



**CITY OF SAN LEANDRO**

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An aerial photograph of a densely populated residential neighborhood, showing a grid of streets, numerous houses with various roof colors, and scattered green spaces. A large, semi-transparent red rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text. The text is in a bold, italicized serif font.

***“To accommodate a growing population expected to reach 10 million by 2050, more housing will need to be built throughout the region. Where that housing is built, and in what form, can impact the greatest challenges facing the Bay Area today, including housing affordability, access to job opportunities and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.”***

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# 1 Introduction

This Housing Element is the City’s eight-year blueprint for meeting the housing needs of the community from 2023 to 2031. The Housing Element provides a coordinated strategy for preserving the city’s existing housing stock and advancing opportunities for new housing in a smart and sustainable way that enhances quality of life and equitable access to resources. It also serves as a strategy to address housing needs across the economic and social spectrum, reflecting the needs of a diverse community.

Meeting current and projected housing needs includes San Leandro accommodating its share of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). San Leandro’s population grew six times faster than housing unit production between 2010 and 2021. The Housing Element identifies constraints to housing production as well as policies and actions to help overcome these constraints.

Moving forward, San Leandro will continue to grow differently than it has in the past with a majority of new housing expected in transit-oriented development (TOD) areas, including around the city’s two BART stations, in and around the Downtown area, and along major commercial corridors such as East 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The City has made great strides in planning for new development that will make walking, bicycling, and public transit the most convenient means of travel for most new residents in line with the City’s Climate Action goals.

Economic disparities have worsened in recent years in the Bay Area, displacing residents of low and moderate-income. Housing affordability and risk of displacement remain major concerns, with nearly one out of five households in San

Leandro spending more than 50 percent of income on housing costs. San Leandro households earned a median annual income above \$75,000; however, the median home price in San Leandro increased by 62 percent from 2015 to 2021. The Housing Element details how the City will assess and strengthen anti-displacement measures and tenant protections.

San Leandro continues to attract a growing number of residents and businesses and housing needs have evolved. In the 1940s and ‘50s, auto-centric and mostly white single-family neighborhoods were standard during a time when federally sanctioned discriminatory mortgage lending practices, such as redlining, limited minority homeownership opportunities. In the decades following the 1963 California Fair Housing Act, San Leandro experienced a transformation into one of the most ethnically diverse cities in Alameda County. While there is no one ethnic group that constitutes a majority in the city’s population, long-standing historic discrimination in mortgage lending and a predominance of single-family housing development have resulted in disparities in housing resources. The City will prevent or counter geographic discrimination by implementing equitable investment in neighborhoods and housing resources, promoting mixed-income neighborhoods, and supporting housing education and opportunities for low-income, minority, and special needs residents.

The City will continue to take actions to overcome patterns of segregation, address disparities in housing needs and access to opportunity, and foster inclusive communities.

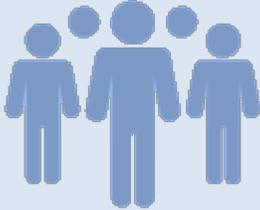
The Housing Element was prepared through a major community outreach effort across an economically and racially diverse spectrum of people who live and work in San Leandro, housing developers and affordable housing providers, and with people who represent special needs populations such as seniors, people with disabilities, and people experiencing homelessness.

San Leandro is poised for opportunity, with convenient transit access and proximity to employment centers such as Silicon Valley, Oakland, and San Francisco. San Leandro must grow sustainably and equitably to provide a complete community that serves all San Leandrans.

***The Housing Element is mandated by State Law and is part of the City’s General Plan. California Government Code requires the City to update its Housing Element every eight years. This Housing Element is the City’s 6th planning period (“cycle”). This document provides a roadmap for the City of San Leandro (City) to meet current and future housing needs during the 2023-2031 Housing Element planning period.***

# How to Use this Document

## If you are a Community Member



For community members who are interested in learning about the City’s blueprint for addressing housing issues, Chapter 6, Housing Plan, will help you understand the goals and key strategies the City will undertake from 2023 to 2031. Chapters 2, 3, and 4 have detailed information about housing demographics, constraints, and resources. Chapter 5 contains an analysis of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).

## If you are a Property Owner or Developer



Property owners and developers who are interested in developing housing in San Leandro should become familiar with the Plan’s overall policy framework, as described in Chapter 6, Housing Plan, as well as the Housing Sites Inventory in Appendix B.

## If you Work for the City



If you are an elected City official or City staff, you are responsible for guiding property owners and developers in their development decisions and applications and implementing the Goals, Policies, Programs, and Actions in this Housing Element. The City will use this plan to guide its work over the planning period

## 1.1 Organization of the Housing Element

The Housing Element is comprised of the following components:

- **Chapter 1: Introduction** provides a brief overview of the purpose and background for the Housing Element and a brief summary of the document.
- **Chapter 2: Housing Needs Assessment** analyzes demographic and socio-economic conditions, housing conditions, and other factors to evaluate current and future housing needs in San Leandro.
- **Chapter 3: Housing Constraints** analyzes regulations and conditions that constitute constraints to housing production and preservation, including governmental regulations, infrastructure requirements and non-governmental market conditions such as costs for land, construction, and labor.
- **Chapter 4: Housing Resources** documents San Leandro’s ability to satisfy its share of the RHNA and suitable land for residential development during the planning period.
- **Chapter 5: Affirmatively Affirming Fair Housing** provides an assessment of fair housing.
- **Chapter 6: Housing Plan** outlines the City’s housing goals, policies, and implementation programs for 2023-2031 to address the housing needs of the community and comply with State law. The Housing Element includes the following appendices:
  - **Appendix A: Community Engagement** includes all engagement materials utilized to encourage public participation in the Housing Element update process.
  - **Appendix B: Housing Sites Inventory** identifies properties that are suitable to meet the RHNA.
  - **Appendix C: Review of Past Accomplishments** evaluates progress and the effectiveness of the programs included in the previous 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element.
  - **Appendix D: Development Analysis** provides information to support the City’s plan to satisfy the RHNA.

## 1.2 Housing Element Purpose and Content

According to California Government Code Section 65302, the General Plan is required to consist of eight State-mandated elements, including land use, circulation, housing, conservation, open space, noise, environmental justice, and safety. The Housing Element is the only element required to be updated every 8 years as mandated by California Government Code Section 65581. The Housing Element is a comprehensive strategy for providing safe, decent, and affordable housing for all residents. The Housing Element must include:

- Identification and analysis of existing and projected housing needs, resources, and constraints.
- A statement of goals, policies, quantified objectives, and scheduled programs for preservation, improvement, and development of housing.
- Identification of adequate sites for housing.
- Adequate provision for existing and projected housing needs of all economic segments of the community.

Many new State housing laws relevant to this Housing Element update cycle have been enacted since the City’s last Housing Element update was adopted and certified in 2015. The Housing Element Update incorporates and addresses pertinent housing law changes through analysis, new policies, or new programs. The Housing Element helps the City determine how to address existing and future housing needs and plan for future growth. While housing policies cannot commit the City to construct new housing units, the Housing Element identifies ways in which San Leandro will provide for the housing needs of current and future residents during the Housing Element update cycle, including establishing priorities for housing programs.

## 1.3 Housing Goals

The following Goals and Policies highlight the City of San Leandro’s plan to address current and future housing needs from 2023 to 2031. See Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*, for a complete list of Goals, Policies, Actions, and Objectives.



### **Goal 1: Increase Housing Production by Providing Adequate Sites for a Variety of Housing Types and Removing Constraints to Residential Development.**

**Policy 1.1 Reduce Barriers to Housing Development.**

**Policy 1.2 Provide and Maintain Adequate Sites to Accommodate the RHNA.**

**Policy 1.3 Streamline Housing Entitlement and Permitting Process.**

**Policy 1.4 Facilitate Infill Development.**



### **Goal 2: Assist the Development of Housing Affordable to Extremely Low-, Very Low-, Low-, and Moderate-Income Levels and populations with Special Needs.**

**Policy 2.1 Promote Housing Development Affordable to Residents at All Economic Levels.**

**Policy 2.2 Support and Increase Funding for Deed-Restricted Affordable Housing.**

**Policy 2.3 Update Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.**

**Policy 2.4 Promote Moderate-Income Housing Development.**

**Policy 2.5 Support Housing Production for All Needs.**

**Policy 2.6 Prioritize Housing Location Near Public Transit.**

**Policy 2.7 Promote Universal Design.**



### **Goal 3: Promote Conservation and Preservation of Existing Housing Stock**

**Policy 3.1 Rehabilitation and Preservation.**

**Policy 3.2 Safe and Livable Housing.**

**Policy 3.3 Maximize Existing Housing Stock for Area Residents.**

**Policy 3.4 Preserve Existing Affordable Housing.**

**Policy 3.5 Mobile Home Park Preservation.**

**Policy 3.6 Support Alternative Housing Solutions and Efficient Use of Housing Stock.**



### Goal 4: Protect Residents from Displacement

- Policy 4.1 Minimize Displacement of Vulnerable Residents.
- Policy 4.2 Strengthen Tenant Protections.
- Policy 4.3 Support Households Impacted by Foreclosure.
- Policy 4.4 Support Alternative Ownership Models.
- Policy 4.5 Support Affordable Home Ownership Opportunities.
- Policy 4.6 Support Regional Partnerships.



### Goal 5: Advance Fair Housing, Equity, and Inclusion

- Policy 5.1 Fair Housing Services and Education.
- Policy 5.2 Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.
- Policy 5.3 Commit Resources to Ensure Equitable Neighborhoods.
- Policy 5.4 Promote Mixed-Income Neighborhoods.
- Policy 5.6 Support Wealth-Building Activities for Low-Income Residents.
- Policy 5.7 Leverage Resources for Housing Assistance and Education.
- Policy 5.8 Focus Housing Opportunity Programs for Vulnerable and Underrepresented Residents.
- Policy 5.9 Engage Underrepresented Residents.
- Policy 5.10 Reduce Barriers.



### Goal 6: Housing for Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness

- Policy 6.1 Support Residents at Risk of Homelessness.
- Policy 6.2 Support Existing and New Transitional and Emergency Shelters.
- Policy 6.3 Fund Construction of New Permanent Supportive Housing.
- Policy 6.4 Actively Engage in the Regional Response to End Homelessness.

## WHAT IS A GOAL, POLICY, PROGRAM, ACTION, AND OBJECTIVE?

<b>Goal</b>	Desired results
<b>Policy</b>	Guidance for future programs, activities, and decisions
<b>Program</b>	Ongoing efforts to achieve our goals and implement policies
<b>Action</b>	Specific steps that the City can take in the future
<b>Objective</b>	Timeframe and outcome for specific actions

## 1.4 Regional Housing Requirements

State law requires that every housing element include an inventory of land suitable and available for residential development to meet the jurisdiction’s share of the regional housing need called the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). Chapter 4, *Housing Resources*, documents the methodology and results of the housing Sites Inventory analysis conducted to demonstrate the City of San Leandro’s ability to satisfy its share of the regional housing need. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is responsible for developing a methodology for allocating the regional determination to each city and county in its region. The 6th Cycle RHNA is based on population projections, income distribution, and access to jobs.

