



El Monte NEWS

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ANNOUNCING A CITIZEN WORKSHOP
on
INCLUSIONARY HOUSING
El Monte Aquatic Center
11001 Mildred Street (at Tyler), El Monte

EL MONTE, Calif. – The Mayor and members of the El Monte City Council invite the Community to join in discovering the elements of “Inclusionary Housing” at a Roundtable Workshop scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2004, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The City Council is exploring the possibility of enacting such an ordinance, and has scheduled this workshop to help educate the public in all aspects of an Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (IHO).

The IHO concept was developed to address the lack of housing options available to low- and moderate-income residents. In addition, it was created to increase economic integration of communities. IHO has been used for approximately 30 years by many cities to address the lack of moderate priced housing, and in California, inclusionary housing ordinances were first established in the 1970’s.

The fundamental purpose of an IHO is to allow the development of moderately priced housing to become a basic part of housing development taking place in a community. IHO’s take many forms, but the basic concept is that they set aside a percentage, usually 10 to 20 percent, of new residential development for occupancy by families of moderate-income levels. The goal of such a process is to establish a relatively permanent stock of affordable homes provided by the private market. This stock of homes is often maintained for 10 to 20 years or longer through a variety of “affordability controls”. IHO’s may not be appropriate for every community, but can be successful at providing affordable housing in communities where the cost of housing is out of reach for moderate-income families.

In devising a program, however, considerable consensus building is required from residents, developers, the business community, and city leaders. The goal of this workshop is to educate and begin a consensus building process as the next step in investigating the feasibility of such an ordinance. Specifics for the current meeting are as follows:

- **9:30 a.m. Registration**
- **10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussion**
- **El Monte Aquatic Center**
- **11001 Mildred (at Tyler), El Monte**

Those interested in additional information should contact the City Housing Division at (626) 580-2070 or (626) 580-2079.

El Monte, a city incorporated in 1912 and home to more than 116,000 residents, is a full-service city located in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley. It is freeway-close to all of Los Angeles, bisected by Interstate 10 and abutting Interstate 605. El Monte is home to a mega auto mall and boasts the largest single car dealership in the world, Longo Toyota.

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