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The following is a list of City Department/Agencies that are involved in implementing the Housing Element along with their respective City functions.

Community Development Department (CDD): Partners with agencies and service providers throughout Los Angeles to offer economic, social and employment opportunities for individuals, families, and neighborhoods in need.

Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA): Provides analyses and advice to the 15-member City Council to insure the cost effective implementation of City legislation, policies and initiatives. Initiates major financing and capital improvement enterprises on behalf of the City, and advises on legislation at the State and Federal levels.

Department of Building and Safety (DBS): Implements the Building, Zoning, Plumbing, Mechanical, and Electrical codes, as well as Engineering, Energy, and Disabled Access regulations, and local and State laws for construction and maintenance of commercial, industrial, and residential buildings.

Department of City Planning (DCP): Prepares and maintains a General Plan for the development of the City; implements the General Plan utilizing a variety of tools, including the development and application of zoning regulations, urban design, and the division of land.

Department on Disability (DOD): Conducts strategic management and builds partnerships for education, advocacy, training, research and improved service delivery for the benefit of persons with disabilities, providers of essential resources, and policymakers.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE): Promotes public participation in government and helps make government more aware of local needs by creating and supporting a citywide system of grass-roots, independent and participatory neighborhood councils.

Department of Public Works (DPW): Designs, constructs and maintains streets and public works improvements such as bridges, rights of way, sewers and storm drains, lighting facilities and landfills owned by the City; designs and constructs public buildings belonging to the City; collects and disposes of refuse, recyclables and yard trimmings; collects and treats wastewater.

Department of Transportation (DOT): Delivers services to increase safety and facilitate the flow of traffic along major City streets; manages the DASH and Commuter Express bus lines; regulates taxicab franchises and medical

transportation companies; enforces on-street parking and manages public parking facilities. With other agencies, plans transportation improvements on freeways, rail lines, city streets, bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Environmental Affairs Department (EAD): Recommends environmental policies and programs to the Mayor and City Council; implements citywide environmental initiatives; secures resources for the implementation of environmental initiatives; facilitates public education on environmental issues.

Emergency Operations Organization (EEO): Centralizes the direction and control of the planning, coordination and management of disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery amongst all City agencies.

Emergency Preparedness Department (EPD): Provides citywide management program leadership, continuity, and direction to enable the City of Los Angeles to respond to, recover from, and mitigate the impact of natural or manmade disasters.

General Services Department (GSD): Purchases, manages and maintains City buildings and other facilities, equipment, and supplies for City departments. Provides support services, including security, communication, parking, mail, copying and publishing, recycling, and vehicles.

Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA): Provides affordable housing and supportive services through funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, including conventional public housing, Section 8 rental assistance, and job training, job placement, and educational, cultural, and recreational programs. Partners with other City and State agencies, non-profit foundations, community-based organizations, and private developers to provide affordable housing and supportive services.

Human Relations Commission (HRC): Assists in assuring to all residents in the Los Angeles community the opportunity for full and equal welfare and safety through activities and programs designed to reduce discrimination, tension, and violence, and to enhance intergroup relations.

Information Technology Agency (ITA): Provides an information technology infrastructure and systems that are reliable long-term, viable and secure. Improves the dissemination of public service information through the expanded use of communications, computing technology, and effective telecommunications oversight.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LA/DWP): Delivers reliable and safe water and electricity supplies to approximately 3.8 million residents and businesses in Los Angeles. Promotes water conservation efforts and explores recycling and other alternatives to meet increased demand. Reduces pollution and promotes energy efficiency through a variety of initiatives, such as hydrogen-powered fuel cell power plants and increasing the use of renewable energy.

Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA): Develops and implements citywide affordable housing policy which promotes the production and preservation of affordable housing in the City; supports safe and livable neighborhoods through promotion, development and preservation of decent, safe and affordable housing; administers the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA): Supports, creates and sustains solutions to homelessness in Los Angeles County by providing leadership, advocacy, and planning. Manages Federal, State, and City funds for providing shelter, housing and services to homeless persons in Los Angeles County.

Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD): Enforces the penal provisions of the Charter, City ordinances and State and Federal law, and protects lives and property in case of disaster or public calamity.

Mayor's Office: Serves as the Chief Executive of the City, responsible for preparing the City budget and for running the day-to-day operations of the City. Submits proposals and recommendations to the Council. Approves or vetoes ordinances passed by the Council, and is active in the enforcement of the City's ordinances.

Office of the City Attorney (OCA): Serves as the chief legal advisor and prosecutor for the City of Los Angeles. Administers a number of citywide crime prevention initiatives focused on preserving the quality of life throughout Los Angeles' neighborhoods.