The RHNA is broken down into affordability categories based on Area Median Income (AMI). For planning and funding purposes, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has developed the following income categories based on the AMI of a metropolitan area:

- **Extremely Low-income:** households earning up to 30 percent of the AMI
- **Very Low-income:** households earning between 31 and 50 percent of the AMI
- **Low-income:** households earning between 51 percent and 80 percent of the AMI
- **Moderate-income:** households earning between 81 percent and 120 percent of the AMI
- **Above Moderate-income:** households earning over 120 percent of the AMI

### San Leandro’s 2023-2031 Housing Target (RHNA)

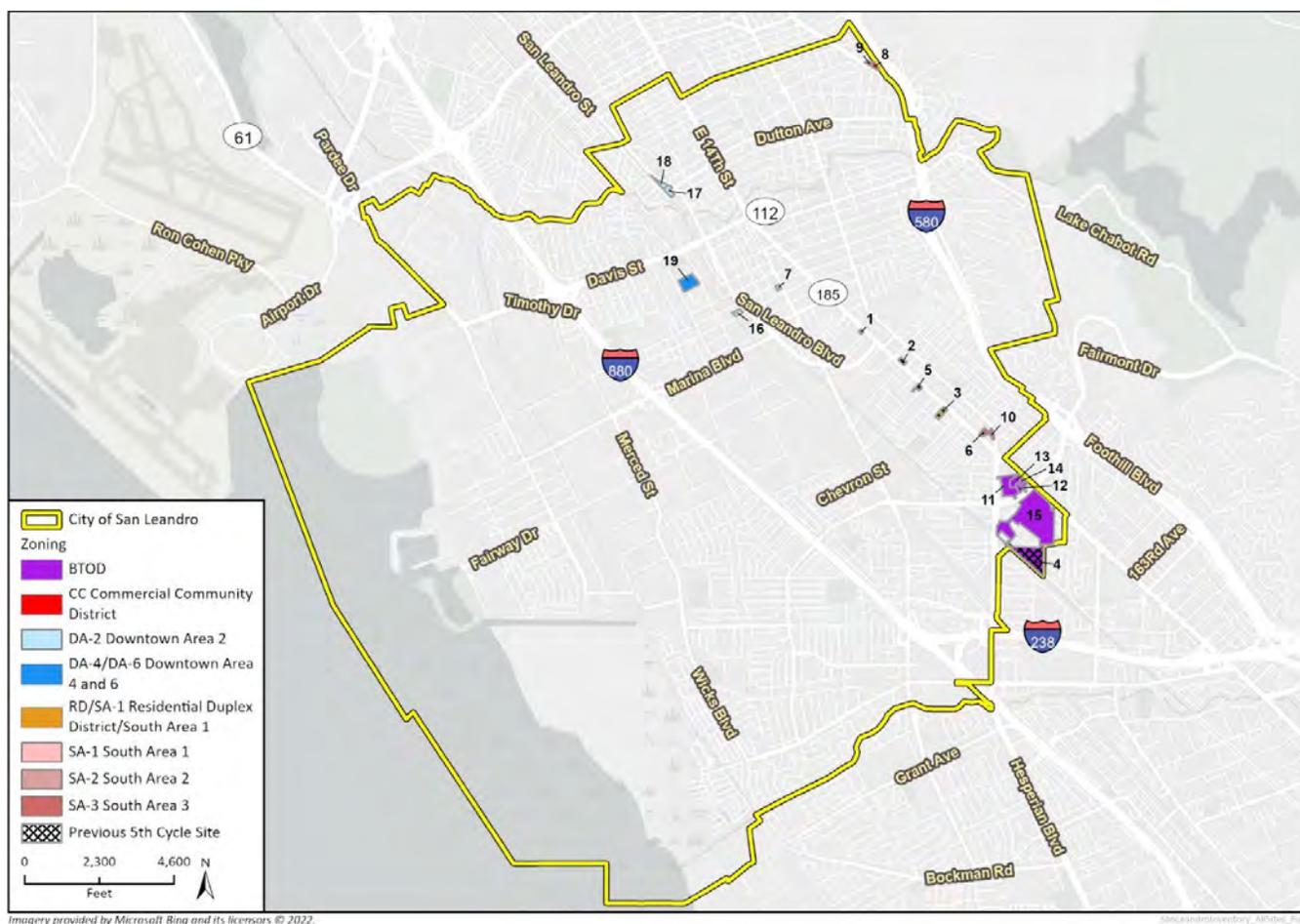
Income Category (Percent of Alameda County Area Median Income [AMI])	Number of Units	Percent of Total Units
Extremely Low Income (15-30% AMI)	431	11.2%
Very Low-Income (30-50% AMI)	431	11.2%
Low Income (50-80% AMI)	495	12.8%
Moderate Income (80-120% AMI)	696	18.1%
Above Moderate Income (>120% AMI)	1,802	46.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,855</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The RHNA will be met through a combination of Planned, Approved, and Pending projects, Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), and a list of housing opportunity locations, called the Sites Inventory. The Sites Inventory contains sites that could have the potential for new residential development within the housing element planning period (2023 to 2031). To facilitate housing development and achieve a greater buffer for the RHNA, the City is proposing to increase the allowable densities in the San Leandro General Plan in the Downtown Mixed Use District and Transit Oriented Mixed Use land use designations. The City is proposing to increase the allowable FAR in the Corridor Mixed Use land use designation.

The goals, policies, and programs listed throughout the Housing Element are also intended to help reduce barriers to and create opportunities for housing production, including affordable housing.

### Sites Inventory

The following map shows San Leandro’s Sites Inventory. While multi-family housing is allowed in many parts of San Leandro, most new housing is expected to be built within “Priority Development Areas,” a term used by regional agencies to identify locations approved for future higher density growth that are typically accessible to transit in close proximity to services, and targeted for more focused public funding (e.g., infrastructure, affordable housing, economic development). These areas are locations for transit-oriented development, generally within walking distance of high-quality public transit and commercial centers.



## Sites Inventory Buffer

To ensure that sufficient capacity exists in the Sites Inventory to accommodate the RHNA, the Sites Inventory has a buffer of 27 percent for low-income units and 33 percent for moderate units. Including a buffer is particularly important due to the possibility that development or redevelopment in commercial and mixed-use zones could potentially be developed with 100 percent commercial uses.

### *Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)*

State law requires all Housing Elements to address Fair Housing issues. Fair housing occurs when individuals of similar income levels in the same housing market have the same range of housing choice available to them regardless of their characteristics as protected under State, and Federal laws. It is a commitment of the City that the community have housing choices free from discrimination on the basis of race / ethnicity, religion, sex, marital status, ancestry, national origin, color, familial status, or disability, and other characteristics protected by the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, California Government Code Section 65008, and other State and Federal fair housing and planning laws.

As described in Chapter 5, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, the Sites Inventory would accommodate opportunities for distribution of households of low-, moderate-, and above moderate-income levels across the city, and provide opportunities for mixed-income developments on several large sites.

## 1.5 Demographics

Ensuring adequate housing for all of San Leandro’s present and future residents is a primary housing goal for the City. Chapter 2 examines demographic trends, special housing needs, and housing affordability to provide a comprehensive view of the San Leandro’s housing needs.

Many residents in San Leandro are struggling to keep up with increased cost of living. For example:

- Approximately 40 percent of households are cost-burdened, meaning they spend more than 30% of income on housing costs
- A four-person household with an annual income of \$125,600 (AMI for Alameda County in 2021) could not afford the median rent on a 3-bedroom unit or the median home purchase price

The following pages visualize select demographic and socioeconomic data representative of the broader topics the Housing Element seeks to address through goals, policies, and programs.



**40%**  
of households spend more than 30% of their income on housing



**62%**  
increase in median home sale price between 2015 and 2021



**44%**  
of housing in the City is renter-occupied



**56%**  
of housing in the City is owner-occupied



**32%**  
of existing homes are multi-family



**66%**  
of existing homes are single-family detached



**56%**

of households comprised of families or people related to one another



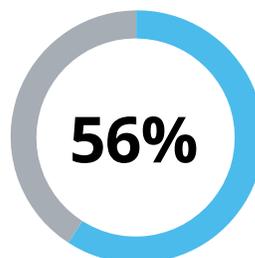
**44%**

of households comprised of non-related roommates or individuals living alone



**2,575**

households were overcrowded or severely overcrowded in 2019



**56%**

of senior-headed households were extremely-, very-, or low-income



**95%**

of the city's housing stock was built prior to 2000.



**2.85**

was the average household size in 2019

**8,880 residents over the age of five had one or more disabilities.**

The City of San Leandro is a diverse community with many residents who have special housing needs. The Housing Element addresses the needs of specific “special needs” groups, including extremely low-income residents, seniors, persons with disabilities, large families, female-headed households with children, and persons experiencing homelessness.

**More than 400 people were experiencing homelessness in San Leandro in 2022.**



	Tent	Car/Van	RV	Street/Outside	Abandoned Building
<b>San Leandro 2022</b>	119 (38%)	86 (28%)	78 (25%)	29 (9%)	0 (0%)

Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*, describes policies, programs, and proposed activities the City and its partners can use to help increase services and support to people experiencing homelessness. Additional policies are included to help reduce displacement, which can be connected to homelessness as a contributing factor. Much of the city is considered sensitive to displacement, and low-income residents are most vulnerable.

## 1.6 Constraints

Chapter 3, *Housing Constraints*, provides an overview of constraints to providing adequate housing for all income levels, which can be caused by many factors, including the housing market and cost of construction, governmental controls, availability of infrastructure, and environmental considerations. These constraints may increase the cost of housing or render residential construction physically or economically infeasible for developers.

State law requires local governments to analyze governmental and non-governmental constraints to the production, maintenance, and improvement of housing for persons of all income levels and those with special needs and, where appropriate and legally possible, remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing as part of housing elements updates. Where constraints to housing production due to the City’s regulations are identified, appropriate policies and actions to mitigate these constraints are included in the Housing Element. The Housing Element analyzes the types of constraints listed below.

### Governmental



### Non-Governmental



## Environmental



## 1.7 Relationship to Other General Plan Elements

### 2035 General Plan

The City of San Leandro embarked on an extensive public planning process beginning in early 2014 to update its General Plan (2035 General Plan), which was adopted in 2016. The 2035 General Plan envisions San Leandro to be a vibrant city for people to live, work, and enjoy. The 2035 General Plan determined that to realize this vision, San Leandro must address the challenges that come with growth, including the preservation and development of housing that meet the needs of current and future residents. The vision of the 2035 General Plan referenced the previous Housing Element, which sought to conserve San Leandro's neighborhoods and industrial areas while focusing new development around the city's two BART stations, in and around the Downtown area, and along major commercial corridors such as East 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Subsequent City plans, such as the 2018 Bay Fair Transit Oriented Development (B-TOD) Specific Plan, were developed in accordance with residents' desire for walkable, transit-oriented communities for better quality of life and environmental sustainability.

The City of San Leandro's 2035 General Plan is comprised of the following elements:

- Land Use
- Transportation
- Economic Development
- Open Space, Conservation, and Parks
- Environmental Hazards
- Historic Preservation and Community Design
- Community Services and Facilities
- Housing
- Implementation

California Government Code Section 65583(c) requires the Housing Element to maintain internal consistency with other General Plan Elements. The Housing Element builds upon policies set forth in the other General Plan elements. The Land Use and Historic Preservation and Community Design Elements establish policies regarding the amount, intensity, and distribution of residential uses. Environmental constraints identified in the Environmental Hazards Element, such as areas of the City in which potential residential development could be impacted by flood zones, are recognized in the Housing Element as limitations for additional housing. The Housing Element is also consistent with the (draft) Environmental Justice Element by avoiding concentration of lower-income housing in a disadvantaged community as defined by Government

Code Section 65302(h)(4)(A) and Health and Safety Code Section 39711. An update to the Environmental Hazards Element (Safety Element) is being prepared consistent with state law. When any element of the General Plan is amended in the future, the City will review the Housing Element and, if necessary, amend it to ensure consistency across City programs is maintained.



