department received a \$1,000,000 grant from the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry (NOFO). The grant will be utilized for the planting and maintenance of over 1,000 trees, increasing the urban forest coverage and promoting a healthier, greener community in Signal Hill.
- 2024 Annual Sidewalk Repair – The Public Works Department completed a total of 4,653 square feet of sidewalk repair at 58 locations within the City. The scope also included one new ADA ramp at Jessie Nelson.

**Policy 1.4:** Protect and enhance the natural topography that exists in the City.

- Street Tree Master Plan – City Council adopted the Public Works Department’s Street Tree Master Plan in 2023. The five-year plan updated the street tree policy and tree planting standards.

- In 2024, the remainder of the grant that the Public Works Department received in 2023 from the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry (NOFO) was utilized to plant over 300 trees citywide. The focused areas included vacant tree sites where there were no trees, trees were removed or were dead.
- Citywide Median Improvement Project – This is an ongoing effort that the Public Works Department is focused on. In 2024, the median project on Cherry Avenue and Spring Street was completed. In addition, across the City, monument signs were installed and new trees were planted. The goal is to enhance the landscape and improve irrigation at medians within the City.
- Hillbrook Park Project – The Public Works developed design plans for the upgrade to the park. Design plans were developed after a year of public outreach meetings and conceptual plans were vetted with the public and Parks, Recreation, and Library Services staff. The project is expected to be completed in early 2025.

**Goal 3: Provide and maintain a variety of parks and recreational facilities, both passive and active that will be conveniently located throughout the community.**

**Policy 3.2:** Ensure accessibility of local and regional parklands of all types to all users, including the young, the elderly, and the handicapped.

- The Parks and Recreation and Library Services Department continued to offer the Family Food Distribution program for low-income Signal Hill families. In 2024, 37 low-income families received assistance. They received a debit card from the City's local grocery store to purchase supplemental groceries each month. In addition, 65 seniors aged 55 and older participated in the program and received the above-mentioned assistance. The program has continued to provide access to food resources to community members who need some support to close food insecurity gaps.
- In partnership with Signal Hill Petroleum, the Parks and Recreation and Library Services Department implemented a new, free tutoring program for 25 Signal Hill students in 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grades at the Signal Hill Public Library.
- Parks and Recreation Commission Communications – The Parks, Recreation, and Library Services Department provides monthly updates to the Parks and Recreation Commission on projects related to park development, community events, and other community service programs.
- Celebrated the city's 100<sup>th</sup>-year anniversary of incorporation, hosting more than 20 different events, activities, and programs where members of the community were invited to commemorate this milestone anniversary.

**Goal 4: Manage the production of economically valuable resources in the City to achieve a balance between current market forces and long-term community values.**

**Policy 4.1:** Improve the interface between oil production activities and urban development, both for existing and new projects.

- As a part of the City's annual inspection of properties with an active CUP, staff inspected Signal Hill Petroleum's seven oil well drill sites to confirm that the sites are in good condition in relation to landscaping, fence screening, general maintenance, and equipment.
- The Oil Operator continues regular maintenance and landscape inspections at individual well sites.

**Policy 4.2:** Encourage the development and production of natural resources that are demanded by the market, and that release land for urban uses at a reasonable and controlled rate.

- See Policy 4.3 below.

**Policy 4.3:** Require the restoration and reuse of land no longer necessary or economical for oil-production activities.

- The City approved four projects and processed zoning ordinance amendments and environmental documents for mixed-use and housing sites which are underdeveloped and have historic oil operations, as part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element. In 2024, the City continued working with the selected non-profit workforce housing developer, National CORE, to facilitate development of the sites.

**Goal 7: Maintain and provide information to the community on environmental problems, opportunities, progress, and ideas.**

**Policy 7.3:** Provide information to the public on environmental conditions and issues in Signal Hill.

- The Sustainable City Committee meets quarterly and act as the community liaison to share the City's many sustainable achievements, practices and policies.
- Staff provides monthly updates to the Parks and Recreation Commission on projects related to park development, community events, and other community service programs.

## **SAFETY ELEMENT**

The Safety Element was last updated in November 2016. It contains three goals and 31 implementation programs. **The significant achievements for the year 2024 are below.**

### **Goal 1: PREVENTION**

**Strive to prevent man-made disasters and minimize the potential for natural disasters to impact the community.**

**Policy 1.c:** Regulate the location, use, storage, and transportation of hazardous and toxic materials and protect the public from these hazards.

- City personnel maintained close contact with all operators of hazardous and potentially hazardous facilities, including Signal Hill Petroleum, the City's largest petroleum and natural gas operator.
- Staff continued to follow the 2016 Safety Element, which includes a map that identifies designated evacuation routes within the City for transportation of hazardous and toxic materials.
- In 2024 the City's Emergency Management Coordinator continued updates to the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan and emergency preparedness activities.

**Policy 1.e:** Encourage the maintenance or improvement of the building's structural integrity to protect residents and preserve communities.

- The City's Water Department staff continued regular inspections of existing water storage facilities on a periodic (or as needed) basis.

