



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 12/21/2021

**Minutes of the Special Town Council Meeting – Study Session
December 7, 2021**

The Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a special meeting utilizing teleconference and electronic means consistent with Government Code Section 54953, as Amended by Assembly Bill 361, in response to the state of emergency relating to COVID-19 and enabling teleconferencing accommodations by suspending or waiving specified provisions in the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code § 54950 et seq.) and Town of Los Gatos Resolution 2021-044 on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. to hold a Study Session.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Marico Sayoc, Vice Mayor Rob Rennie, Council Member Mary Badame, Council Member Matthew Hudes, Council Member Maria Ristow (all participating remotely).

Absent: None

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Discuss Housing Growth Options and Related Analyses for Planning Commission and Town Council Consideration of the Draft 2040 General Plan.

Jennifer Armer, Planning Manager, presented the staff report.

Council discussed the item.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Rob Moore

- Commented in support of the Draft 2040 General Plan in its current form and in support of a variety of options being presented to the Planning Commission.

Leonie

- Inquired if there was flexibility in the number of housing units; commented on concerns of traffic increased housing density will generate.

Davis Weissman

- Commented on the number of below market housing units being built in Los Gatos compared to other jurisdictions and suggested the Town consider partnering with a local non-profit housing organization to incentivize developers to build below market price housing.

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Verbal communications – continued

Jack Estill

- Inquired if the fiscal impacts of the proposals would be addressed and on infrastructure concerns if housing density were to increase.

Lynley Kerr Hogan

- Commented on the housing density transforming the Town and inquired why there is a plant based-eating element in the General Plan.

Ali Miano

- Encouraged the Council to try to incorporate affordable housing as much as possible.

Barbara Dodson

- Commented in opposition to the higher Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers.

Lou Sterling

- Suggested modifying the format of the meeting to allow for a back-and-forth dialogue.

Kenneth Arendt

- Commented on the process to arrive at the proposed RHNA numbers and the thought process on how to plan for future growth.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Jenna De Long, Deputy Clerk