*Cherry Parade, 2022*

## 1.8 Public Participation

The Housing Element reflects the values and preferences of the community. The City values community input and offers various opportunities for residents and community stakeholders to provide input on housing and community development issues. Accordingly, community participation is an important component of the development of this Housing Element update. This process includes participation from community members, local agencies and housing groups, community organizations, for-profit and non-profit housing developers, and labor groups. The City endeavored to achieve a transparent and participatory process throughout the development of the Housing Element, and the result is a plan that is informed and reflects input received at each major phase of the process.

The City provided opportunities to solicit input from stakeholders and community members through interviews, community workshops, a project-specific website, a participatory mapping activity, and public meetings. To reach residents across the economic and social spectrum, advertising for community events included both digital and non-digital methods in three languages. The following summarizes the City's community outreach efforts during the Housing Element development process and how the feedback was incorporated into the development of the Housing Element. A record of the community outreach materials is included in Appendix A.

### 1.8.1 Housing Element Update Website

A website devoted to the Housing Element update ([www.SLHousingElement.com](http://www.SLHousingElement.com)) provided detailed background information on the Housing Element, frequently asked questions, and related housing resources. Project materials associated with the Housing Element update were regularly posted on the project website, including flyers for upcoming workshops, virtual workshop PowerPoint presentations, and video recordings. A link on the website enabled people to sign up for project email updates and provide comment at any time throughout the project process. Website content was available in Chinese, English, and Spanish.

### 1.8.2 Housing Needs and Priorities Survey

The City released an online public survey, available in English, Spanish, and Chinese, from October 25, 2021 to December 15, 2021 to receive input on the housing needs of the community and input on housing priorities, including where new housing development should be located. The survey was completed by 109 participants: 4 in Spanish, 11 in Chinese, and 94 in English. A summary of the survey responses is provided in Appendix A.

### 1.8.3 Community Workshops

The City held a series of community workshops prior to the draft Housing Element. Workshops were held virtually via Zoom due to safety requirements for COVID-19 and well-attended with approximately 25 participants at each workshop. Participants reflected the diversity of San Leandro residents with a broad range of characteristics including race and ethnicity, age, length of residency in the city, neighborhood, and income level. Translation services for Spanish, Chinese, and American Sign Language were made available for each workshop upon request. Each workshop consisted of a presentation and opportunities for discussion and input in the form of a question-and-answer period. The Introduction to the Housing Element workshop featured live polling and the Housing Policies workshop featured a breakout room discussion.

A summary of the public input from each workshop is provided in Appendix A. Recordings of all workshops, a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, and public input summaries were made available on the project website. The following workshops were held:

- Introduction to the Housing Element (October 27, 2021 and November 6, 2021)
- Housing Policies (December 9, 2021)
- Housing Opportunity Sites (January 19, 2022)

The City also held a virtual workshop with the Kiwanis of San Leandro on January 11, 2022 with 12 members in attendance. A summary of input is provided in Appendix A.

### 1.8.4 Balancing Act Tool and Housing Opportunity Sites List

The City encouraged public input via an online tool called Balancing Act, where community members could formulate their own plan for housing opportunity sites based on geography and provide comments. The Balancing Act was linked from the project website and made available from January 7 to February 10, 2022. The Housing Opportunity Sites Workshop on January 19, 2022 presented a tutorial on the Balancing Act. A total of 26 participants submitted housing plans and comments via the Balancing Act. A summary of the responses and the comments is provided in Appendix A.

The Housing Opportunity Sites List, which contained a full list of potential housing opportunity sites, was available on the project website for public review and comment from January 19 to February 10, 2022.

### 1.8.5 Digital and Non-Digital Outreach

To reach the largest and broadest spectrum of community members and stakeholders, advertising and outreach for project updates, workshops, the Balancing Act, and other information was conducted via digital and non-digital methods to reach diverse members of the community. Digital and printed flyers were distributed in English, Spanish, and Chinese. Digital advertising was distributed via email list to over 500 organizations and on social media via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Nextdoor. Workshops were also promoted via advertising in the *San Leandro Times*. Printed flyers were distributed to 6 community institutions and organizations:

- San Leandro Main Library
- Manor Branch Library
- San Leandro Adult School
- San Leandro Boys and Girls Club
- Child Abuse, Listening, Interviewing, and Coordination Center (CALICO)
- Davis Street Community Center

Flyers announcing public workshops were also handed out at the San Leandro BART station, Bay Fair BART station, and Davis Street Food Pantry. City staff also attended the June 28, 2022, opening event for the Redlining & Housing Discrimination Exhibit at the San Leandro Public Library to announce the availability of the Public Draft Housing Element.

### 1.8.6 Stakeholder Interviews

The City held three virtual stakeholder meetings on January 12 and 14, 2022, to receive feedback from representatives of affordable and market-rate housing organizations, labor unions, housing service providers, public housing authorities, fair housing agencies, organizations serving special needs populations and persons experiencing homelessness, and members of the community who identified as low-income. Participants represented 15 community-based organizations/affordable housing development agencies, three housing development businesses, and three labor organizations. Each stakeholder meeting consisted of a short presentation about the Housing Element update and a roundtable discussion. The meeting with representatives of affordable and market-rate housing organizations and labor unions focused on opportunities and constraints to housing development, specifically:

- Barriers to affordable housing development
- Existing City tools and policies that have been useful in addressing housing-related barriers
- Actions the City can take to reduce barriers to housing development
- Tools or strategies that would help to address housing-related barriers

The two meetings with housing service providers, public housing authorities, fair housing agencies, organizations serving special needs populations and persons experiencing homelessness, and members of the community who identified as low-income focused on fair housing issues, including:

- Housing needs and issues within the community
- Homelessness and special needs
- Existing City tools and policies that have been useful in addressing housing-related barriers
- Strategies for addressing housing needs

The following organizations, agencies, and businesses were invited to attend the stakeholder interviews:

**Non-Profit Housing Developers**

- Eden Housing
- Housing Consortium of the East Bay
- Holliday Development
- BRIDGE Housing Corporation
- McCormack Baron Salazar
- Abode Services

**For-Profit Housing Developers**

- John Benjamin Company
- The Martin Group
- David Langon Construction
- DR Horton

**Housing Services Providers**

- Centro Legal de la Raza
- ECHO Housing
- Rebuilding Together Oakland/East Bay
- Community Resources for Independent Living
- Davis Street Family Service Center
- Bay Area Affordable Homeownership Alliance
- Bay East Realtors Association

**Community-Based Organizations**

- San Leandro Chamber of Commerce
- Asian Business Council
- African American Business Council
- East Bay HomebridgeConnect

**Housing Agencies**

- Alameda County Housing Authority

**Homeless and Social Services Organizations**

- Building Futures with Women & Children
- Bethel Church
- Davis Street Family Resource Center
- EveryOne Home Alameda County
- April Showers

**Labor Unions**

- Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County
- IW Local
- Sheetmetal Workers Union
- Nor Cal Carpenters Union

A summary of the input from the stakeholder interviews is provided in Appendix A.

## 1.8.7 Planning Commission and City Council Study Sessions

City staff held a study session with the City Council on September 13, 2021, to introduce the Housing Element update. City staff presented an update on progress to date with the Planning Commission and City Council on and February 3 and February 15, 2022, respectively, to share information on community outreach methods and the proposed housing plan and to receive feedback. City staff presented an update to the City Council in person on July 18, 2022, to present the Public Draft Housing Element and obtain Council authorization to submit the draft Housing Element to HCD. These study sessions and updates were otherwise held virtually in accordance with the City's COVID-19 safety policy and open to public view and comment.

## 1.8.8 Comments from Individuals and Organizations

The City received eight comment letters via email and mail from seven individuals and organizations prior to the publication of the Draft Housing Element and are provided in Appendix A. The Public Draft Housing Element was made available for public review and comment from June 27, 2022, to July 27, 2022. The City received comment letters via email and the project website from 13 individuals and organizations. A comment matrix with the commenter, comment, and City response is provided in Appendix A. The City posted a revised Draft Housing Element on the project website and City website from November 2 to November 9, 2022. Revisions were made based on preliminary feedback from HCD. The City

received comment letters from five individuals and organizations. The Draft Housing Element was revised to incorporate public comment prior to resubmittal to HCD.

### 1.8.9 Public Input and Development of the Housing Element

Public input influenced the development of the housing opportunity sites, housing plan, and the policies and programs of the Housing Element in the following ways:

#### **Housing Opportunity Sites and Housing Plan to Meet the RHNA:**

- Community members, representatives of special needs populations, and housing service providers indicated a desire for vertical efficiency and walkability, as well as increased affordable housing, particularly near BART stations and along major streets such as East 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Community members and organizations expressed concern that the City's existing development standards posed a constraint to housing development. The City also received input that housing for seniors should include elevators rather than stairs; therefore, housing developments should be higher than two- to three-story townhomes. The City's housing plan to increase allowable FAR and densities in areas around transit, as described in Chapter 4, *Housing Resources*, and included in Program 5, is designed to achieve multiple-story multi-family development, and would accommodate the desired type and intensity of development near transit.
- Through the Balancing Act tool, most participants expressed a desire to concentrate new residential development in Downtown San Leandro and the Bay Fair TOD area. The City's housing opportunity sites distribution focuses was developed to align with this opinion. Many community members also wanted greater diversification of housing opportunities in predominantly single-family residential neighborhoods to increase moderate-income housing opportunities and a greater distribution of housing development. Program 7 directs the City to identify opportunities to increase a greater mix of housing types, such as triplexes and fourplexes, in lower density neighborhoods.
- Community members desired a relatively large buffer of low and moderate-income housing sites over the RHNA. The City's housing plan achieves a 28 percent buffer over the RHNA for low-income units and 25 percent buffer over the RHNA for moderate-income units. Maps have been created to illustrate for the community the areas that allow for multi-family and mixed-use development.
- Stakeholders, developers, and community members stated that development of nonvacant sites, such as infill sites with outdated commercial uses, would be favored over vacant sites to maximize use of space and reduce costs associated with utility connections. The nonvacant housing opportunity sites for this housing element update were mainly infill sites selected via certain characteristics, including age of existing structure, improvement to land ratio (how much the building is worth over the land it is on), and likelihood of redevelopment.

#### **Housing Policies and Programs:**

- Community members indicated a desire for the City to create an incentive program for homeowners to lease accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to low-income renters. This incentive program is included as an objective in Program 13.
- Community members and stakeholders desired changes to the inclusionary housing requirements, in-lieu fee structure, development impact fee structure, and development standards to increase affordable housing development. The City will examine its current requirements and standards as part of Program 12.
- Community members desired prioritization of affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH) in housing policies and programs. Many of the policies and programs in this housing element update were developed with an AFFH component, and Programs 17 and 18 address fair housing services and actions to actively counter and remedy historic segregation patterns, including improving neighborhood conditions through focused investment of City

programs and funding resources and supports for first time homebuyer programs and economic development programs in areas with sizeable low-income and minority populations, increasing housing options for special needs populations, and focusing on mixed-income neighborhood development.

