

March 21, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Barbara Wilson, Dana Point Resident

Regarding Agenda Item 11 - 2022 Annual Housing Element Progress Report

The City of Dana Point has received a D grade for the last few years from the California Department of Housing and Community Development. for their progress in developing low-cost and very low-cost housing for our residents. It seems that the City report outlines a strategy that will not help with the housing crisis in our City.

One of the main goals of the HCD is to require cities to CONSERVE AND IMPROVE THE CONDITION OF THE EXISTING HOUSING STOCK! With the City's short-term rental ordinance, removing over 100 long term rentals from our housing inventory, how are we achieving that goal?

There have been only 35 building permits issued in 2022, and 28 of them were for single family homes. This is not an expansion of affordable housing.

A strategy of a "visioning" phase made up of observations and community meetings, that can last until 2026, seems to be a strategy of kicking the can down the road.

The 20 stipends given to hotel workers to help with their housing needs is a weak effort to make amends for the lack of progress made in helping all residents seeking rental housing. I know our City can do better and change takes time, but the most immediate action you can take tonight is to stop the displacement of tenants in over 100 households by eliminating the increase in the short term rentals proposed in the new ordinance.

Your consideration of such a weak housing program is important and should not be automatically rubber stamped by council.

Respectfully,

Barbara Wilson

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