



CITY OF ORLAND
Housing Element

Breakout Group Notes
2021 Orland Housing Element
Community Meeting #2:
Housing Goals, Policies, and Programs
Thursday, August 5, 2021
6:00-7:30 pm

1. **What have you seen and experienced regarding the cost of housing in Orland? Do you think any groups in particular are disproportionately impacted by housing cost burden?**
 - a. Group 1: Rising costs; \$330,000 is the median price for a single family home; studio apartments rent for \$700/month; \$2,000 to rent a single family home; \$1,000+ to rent a 2 bed/2 bath apartment. There have been no apartment complexes built in Orland since 2011, and especially with market rate units, developers think there is no demand here.
 - b. Group 2: Rising housing costs; single individuals and low-income most impacted.
 - c. Group 3: Largest cost increases in the shortest amount of time; shortage of rental properties; fixed income families, seniors, low income, and single individuals most impacted.

2. **Can you describe any areas of Orland that have fewer resources and opportunities such as education, infrastructure, jobs, parks etc.? How about areas of the City that have more opportunities?**
 - a. Group 1: We have mixed incomes throughout the City, but those who are homeless are living under the bridge by the river. We need to do more to promote the services and resources that are available.
 - b. Group 2: No, the City seems well integrated. The entire community could use more jobs.
 - c. Group 3: No specific delineation; it seems that opportunities are continuing to expand throughout Orland with the new Butte College campus, Amazon facility, and health care opportunities. There is however a big vocational education training gap that needs to be addressed, as local employers cannot find qualified employees for job openings.

3. **Did you or someone you know experience displacement due to the Camp Fire or other natural disasters?**
 - a. Group 1: Yes, Glenn County Health and Human Services Agency worked with people displaced from Paradise; some Orland property owners displaced renters to accommodate families displaced by the Camp Fire.

- b. Group 2: Yes, everyone knows someone who was displaced.
- c. Group 3: Yes, one member of the group lost everything in the Camp Fire, and it has impacted the entire community.

4. Considering the findings and input during the Needs Assessment phase of this update, what would you like to see the City prioritize for actions in the Housing Element? Options are:

- a. Promoting and facilitating the construction of Accessory Dwelling Units.
- b. Facilitating the production of multi-family rental units. Affordable/low-income? Market rate? Both?
- c. Work collaboratively with affordable housing developers by providing guidance on sites and partnering on funding applications.
- d. Focus on housing for seniors, those with disabilities, those experiencing homelessness, sometimes called Special Needs Housing.
- e. “Move up” single family homes.
- f. Remove potential zoning constraints to the development of all types of housing in order to accommodate the spectrum of housing needs.

Group 1 Priorities: 1) Facilitate the production of multi-family rental units; 2) Focus on housing for seniors, those with disabilities, those experiencing homelessness; 3) “Move Up” single family homes.

Group 2 Priorities: 1) Facilitate the production of multi-family rental units; 2) “Move Up” single family homes.

Group 3 Priorities: 1) Remove potential zoning constraints to the development of all types of housing; 2) “Move Up” single family homes.

5. Are there are other actions or programs you would like to see the City prioritize?

- a. Group 1: Promote ADUs, streamline permit and development processes, consider a Tiny Home village for those who are homeless.
- b. Group 2: More transitional housing (homeless to housed).
- c. Group 3: More flexible allowances for small lots; address rigid zoning so that mixed-use can be accommodated; encourage infill development.

6. Are you aware of the various energy assistance and weatherization programs available in Orland and Glenn County? Would it be helpful for the City to provide information and promote these programs?

- a. Group 1: Yes, most of the group was aware, promotion is always good.
- b. Group 2: Yes, very aware.
- c. Group 3: Yes, and the City should promote these programs.