- During stakeholder interviews and community workshops, community members expressed concern for vulnerable residents, particularly regarding high housing costs and displacement, lack of rental housing, availability of transitional housing, and housing suitable for residents with disabilities. The City included Programs 9, 10, and 15 to provide assistance to vulnerable residents, provide tenant assistance, counter displacement, develop more affordable housing, and increase universal design and access for residents with disabilities.
- Community members expressed concern for maintaining the affordability and protections for mobile home parks and an interest in enacting a right of first refusal mechanism for mobile homeowners to buy a park upon notice of sale of mobile home park by owner. Program 4 directs the City to explore opportunities to assist rehabilitation of mobile homes and mobile home parks, examine and strengthen the existing Mobile Home Rent Stabilization Program, and explore the feasibility of a right of first refusal mechanism.
- Community members and stakeholders were concerned about residents experiencing homelessness, and desired an increase in emergency, transitional, and permanent housing options. Program 16 directs the City to continue and expand efforts to partner with local agencies and non-profits to purchase property for a housing navigation center; fund and develop emergency, transitional, and permanent housing; and explore new opportunities to identify new housing resources and expand services.
- Stakeholders and community members supported the production of non-traditional residential development such as alternative housing types such as housing co-operatives, tiny homes, and collective home ownership models. Program 14 instructs the City to examine the zoning code and remove obstacles to accommodating this type of development.
- Community members expressed a desire to reduce or eliminate parking minimums to reduce constraints to development and to implement the 2021 Climate Action Plan. Program 14 directs the City to retain services of a third-party parking consultant to analyze the City’s minimum parking standards and conduct stakeholder outreach to identify feasible recommended reductions or eliminations to of residential parking minimums, with a focus on projects with transit access, to implement the 2021 Climate Action Plan, reduce identified constraints to housing production and make housing developments more financially feasible. The City will consider establishing a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Ordinance to encourage reduction in vehicle trips and reliance on automobile parking.

## 1.9 Sources of Information

Data from a variety of sources was used to complete the Housing Element, including the following:

- U.S. Census and the American Community Survey (ACS)
- California Department of Finance (DOF)
- Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)/Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
- Alameda County Collaborative
- Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) lending data
- Regional Homeless Point-in-Time (PIT) Count
- State Employment Development Department (EDD)
- Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)
- Regional Analysis of Impediments to Housing (AI)
- United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- California Housing Finance Agency
- California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC)



*Loro Landing Affordable Apartments Ribbon Cutting, 2022*

## 2 Housing Needs Assessment

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Ensuring adequate housing for all of San Leandro’s present and future residents is a primary housing goal for the City. This chapter examines demographic trends, special housing needs, and housing affordability to provide a comprehensive view of San Leandro’s housing needs.

### 2.1 Population Characteristics

Population characteristics, such as growth rate, age, and income levels, affect the type and amount of housing needed in a community. Residents’ age and income, employment trends, and other factors influence the type of housing needed and the community’s ability to afford housing. The following section analyzes San Leandro’s population characteristics and trends. At the time of the preparation of this document, limited data from the 2020 Census was available and is used where applicable; therefore, this information presented on population characteristics mainly relies on the 2015-2019 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates.

### 2.2 Population Growth

Population growth in San Leandro outpaced that of surrounding cities and Alameda County as a whole between 2000 and 2010 and grew at a higher rate between 2010 and 2019. As presented in Table 2.1, San Leandro had an estimated population of 82,830 in 2010, a population increase of approximately 4.5 percent since 2000. In 2019, San Leandro’s population was 90,025, an increase of approximately 8.7 percent since 2010.

**Table 2.1 Population Growth (2000 - 2019)**

Jurisdiction	2000	2010	2019	Percent Change 2000-2010	Percent Change 2010-2019
City of Alameda	72,259	72,512	78,522	0.4%	8.3%
Oakland	399,477	386,909	425,097	-3.1%	9.9%
Hayward	139,859	141,498	159,293	1.2%	12.6%
San Leandro	79,286	82,830	90,025	4.5%	8.7%
Union City	66,863	68,081	73,248	1.8%	7.6%
Alameda County	1,443,741	1,477,980	1,656,754	2.4%	12.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2006-2010), (2015-2019), Table DP02  
 U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census (2000), Table P007

### 2.3 Age Characteristics

The city’s current and future housing needs are determined in part by the age of residents. Each age group has distinct housing needs and preferences based on lifestyle, family types and sizes, and income levels. Traditionally, the young adult population (20-34 years of age) and the senior population (65 years and over) tend to favor apartments, low to moderately priced condominiums, and smaller single-family units. Adults between 35-64 years old and households with school-age

children tend to seek out moderate to high-cost apartments, condominiums, and larger single-family units, as they tend to have higher and/or dual incomes and larger household sizes.

Population estimates by age group for San Leandro are presented in Table 2.2 below. During the past two decades, the city’s population of adults aged 55-64 grew at a relatively higher rate than school-age children and young adults, reflecting national trends.<sup>1</sup> Despite the population increase that has occurred in San Leandro, the population of preschool-aged children and adults between age 35-44 has decreased in the last two decades. Fluctuations in the median age are consistent with the finding that the rate of growth of the older adult population outpaced school-age children and young adults in the last decade.<sup>1</sup> In years 2000 and 2010, the median age for San Leandro residents was 37, compared to a median age of 40 in 2019.

**Table 2.2 Population Growth by Age Group (2000 - 2019)**

Age Group	San Leandro Residents (2000)	San Leandro Residents (2010)	San Leandro Residents (2019)	Percent Change (2000–2010)	Percent Change (2010-2019)	Percent Change (2000-2019)
Preschool (under 5 years)	5,032	4,978	4,791	-1.1%	-3.8%	-4.8%
School Age (5-9 years)	5,274	5,890	4,763	11.7%	-19.1%	-9.7%
School Age (10-14 years)	4,661	5,058	4,825	8.5%	-4.6%	3.5%
School Age (15-19 years)	4,397	4,785	4,331	8.8%	-9.5%	-1.5%
College Age (20-24 years)	4,504	4,855	5,233	7.8%	7.8%	16.2%
Young Adults (25-34 years)	12,076	12,600	14,299	4.3%	13.5%	18.4%
Adults (35-44 years)	13,334	12,705	11,625	-4.7%	-8.5%	-12.8%
Adults (45-54 years)	10,857	11,572	13,040	6.6%	12.7%	20.1%
Adults (55-59 years)	3,627	5,425	7,066	49.6%	30.2%	94.8%
Adults (60-64 years)	3,002	4,191	6,494	39.6%	55.0%	116.3%
Seniors (65+ years)	12,688	10,771	13,558	-15.1%	25.9%	6.9%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>79,286</b>	<b>82,830</b>	<b>90,025</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>13.3%</b>
Median Age	37.7	37.5	40.7	–	–	–

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2006-2010), (2015-2019), Table DP02

U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census (2000), Table P007

## 2.4 Race and Ethnicity

A community’s racial and ethnic composition may have implications for housing needs based on household characteristics and cultural norms that may affect housing needs and preferences – for instance, some racial and ethnic groups may have multiple family generations residing together in one household more than other groups.

<sup>1</sup>. “Population Under Age 18 Declined Last Decade” by S.U. Ogunwole (2021).

Table 2.3 provides a comparison of the racial and ethnic composition of San Leandro for years 2010 and 2019. According to 2015-2019 ACS estimates, the largest racial/ethnic population in the city is Asian American, followed by Hispanic/Latino. In the past decade, Non-Hispanic white, Non-Hispanic Black, and other race alone populations declined, while Native American, Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander populations increased. The largest percent decrease from 2010 to 2019 of any racial or ethnic group is “Other Race Alone” followed by Non-Hispanic Black/African-American.

**Table 2.3 Race and Ethnicity**

Race/Ethnic Group	San Leandro Residents (2010)	San Leandro Residents (2019)	Percent Change (2010-2019)
Non-Hispanic White	23,291	20,855	-10%
Non-Hispanic Black/African-American	10,432	8,926	-14%
Native American	310	397	28%
Asian American	23,844	31,077	30%
Two or More Races	2,547	3,259	28%
Hispanic/Latino	21,414	24,379	14%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	646	906	40%
Other Race Alone	447	226	-49%
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,830</b>	<b>90,025</b>	<b>9%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2006-2010), (2015-2019), Table DP02  
 U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census (2000), Table P007

## 2.5 Economic Characteristics

Employment availability and income levels impact housing affordability and a community’s needs. The availability of higher-paying jobs provides broader housing opportunities for residents, while lower-paying jobs limit housing options. In addition, employment growth affects the demand for housing. In some cases, the prevalence of one category of jobs can affect the surrounding community’s housing needs and demand (such as military installations, college campuses, large warehouse operations, and seasonal agriculture). Employment characteristics and income distribution are discussed in the following sections.

### 2.5.1 Employment Characteristics

In 2019, San Leandro had 47,377 employed residents, representing a labor force participation rate of nearly 67 percent of persons 16 years and over. Table 2.4 summarizes the employment characteristics of San Leandro’s civilian population. The largest industry for San Leandro residents was educational/health care/social services followed by professional/scientific/management/administration/waste management, retail trade, and arts/entertainment/recreation/accommodation/food services.

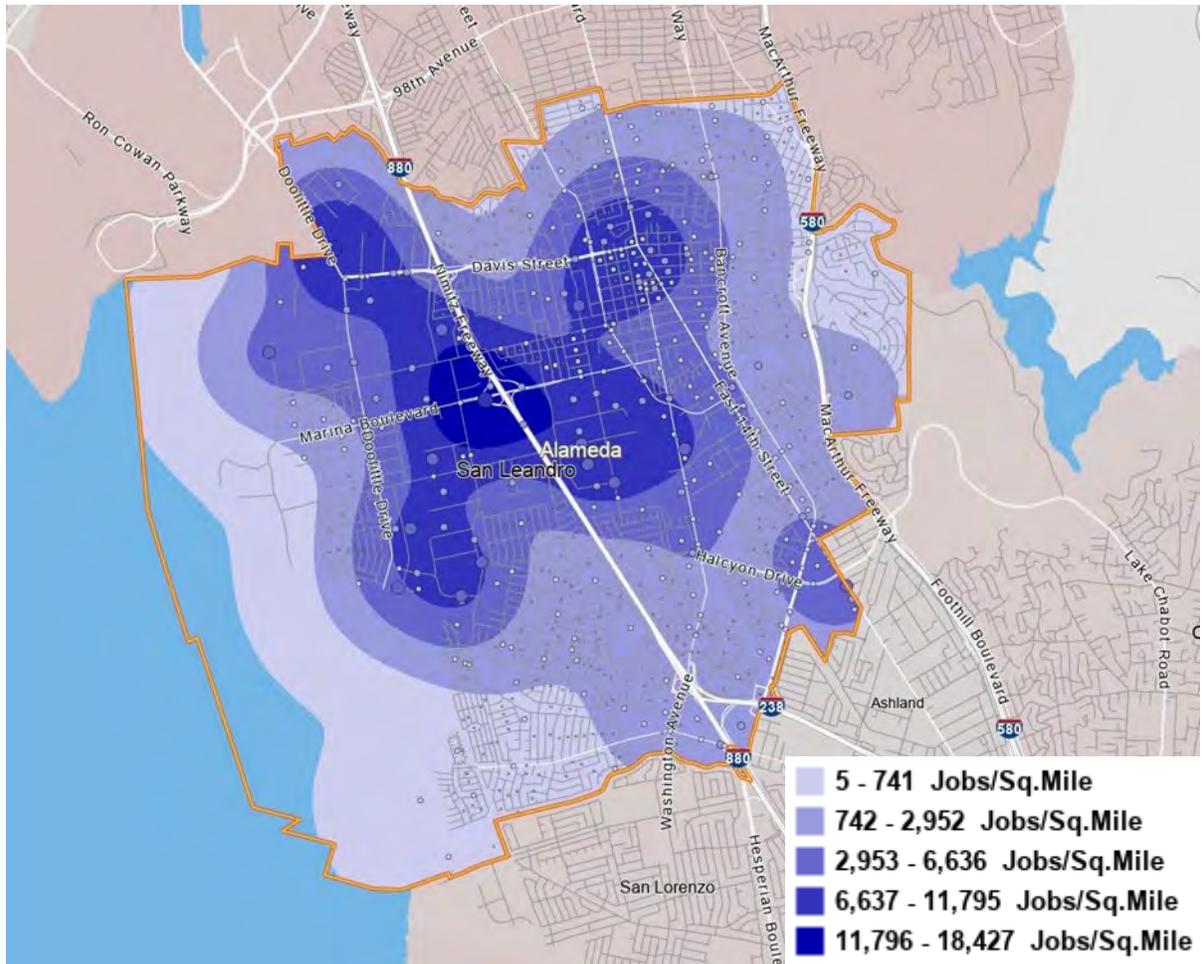
**Table 2.4 Jobs Held by San Leandro Residents**

<b>Occupation Sector</b>	<b>Number of Jobs</b>	<b>Percent of Total</b>
Educational, health care, and social assistance	10,020	21.1%
Professional, scientific, management, admin., and waste management	5,248	11.1%
Retail trade	5,209	11.0%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, accommodation, and food services	5,149	10.9%
Manufacturing	4,466	9.4%
Construction	3,665	7.7%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	3,549	7.5%
Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing	2,616	5.5%
Other services, except public administration	2,957	6.2%
Public administration	1,957	4.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,692	3.6%
Information	1,035	2.2%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	174	0.4%
<b>Total Employed Population</b>	<b>47,377</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table DP03

The highest concentration of employment is located near the central region of the city near Interstate 880 (I-880) along Marina Boulevard according to the U.S. Census Bureau’s Center for Economic Studies (CES) estimates shown in Figure 2.1.