**Policy 1.g:** Regulate the amount and type of new development in areas susceptible to fire hazards.

- Per the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention, there are no properties in the City that are located within a Fire Hazard Severity zone.

**Policy 1.j:** Undertake preventive measures both for catastrophic events and for more frequent incidents such as structural fires and localized flooding.

- The City's Safety Committee met on a quarterly basis. The Safety Committee performed numerous actions such as testing panic alarms, replenishing emergency supplies, and conducting inspections for all departments to address staff's safety and to minimize liability exposure.
- The Safety Committee planned an earthquake drill for City employees in October 2024 which is the statewide "Great California Shakeout."
- Emergency response personnel maintained open mutual aid agreements with law enforcement agencies across all operational areas, including the Long Beach Police Department, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the California Highway Patrol.



**Policy 1.k:** Regulate development in Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones consistent with levels of acceptable risk. Require the submission of geologic and seismic reports, as well as soils engineering reports, in relation to applications for land development permits whenever seismic or geologic problems are suspected.

- The Building and Safety Division required geological investigation reports for all new and existing projects located within Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones. In Signal Hill, the only earthquake fault zone is the Newport-Inglewood Fault Zone, which runs diagonally from northwest to southeast across the City.

**Policy 1.m:** Update the local Hazard Mitigation Plan every five years and evaluate the mitigation plan annually to determine the effectiveness of programs and to reflect changes in land development or programs that may affect mitigation priorities.

- The City's Emergency Management Coordinator continued updates to the City Hazard Mitigation Plan. Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff and emergency response personnel continued to follow the Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was last updated in October 2017.

## **Goal 2: PREPARATION**

**Take necessary steps to allow for effective responses to disasters.**

**Policy 2.a:** Maintain an effective Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and other emergency preparedness plans and programs, as necessary.

- The Signal Hill Police Department (SHPD) continued to utilize social media (e.g., Facebook) as a platform to educate the public by providing tips for keeping their personal property safe, deterring crime, and reporting crime to SHPD's dispatch line.
- Measure H Homeless Services – The Signal Hill Police Department met regularly with the Measure H Homeless Services Liaison to discuss various available resources for the unhoused population in Signal Hill.
- In 2024, the Signal Hill Police Department received grant funding from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety. The funding will facilitate best practice strategies to be conducted to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in crashes involving alcohol and other primary crash factors. The funded strategies may include impaired driving enforcement, enforcement operations focusing on primary crash factors, distracted driving, night-time seat belt enforcement, special enforcement operations encouraging motorcycle safety, enforcement and public awareness in areas with a high number of bicycle and pedestrian crashes, and educational programs. These strategies are designed to earn media attention thus enhancing the overall deterrent effect.
- The City's Finance Department completed the installation of new Police Department servers, wireless access points, a new fire-wall system, and provided cybersecurity training to all employees.

**Policy 2.b:** Ensure operational readiness of the City's EOC.

- See Policies 1.c and 1. j.

**Policy 2.e:** Coordinate with other area jurisdictions and local community groups and businesses to execute a variety of exercises to test operational and emergency plans and identify potential deficiencies in services that would occur during a disaster.

- See Policy 1.j.

### **Goal 3: RECOVERY**

**Plan for efficient and rapid recovery from disasters.**

Policy 3.a: To the maximum extent possible, assist in the orderly and efficient reconstruction of Signal Hill following a major disaster.

- See Policy 2.e.

## **NOISE ELEMENT**

The Noise Element was adopted in 2010. It has one goal and 20 implementation programs. **The significant achievements for the year 2024 are below.**

**Goal 1: Protect the health, safety, and welfare of people living and working within the City from adverse noise impacts.**

**Policy 1.a:** The City will consider the severity of noise exposure in the community planning process to prevent or minimize noise impacts to existing and proposed land uses.

- Staff maintained membership in the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) and participated in regional reviews of transportation and airport operations.
- The Signal Hill Police Department enforced compliance with the noise standards of the current Motor Vehicle Code.
- The City's building plan check process incorporated noise standards covered in the 2022 California Building Code.
- During project review, staff analyzed noise impacts as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. Following construction, noise impacts are addressed as part of the City's code enforcement program.

**Policy 1.d:** The City will inform those living and working within the City of the effects of noise pollution and will cooperate with all levels of government to reduce or minimize impacts.

- Staff communicated (both verbally and in writing) the standards outlined in Signal Hill Municipal Code Chapter 9.16 Noise.

**Policy 1.e:** Require noise mitigation to ensure that noise-sensitive land uses are not exposed to noise levels greater than 45 dB in habitable rooms and 65 dB in outdoor living areas.

- City staff maintained communication with Long Beach Airport personnel regarding airport operations. In 2024, one aircraft-related noise complaint was received. Residents were provided with contact information to the Long Beach Airport Noise Abatement office for official complaints.
- The Finance Department prepared a Fireworks Ordinance prohibiting the possession, sale, use, or discharge of dangerous fireworks that pose a serious risk to the public's safety in 2022. 2023 was the first calendar year where the ordinance was implemented.