

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY and 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD
FOR THE DRAFT 2023-2031 HOUSING ELEMENT and**

NOTICE OF CITY of MONTAGUE PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Public Comment Period for the Draft Housing Element

Every eight years, each California city and county must update the Housing Element of their General Plan and have it certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The Housing Element is a policy document that identifies Montague's existing and future housing needs and establishes proposed actions to facilitate the provision of housing to meet those needs at all income levels. The Housing Element describes housing needs and includes an analysis of constraints to housing production. The City has released a Public Review Draft of the 2023-2031 Housing Element that recommends goals, policies and implementation programs intended to address these housing needs and constraints, and comply with State housing law during the eight-year plan period. Public comment received to date has also been considered in the draft.

This notice advises members of the public that the City's draft 2023-2031 Housing Element is available for public review and comment prior to its submission to HCD for State-level review and comments. **The 30-day Public Review and Comment Period begins September 29, 2023 has been extended through to November 3, 2023, at 5 P.M.**

The Public Review Draft of the 2023-2031 Housing Element can be read and downloaded at https://cityofmontagueca.com/community_events and <https://www.siskiyou-housing.com/montague-california/>. A paper copy of the Public Review Draft is available for review at Montague City Hall (located at 230 South 13th Street, Montague).

Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Montague Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Montague Council Chambers, 5902 Montague Ave., Montague, California. The purpose of the Planning Commission hearing is to received public comment and provide direction on the 2023-2031 Draft Housing Element so that the Planning Commission may recommend adoption, rejection, or adoption with modifications to the City Council prior to submittal to HCD. The 2023-2031 Draft Housing Element is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) the General Rule or Common Sense Exemption that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Since no development or other physical change to the environment would be approved by Housing Element adoption, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Housing Element adoption may have a significant effect on the environment in the City of Montague.

The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Montague Council Chambers, 230 South 13th Street., Montague, California, at which time and place pertinent testimony will be heard.

Written comments may be submitted via email or mail. Send written comments via email to clerk@cityofmontagueca.com, and please include "Montague Housing Element Update" in the email subject line. Mail written comments to Montague City Hall, P.O. Box 428, Montague, California 96064, Attn.: Montague Housing Element Update.

If you plan on attending the public workshop and need a special accommodation because of a sensory or mobility impairment/disability, or would like more information, please contact Jessica Monday, City Clerk, Montague City Hall, 230 South 13th Street, Montague, California 96064, or by telephoning (530) 459-3030.

The City of Montague promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to lower- and moderate-income households regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or handicap.

Jessie Monday
City Clerk