Figure 2.1 Distribution and Number of Jobs

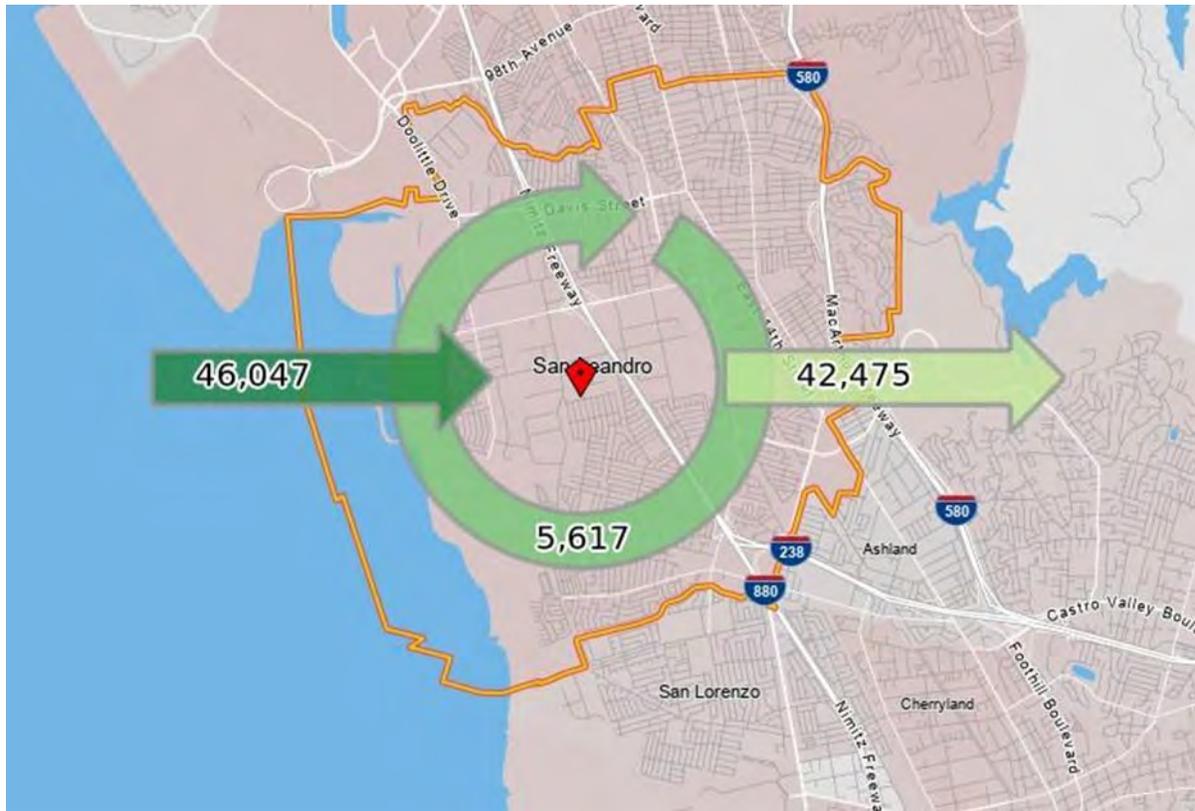


Source: U.S. Census 2019: San Leandro Work Area Profile Analysis<sup>2</sup>

Figure 2.2 shows the average daily inflow/outflow of employment in the city according to the U.S. Census (2019, latest available data). The dark green arrow on the left shows that approximately 46,000 people reside outside of the city but hold employment in the city, 5,600 people who reside in the city also work in the city, and 42,400 people reside in the city but hold employment in other jurisdictions. Approximately 89 percent of jobs in San Leandro are held by residents of other jurisdictions, while 11 percent of jobs are held by San Leandro residents.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Census 2019. San Leandro Work Area Profile Analysis. <https://onthemap.ces.census.gov/>

Figure 2.2 Inflow-Outflow Jobs Counts



Source: U.S. Census 2019. San Leandro Inflow/Outflow Analysis<sup>3</sup>

## 2.5.2 Income Distribution

Household income affects access to housing opportunities, including the ability to locate housing in a desired location and afford a desired unit. Additionally, household income relates to the ability to pursue ownership opportunities, which can be a method for building long-term and intergenerational wealth. As discussed in Section 2.27 and Chapter 5, *Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing*, historical practices of segregation, redlining, displacement, and other discriminatory practices restricted opportunities for non-white households to accumulate wealth through homeownership.

For planning and funding purposes, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has developed the following income categories based on the Area Median Income (AMI) of a metropolitan area:

- **Extremely Low-income:** households earning up to 30 percent of the AMI
- **Very Low-income:** households earning between 31 and 50 percent of the AMI
- **Low-income:** households earning between 51 percent and 80 percent of the AMI
- **Moderate-income:** households earning between 81 percent and 120 percent of the AMI
- **Above Moderate-income:** households earning over 120 percent of the AMI

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Census 2019. San Leandro Inflow/Outflow Analysis. <https://onthemap.ces.census.gov/>

AMI refers to the midpoint of a region’s income distribution such that half of families earn more than the median income and half earn less than the median income. HCD and HUD determined that the 2021 AMI for Alameda County was \$125,600 for a family of four. HUD’s 2013-2017 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) estimates that 52 percent of total households in San Leandro earned a moderate or above moderate income, compared to 48 percent of households that earned an income below 80 percent of the AMI, as shown in Table 2.5. Of the households with incomes below 80 percent of the AMI, 17 percent were classified as extremely low income, 17 percent as very low income, and 14 percent as low income. Approximately half of households in San Leandro owned their home, and moderate and above moderate-income households were more likely to be homeowners.

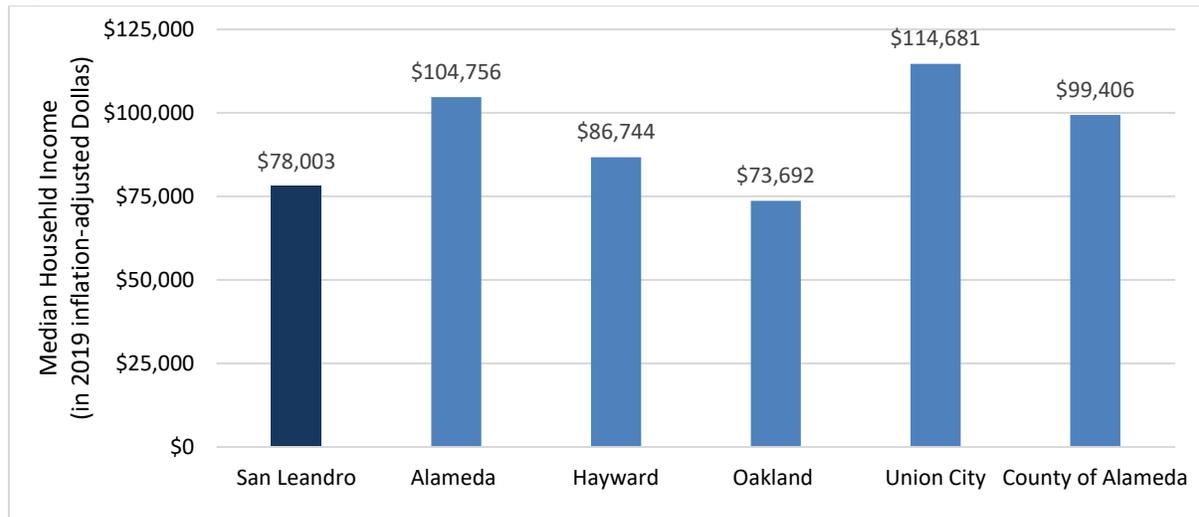
**Table 2.5 Income Distribution by Tenure**

Household Type	Extremely Low (0-30% of AMI)	Very Low (31-50% of AMI)	Low (51-80% of AMI)	Moderate/ Above Moderate (>80% of AMI)
Owners	6%	7%	6%	36%
Renters	11%	10%	8%	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>52%</b>

Source: HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), 2013-2017.

Figure 2.3 compares the median household income in San Leandro to nearby cities and Alameda County using the 2015-2019 ACS survey data. The estimated median household income for San Leandro (\$78,003) was lower than the cities of Alameda (\$104,756), Hayward (\$86,744), and Union City (\$114,681), but higher than the City of Oakland (\$73,692).

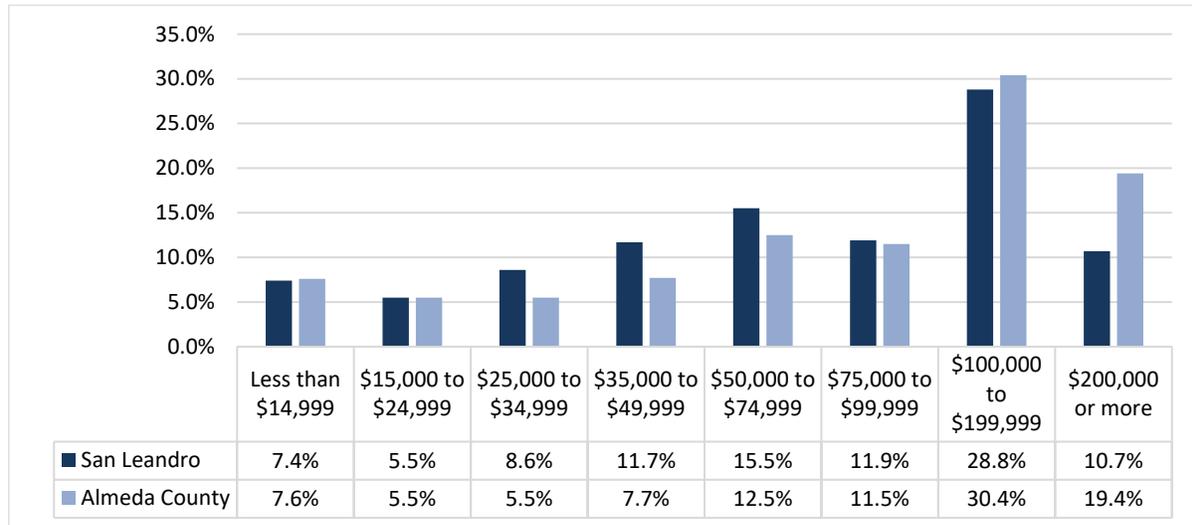
**Figure 2.3 Median Household Income**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table DP03

The distribution of household income for San Leandro and Alameda County is shown in Figure 2.4. According to the 2015-2019 ACS data, San Leandro households earned a median annual income above \$75,000. However, the city had a lower share of households with annual incomes of \$100,000 or more compared to the county as a whole and had a higher proportion of households with annual incomes between \$25,000 and \$75,000.

**Figure 2.4 Household Income**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table DP03

Median household income by race and ethnicity is provided in Table 2.6. Accounting for inflation, the median household income in San Leandro rose by 6.3 percent from 2010 to 2019, but Black/African American and Asian American households experienced a decrease in median household income while non-Hispanic white, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian and Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander households experienced an increase in median household income. Non-Hispanic white households experienced the greatest increase in median income. Hispanic/Latino and Black/African-American households were the only racial/ethnic groups with median household income below the citywide median income in 2019.

**Table 2.6 Median Household Income by Race/Ethnicity**

Race/Ethnicity	Median Household Income <sup>1</sup> (2010)	Median Household Income <sup>1</sup> (2019) (adjusted to 2010 dollars)	Percent of Citywide Median Household Income <sup>2</sup> (2010)	Percent of Citywide Median Household Income <sup>2</sup> (2019)
Non-Hispanic White	\$57,531	\$83,291 (\$71,041)	92%	106%
Hispanic/Latino	\$60,966	\$75,293 (\$64,219)	97%	97%
Black/African-American	\$51,149	\$58,729 (\$50,091)	82%	75%
American Indian and Alaska Native	\$62,963	\$87,292 (\$74,453)	101%	112%
Asian American	\$74,213	\$80,481 (\$69,644)	119%	103%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	\$77,689	\$100,144 (\$85,415)	124%	128%
<b>Citywide Median Income</b>	<b>\$62,609</b>	<b>\$78,003 (\$66,531)</b>		

<sup>1</sup>Median household income in the past 12 months in 2010 and 2019. Information on methodology of income calculations is located at [https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2018/acs/acs\\_general\\_handbook\\_2018\\_ch10.pdf](https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2018/acs/acs_general_handbook_2018_ch10.pdf). The dollar had an average inflation rate of 1.78 percent per year between 2010 and 2019.

<sup>2</sup>Percent of median income is the comparison of the median income for that racial/ethnic category to the citywide median income for 2010 and 2019, respectively.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B19013A-I

Table 2.7 displays 2015-2019 ACS occupation by median salary data for San Leandro. According to the 2015-2019 ACS estimates, occupations in San Leandro had a median annual salary of \$43,512. Architecture and engineering, legal and healthcare practitioners and technical occupational sectors had the highest median salaries, while personal care and service, farming, fishing and forestry and food preparation and service related had the lowest median salaries.

**Table 2.7 Occupation (types of jobs located in San Leandro) by Median Salary**

Occupation Sector	Median Salary	Number of Persons Employed
Architecture and Engineering	\$93,333	1,114
Legal	\$87,868	375
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	\$85,847	1,934
Life, Physical and Social Science	\$82,043	579
Computer and Mathematical	\$81,250	1,748
Business and Financial Operations	\$73,373	2,394
Management	\$71,868	4,693
Protective Service	\$59,657	738
Installation, Maintenance and Repair	\$54,151	1,015
Community and Social Service	\$51,627	950
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	\$51,053	1,144
Education Instruction and Library	\$45,143	1,792
Office and Administrative Support	\$41,311	6,642
Construction and Extraction	\$40,840	2,629
Transportation and Material Moving	\$38,884	2,104
Production	\$37,607	2,714
Healthcare Support	\$30,101	2,212
Building, Grounds Cleaning, and Maintenance	\$28,806	1,296
Sales and Related	\$27,479	4,294
Farming, Fishing and Forestry	\$25,735	72
Food Preparation and Serving Related	\$25,703	3,081
Personal Care and Service	\$21,667	1,756
<b>All Occupations</b>	<b>\$43,512</b>	<b>47,377</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B24011, Table C24010

Housing cost burden, defined as monthly housing costs (including utilities) exceeding 30 percent of monthly income, varies by income level. Table 2.8 provides an overview of housing cost burden by income group for San Leandro. The table includes comparisons between income groups and change from the 2009-2013 CHAS estimates to the 2013-2017 CHAS estimates. In total, 57 percent of households reported a housing cost burden in the 2013-2017 CHAS, about the same as the 2009-2013 CHAS. However, the share of very low-income residents (those in households that earn 50 percent or less of the AMI) experiencing housing cost burden increased during that time, while the share of those in households earning 50 percent or more of the AMI that reported a housing cost burden stayed the same or decreased. A larger share of residents in households earning below 50 percent or less of the AMI reported a housing cost burden than those in households earning higher

incomes. According to the 2013-2017 CHAS, 4,125 extremely low-income households in the city reported being cost burdened. Additional cost burden analysis is included in Section 2.29, *Housing Affordability*.

**Table 2.8 Income by Cost Burden**

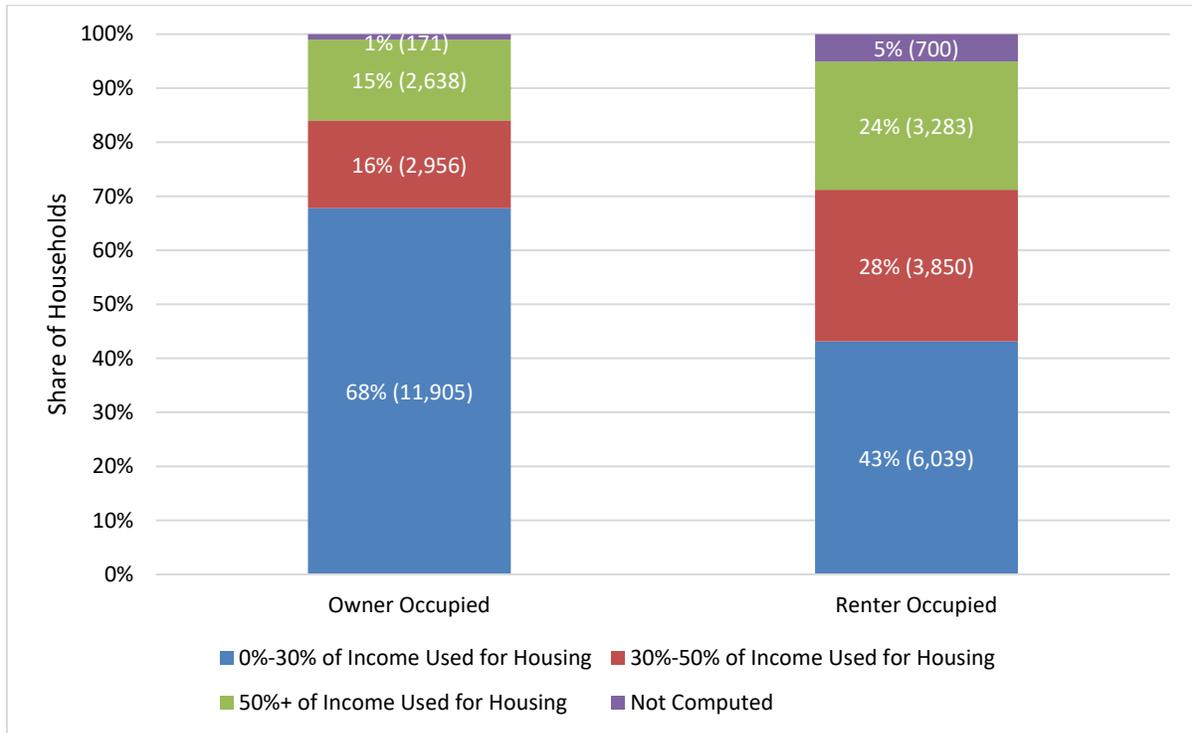
Income Group	2013-2017		2009-2013	
	Households Paying Over 30% of Income on Housing (percent of total)	Households Paying Over 50% of Income on Housing (percent of total)	Total Households Experiencing Cost Burden (percent of total)	Total Households Experiencing Cost Burden (percent of total)
0%-30% of AMI	4,125 (13%)	3,335 (10%)	6,275 (20%)	7,460 (23%)
31%-50% of AMI	3,800 (12%)	1,660 (5%)	4,375 (15%)	5,460 (17%)
51%-80% of AMI	2,375 (7%)	685 (2%)	4,840 (9%)	3,060 (9%)
81%-100% of AMI	1,105 (3%)	130 (0.4%)	3,575 (5%)	1,235 (4%)
Greater than 100% of AMI	1,220 (4%)	75 (0.2%)	13,430 (9%)	1,295 (4%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,625 (39%)</b>	<b>5,885 (18%)</b>	<b>17,885 (58%)</b>	<b>18,510 (57%)</b>

Note: CHAS estimates a total household count of 30,760 between 2009-2013 and 32,290 households between 2013-2017

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) ACS tabulation, 2006-2010, 2013-2017 release

Renter-occupied households in San Leandro were disproportionately affected by housing cost burden, compared to owner-occupied households. According to the ACS estimates provided in Figure 2.5, over 50 percent of renter-occupied households were burdened by housing costs, compared to 31 percent of owner-occupied households. A significant share (68 percent) of owner-occupied households did not experience housing cost burden, compared to 43 percent of renter-occupied households.

**Figure 2.5 Cost Burden By Tenure**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B25070, Table B25091

## 2.6 Household Characteristics

The U.S. Census Bureau defines a household as all persons who occupy a housing unit, which may include single persons living alone, families related through marriage or blood and unrelated individuals living together. Persons living in retirement or convalescent homes, dormitories or other group living situations are not considered households. Household type and size, income levels, the presence of special needs populations, and other household characteristics determine the type of housing needed by residents, their preferences, and their ability to obtain housing that meets their needs. For example, single-person households tend to reside in apartment units or smaller single-family homes. Households with multiple people, such as families with children, typically need residences with several bedrooms. This section details the various household characteristics in San Leandro.

San Leandro had 31,434 households in 2019, a 7 percent increase over 2010. Table 2.9 shows household characteristics data for San Leandro compared to Alameda County. Overall, the composition of San Leandro’s household types was similar to the county as a whole. However, the city had a slightly higher share of single-person and senior households in 2010 and 2019. The most common household type in the city was married-couple households with no children present, followed by single-person households, which represent more than half of the city’s households.

**Table 2.9 Household Characteristics**

Household Type	San Leandro 2010	Alameda County 2010	San Leandro 2019	Alameda County 2019	Percent Change San Leandro 2010-2019	Percent Change Alameda County 2010-2019
Married with Children	6,273 (21%)	120,100 (23%)	5,948 (19%)	134,935 (23%)	-5%	12%
Married No Children	7,141 (24%)	127,110 (24%)	8,739 (28%)	157,144 (27%)	22%	23%
Householder Living Alone	5,772 (19%)	92,980 (17%)	8,308 (26%)	141,077 (24%)	44%	51%
Non-Family Households (2+ people)	1,800 (6%)	41,964 (8%)	2,185 (7%)	51,424 (9%)	21%	22%
Seniors Living Alone	2,971 (10%)	43,007 (8%)	3,396 (11%)	53,340 (9%)	14%	24%
Total Single-Parent Households	2,849 (10%)	47,147 (9%)	1,752 (6%)	29,653 (5%)	-47%	-37%
Single-Parent, Male Householder	687 (2%)	11,157 (2%)	329 (1%)	6,081 (1%)	-52%	-45%
Single-Parent, Female Householder	2,162 (7%)	35,990 (7%)	1,423 (5%)	23,572 (4%)	34%	34%
Average Household Size	2.81	2.72	2.85	2.82	1%	4%
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>29,282</b>	<b>532,026</b>	<b>31,434</b>	<b>577,177</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>8%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2006-2010), (2015-2019), Table DP02, Table B11001

The 2015-2019 ACS estimates show that the average household size for all occupied units increased to 2.85 from 2.81 in 2010 and 2.60 in 2000, as shown in Table 2.10. The average household size fell slightly for owner-occupied units from 2010-2019, while it increased for renter-occupied units.

**Table 2.10 Average Household Size**

Tenure	2000	2010	2019
Owner-Occupied Units	–	3.02	2.98
Renter-Occupied Units	–	2.53	2.69
Total Occupied Units	2.60	2.81	2.85

U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census (2000), Table PCT008

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B25010

## 2.7 Large Households

Household size is a significant factor in housing demand. Often, household size can be used to predict the unit size that a household will select. For example, small households (one and two persons per household) commonly seek housing units with up to two bedrooms while large

households (defined as those consisting of five or more members under one household) commonly seek housing units with three to four bedrooms.

Table 2.11 presents household size by tenure for San Leandro and Alameda County. Approximately 13 percent of total households in San Leandro are categorized as large households, compared to approximately 11 percent in Alameda County as a whole. Owner-occupied households comprised a greater share of the total number of large households in San Leandro and Alameda County.

**Table 2.11 Large Households by Tenure**

Jurisdiction	Owner-Occupied Large Households	Renter-Occupied Large Households	Percent Owner-Occupied Large Households of Total households	Percent Renter-Occupied Households of Total Households
San Leandro	2,368	1,634	7.5%	5.2%
Alameda County	34,619	27,968	5.9%	4.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B25009

## 2.8 Overcrowding

HCD defines an overcrowded household as one with more than one person per room, excluding bathrooms, kitchens, hallways, and porches. Units with more than 1.5 persons per room are considered severely overcrowded. Overcrowding in households results from a lack of affordable housing (which forces an increased number of persons to live together) and/or a lack of available housing units of adequate size. A high rate of overcrowding can indicate that a community does not have an adequate supply of affordable housing, especially for large households. Overcrowding tends to accelerate the deterioration of housing and disproportionately affects renter-households. Therefore, maintaining a reasonable level of occupancy and alleviating overcrowding are important for addressing housing needs.

Table 2.12 provides an overview of overcrowding by tenure in San Leandro. Approximately 5 percent of San Leandro households are considered overcrowded, with another 3 percent categorized as severely overcrowded. The data indicates that renter-occupied households comprised a greater share of overcrowded and severely overcrowded households in 2019.

**Table 2.12 Overcrowding Severity by Tenure**

Tenure	1.0 to 1.5 Occupants per Room	More than 1.5 Occupants per Room	Total Households
Owner Occupied	443 (1.4%)	313 (1.0%)	756 (2.4%)
Renter Occupied	1,191 (3.8%)	628 (2.0%)	1,819 (5.8%)
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>1,634 (5.2%)</b>	<b>941 (3.0%)</b>	<b>2,575 (8.2%)</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B25014

A comparison of overcrowding severity for San Leandro and Alameda County is provided in Table 2.13. Overcrowding severity trends in San Leandro are similar to Alameda County as a whole. Hispanic/Latino, Asian-American, and Other Race/Multiple Race households (households that identify as a race/ethnicity that is not Hispanic/Latino, Asian-American, Black/African-American, or white, or identify as one or more race/ethnicity) reported higher rates of overcrowding in San Leandro compared to non-Hispanic white and Black/African-American households.<sup>4</sup>

**Table 2.13 Overcrowding Severity**

Jurisdiction	1.00 Occupants per Room or Less	1.01 to 1.50 Occupants per Room	1.50 Occupants per Room or More
San Leandro	28,859 (91.8%)	1,634 (5.2%)	941 (3.0%)
Alameda County	531,752 (92.1%)	29,007 (5.0%)	16,418 (2.8%)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B25014

## 2.9 Special Needs Groups

Certain residents may have more difficulty finding suitable, affordable housing due to special needs and circumstances related to employment and income, family characteristics, disability, or household characteristics. The special needs groups described in this section include seniors, persons with disabilities, large households, single parents, people living in poverty, farm workers, homeless individuals and families, and college students. Many of these groups overlap. For example, some farm workers experience homelessness and many seniors have a disability. Most special needs groups benefit from affordable housing options, particularly housing located near public transportation, employment and schools, and medical and community services. An overview of special needs groups in San Leandro is provided in Table 2.14.

**Table 2.14 Special Needs Groups in San Leandro**

Special Needs Group	Number of Persons or Households	Percent of Total Persons <sup>1</sup>	Percent of Total Households <sup>2</sup>
Persons with Disabilities (including Developmental Disabilities)	8,880 persons	9.9%	—
Senior Households <sup>3</sup>	7,591 households	—	24.1%
Female-Headed Households <sup>4</sup>	9,251 households	—	13.6%
Large Households <sup>5</sup>	4,002 households	—	12.7%
Households in Poverty	1,385 households	—	4.4%
Single-Parent Households	1,752 households	—	5.6%
Farmworkers	361 persons	0.4%	—
Unsheltered Persons <sup>6</sup>	418 persons	0.5%	—

<sup>1</sup> Population estimate of 89,708.

<sup>2</sup> 31,434 total households.

<sup>3</sup> Federal housing data define a household type as 'elderly family' if it consists of two persons with either or both age 62 or over.

<sup>4</sup> Households with female-householder with no spouse/partner present. Includes female-headed households with children present.

<sup>5</sup> Defined as five or more members under one household.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B18101, Table B25007, Table DP02, B17012 Table B11016, Table B17019, Table S1101, Table C24010, Alameda County Homeless Point in Time (PIT) Count, 2019

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B25014A-F (2021).

The following sections provide a detailed discussion of the housing needs of each particular group and the existing programs and services available to address these needs.

### 2.9.1 Seniors

As a result of both income and rent changes in older age, severe housing cost burdens are more common among seniors, which can make it difficult for them to find affordable housing. Senior residents often have restricted incomes, which can result in severe housing cost burdens, particularly during periods of rental price increases. Federal housing data define a household type as an 'elderly family' if it consists of two persons with either or both age 62 or over. An estimated 13,558 residents (15 percent of the City’s population) are age 65 or older, slightly higher than the County as a whole (13 percent). As shown in Table 2.15, the proportion of senior residents in San Leandro is similar to the nearby cities of Alameda and Union City, and slightly greater than the cities of Oakland and Hayward.

**Table 2.15 Persons Age 65 and Over**

Jurisdiction	Total Population	Persons Age 65+	Percent of Population Age 65+
San Leandro	90,025	13,558	15.1%
Oakland	425,097	55,715	13.1%
Hayward	159,293	19,212	12.0%
City of Alameda	78,522	12,359	15.7%
Union City	74,722	11,921	15.9%
Alameda County	1,656,754	224,026	13.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table DP05

Table 2.16 shows income and tenure data for all senior-headed households in San Leandro. The total number of senior-headed households included in the 2013-2017 CHAS data differs from the 2019 ACS data. The CHAS tabulation found that 56 percent of senior-headed households in San Leandro were considered extremely low, very low, or low-income (at or below 80 percent of the AMI). In contrast, 43 percent of senior-headed households were considered to have moderate and above-moderate incomes (greater than 80 percent of the AMI).

**Table 2.16 Senior-Headed Households by Income and Tenure**

Tenure	Extremely Low Income 0%-30% of AMI	Very Low Income 31%-50% of AMI	Low Income 51%-80% of AMI	Moderate and Above Moderate 81%+ of AMI	Total Households
Owner Occupied	10%	12%	10%	33%	5,525
Renter Occupied	15%	6%	3%	10%	2,879
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>8,404</b>

Note: Total households may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) ACS tabulation, 2013-2017 release

According to the 2015-2019 ACS data, approximately 10 percent of all seniors residing in San Leandro were living below the poverty level, which is comparable to estimates for Alameda County as a whole. San Leandro had a larger share of seniors living below the poverty level than the nearby cities of Alameda, Hayward, and Union City, yet a smaller percentage when compared to the City of Oakland.<sup>5</sup>

## Resources for Senior-Headed Households

The special needs of seniors can be met through a range of services, including congregate care, rent subsidies, shared housing, and housing rehabilitation assistance. For seniors with physical limitations or disabilities, housing can be modified with features that help ensure continued independent living arrangements. Several licensed care facilities that provide assisted living, nursing care, and general services to seniors are located in San Leandro. The following residential facilities provide a total of 423 units for seniors<sup>6</sup>:

- Eden Lodge (156 units)
- Fargo Senior Center (73 units)
- Broadmoor Plaza (60 units)
- Estabrook Senior Housing (50 units)
- La Vereda (84 units)

Privately owned residential care facilities may also serve seniors. The City permits by right residential care homes for six or fewer persons in all residential zones as regular residential uses. Residential care homes for more than six persons are permitted in residential zones and other zoning districts where residential uses are permitted, conditionally permitted, or subject to administrative review and additional requirements. The following privately owned, assisted living facilities provide housing for seniors, with a total capacity of 60 beds:

- Acapulco Senior Care Home (6 beds)
- Andre Alexis Guest Home (6 beds)
- Andrew Elijah's Guest Home (6 beds)
- Andrew Elijah's Guest Home II (6 beds)
- California Mentor-Marineview Home (6 beds)
- Carlton Plaza of San Leandro (6 beds)
- Heart and Soul Communities II (6 beds)
- Heritage Haven (6 beds)
- Holistic Care Home (6 beds)
- Jones Rest Home (6 beds)

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<sup>5</sup> People 65+ Living Below Poverty Level by HealthyAlamedaCounty.Org (2019).

<sup>6</sup> Each residential facility contains an on-site manager's unit.

## 2.9.2 Persons with Disabilities (including Developmental Disabilities)

Physical, mental, and/or developmental disabilities may provide challenges to gaining employment, mobility, or independent living. Persons with disabilities may experience housing burdens and other challenges due to restricted income and/or accessibility needs. Persons with extreme disabilities may require housing in a supportive or institutional setting.

Housing needs for persons with disabilities depends on the severity of the disability(ies). For persons with disabilities who live independently or with other family members, independent living can be supported with special housing features, financial support, and in-home supportive services.

Housing for persons with disabilities must be adapted according to individual needs. Various types of housing may be inaccessible to persons with mobility and sensory limitations. Housing may need to be adapted to accommodate widened doorways and hallways, access ramps, larger bathrooms, lowered countertops, and other features necessary for accessibility, and many housing types may not have suitable space for such adaptations. Location of housing is also an important factor for persons with mobility restrictions who rely on public transportation for travel.

Table 2.17 displays persons with disabilities in San Leandro by age group. According to the 2015-2019 ACS, a total of 8,880 residents over the age of five had one or more disabilities, representing approximately 10.4 percent of the city’s population over the age of five. Adults aged 18 to 64 were estimated to have the largest share of persons with disabilities.

**Table 2.17 Persons with Disabilities by Age Group in San Leandro**

	Age 5 to 17	Age 18 to 64	Age 65+	Total
Persons with Disabilities	411	4,389	4,080	8,880

Note: Includes persons with one or more disabilities

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table C18108, Table B18102, Table B18103, Table B18104, Table B18105, Table B18106, Table B18107.

### Persons with Developmental Disabilities

As defined by federal law, “developmental disability” means a severe, chronic disability of an individual that:

- Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
- Is manifested before the individual attains 18 years of age;
- Is likely to continue indefinitely;
- Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: a) self-care; b) receptive and expressive language; c) learning; d) mobility; e) self-direction; f) capacity for independent living; or g) economic self- sufficiency; and
- Reflects the individual’s need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

Many persons with developmental disabilities can live and work independently in a conventional housing environment. More severely disabled individuals require a group living environment with

supervision. The most severely affected individuals may require an institutional environment with medical services and physical therapy. Many persons with developmental disabilities require supportive services during the transition from childhood to a more independent living situation as an adult.

The State of California Department of Developmental Services Regional Center and Early Start Consumers lists the number of persons with developmental disabilities by zip code. As of December 2020, the number of youth (0-17 years of age) and adult (18 years or older) persons with developmental disabilities were reported for the following zip codes that overlap with the City’s boundaries:

- 94577: youth – 199; adults – 285
- 94578: youth – 224; adults – 180
- 94579: youth – 84; adults – 78

In total, there are 507 youth and 543 adults with disabilities in these three zip codes; however, the 94577 ZIP Code encompasses most of the city area while the other two represent a small portion.

The State of California Department of Developmental Services coordinates with regional non-profit organizations including the Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB) to provide support services to persons with disabilities and their families. RCEB records provided in Table 2.18 show a count of 967 persons with developmental disabilities in San Leandro. According to RCEB data, the highest share of persons with disabilities was recorded among schools aged children (age 0-14) and young to middle-aged adults (23-54) at 36 percent and 34 percent, respectively. In comparison, residents aged 15-22 comprised 18 percent of the total, adults between age 55-65 comprised 8 percent, and seniors 65+ comprised about 3 percent of the total recorded by the RCEB.

**Table 2.18 Persons with Developmental Disabilities by Age Group in San Leandro**

Age Group	0-14	15-22	23-54	55-65	65+	Total
Persons with Disabilities	352 (36%)	171 (18%)	331 (34%)	80 (8%)	33 (3%)	<b>967</b> <b>(100%)</b>

Note: Percentages do not add up to 100 percent due to rounding. Data recorded by the RCEB is not a total count of persons with disabilities in San Leandro.

Source: Regional Center of the East Bay, 2022.

## Resources for Persons with Disabilities

State and federal legislation mandates that a percentage of units in new or substantially rehabilitated multi-family apartment complexes must be made accessible to individuals with limited physical mobility. For example, accessibility requirements for federally assisted housing with five or more units requires at least five percent of the dwelling units to be accessible for persons with mobility disabilities. The City does not regulate residential care homes for six or fewer persons; such homes are permitted in all residential zones as regular residential uses. Residential care homes for more than six persons are permitted in Residential Duplex (RD), Residential Multi-Family (RM), Residential Outer (RO) and Residential Single-Family (RS) Zoning Districts and other zoning districts where residential uses are permitted, subject to a conditional use permit with additional requirements that provide clear guidance for the development of such facilities. The City also offers flexibility with development standards and reasonable accommodations for housing development projects that propose housing affordable to seniors and persons with disabilities.

In Fiscal Year 2020-2021, the City’s Housing Rehabilitation Program issued 20 housing rehabilitation grants for extremely low- and low-income households, including 19 households with senior citizens and/or persons with disabilities. Grant funding was used to assist residents with the costs associated with repairing and/or retrofitting their homes. Throughout fiscal year 2020-2021, grant funds helped residents install ramps, grab bars and other accessibility improvements, and conduct roof repair and replacement, energy efficient upgrades, yard-cleanup, and earthquake retrofits.

### 2.9.3 Large Households

Large households (defined as five or more persons per household) are a special needs group due to the typically limited supply of adequately sized and affordable housing units appropriate for large households. As referenced in Section 2.9, *Large Households*, San Leandro had a total of 4,002 large households according to the 2015-2019 ACS. As estimated in Section 2.23, *Housing Unit Size*, San Leandro had a total of 4,348 housing units with 4 or more bedrooms, indicating that San Leandro has sufficient housing units to accommodate large households residing in the city.

#### Resources for Large Households

Lower and moderate-income large households can benefit from affordable housing programs, including the City’s first-time homebuyer assistance program, fair housing and tenant/landlord counseling, and affordable housing development.

### 2.9.4 Female-Headed Households

Single-parent families, particularly female-headed<sup>7</sup>, single-parent families with children, often require special consideration and assistance because they have a higher housing cost burden relative to the general population and may require accessible day care, health care, and other supportive services. Female-headed families with children are a particularly vulnerable group. Studies have shown that female-headed households are more likely to be affected by poverty and housing discrimination than male-headed households.<sup>8</sup>

Table 2.19 shows female-headed families by poverty status. The 2015-2019 ACS data defines “family” as a group of people related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together. According to 2015-2019 ACS estimates, nearly 13 percent of single-parent, female-headed families earned an income below the poverty level within 12 months prior to the ACS survey, compared to approximately 6 percent of female-headed families without children present. More than 11 percent of all families in San Leandro are single-parent, female-headed families, and approximately 1.3 percent of all families (272) in San Leandro are single-parent, female-headed families with incomes below the poverty level.

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<sup>7</sup> Household in which an adult female is the sole or main income producer and decision-maker.

<sup>8</sup> Quets, Q. A Gender Lens on Affordable Housing (2016)

**Table 2.19 Female-Headed Families by Poverty Status in San Leandro**

Family Type	Above Poverty Level	Below Poverty Level (Percent Below Poverty)	Total Families	Percent of Total Families in San Leandro <sup>1</sup>
Female-Headed Families With Children	2,079	269 (12.9%)	2,348	11.2%
Female-Headed Families Without Children	1,819	109 (6.0%)	1,928	9.2%

<sup>1</sup> The total number of families in San Leandro in the 2015-2019 ACS is 20,941. The Census defines “family” as a group of two people or more (one of whom is the householder) related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together; all such people (including related subfamily members) are considered as members of one family. A “female-headed family” is one in which an adult female is the sole or main income producer and decision-maker.

See <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/technical-documentation/subject-definitions.html>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B17012

## Resources for Single-Parent and Female-Headed Households

Lower-income single-parent households can benefit from City programs that provide housing and support services (i.e., Rent Review Program, tenant-landlord counseling, legal aid, and domestic violence counseling and emergency/transitional shelter) or that facilitate the development of affordable housing. Affordable housing opportunities can also be expanded for low- and moderate-income single-parent households through the City’s First Time Home Buyer Program and Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.

### 2.9.5 Extremely Low-Income Residents

Extremely low-income households are defined by HCD as households with income less than 30 percent of AMI. The 2021AMI in Alameda County for a family of four is \$125,600. For extremely low-income households, this translates to an annual income of \$54,300 or less. Households with extremely low-income have a variety of housing situations and needs. For example, most families and individuals receiving public assistance, such as social security insurance (SSI) or disability insurance are considered extremely low-income households.

As referenced in Section 2.7, *Income Distribution*, approximately 5,485 extremely low-income households reside in the city, representing approximately 17 percent of the total households. The proportion of extremely low-income households in San Leandro is slightly higher than in Alameda County, where 16 percent of households are extremely low-income. Over half (65 percent) of extremely low-income households in the city are renters (3,656 households), compared to 35 percent of owner-occupied households (1,829 households). According to the 2015-2019 ACS, approximately 45.4 percent all San Leandro households are renters. Therefore, extremely low-income households are more likely than other households in the city to rent their homes.

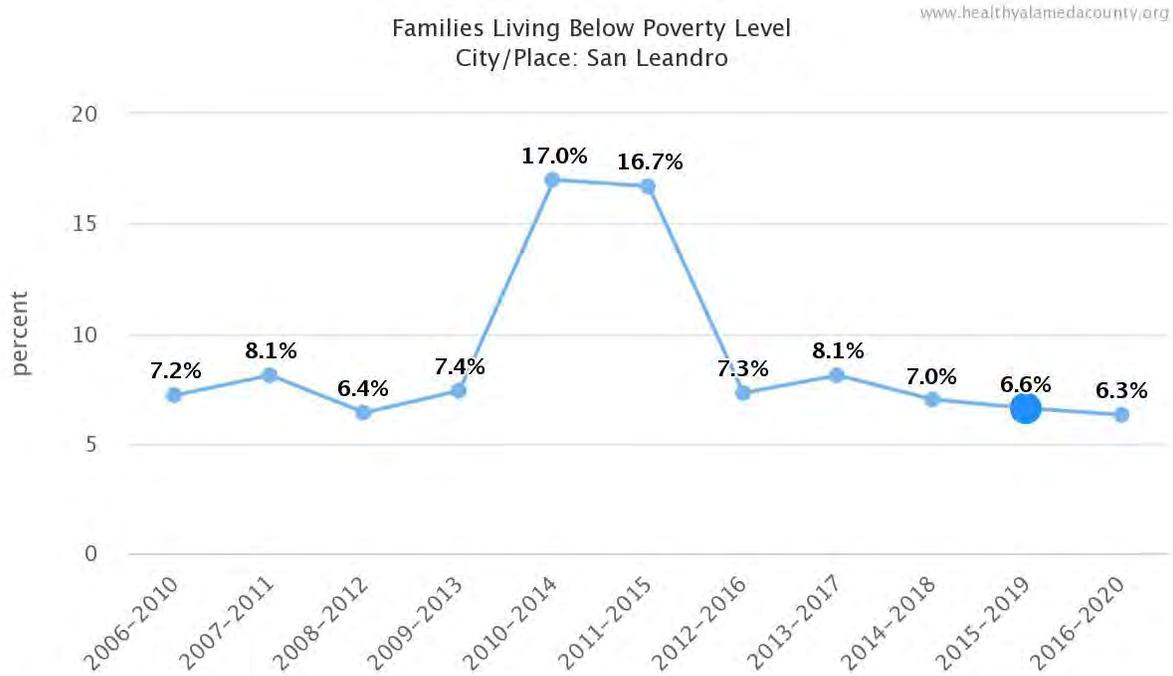
Some extremely low-income households could have physical or mental disabilities and/or other special needs. There is overlap between extremely low-income households and particular housing needs. Approximately 10.3 percent of extremely low-income households (470 households) are large families (five or more people per household), and 269 female-headed households with children live in poverty. Among senior households that earned 100 percent or less of the AMI, the greatest number were extremely low-income households: 2,049 senior households earned 30 percent or below of the AMI. In comparison, 1,565 senior households earned 31-50 percent of the AMI, 1,150 that earned 51-80 percent AMI, and 760 earned 81-100 percent AMI. Additionally, the 2013-2017 CHAS estimates indicate that 76 percent of extremely low-income households faced housing problems (defined as cost burden greater than 30 percent of income and/or overcrowding and/or

without complete kitchen or plumbing facilities). As discussed in Section 2.19.2, extremely low-income households that rent were more than twice as likely to experience housing cost burden than those that owned their homes (spending more than 30 percent of monthly income on housing costs). The 2015-2019 ACS data reported that 2,680 extremely low-income households that rent reported experiencing housing cost burden and 2,170 experience severe housing cost burden (spending more than 50 percent of monthly income on housing costs).

Race and ethnicity differences are also apparent with extremely low-income household characteristics. According to the 2015-2019 ACS, residents who identify as American Indian/Alaskan Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Other Race or Multiple Races had a higher poverty rate than Asian American/Pacific Islander and white (Hispanic and non-Hispanic) residents.

It can be difficult to project the number of extremely low-income households for future years. However, in a review of trends for families earning an income below the poverty level, the percent of families in poverty has decreased since the ACS 2013-2017 dataset was compiled and has generally decreased since the 2010-2015 time period.

**Figure 2.6 Families Living Below Poverty Over Time in San Leandro**



Source: American Community Survey 5-Year (2015-2019)

### Resources for Extremely Low-Income Households

The City regulates supportive housing as a residential use, provided supportive services are subordinate to the residential use. As shown in Table 2.39, the city has 1,052 subsidized affordable housing units. Affordable housing opportunities for extremely low-income households can be expanded for households through the Housing Authority of the County of Alameda (HACA)'s Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program that overwhelmingly service extremely low-income households. HUD estimates that 798 households receive HCVs in San Leandro. There are 1,850

households served by affordable housing units and housing vouchers, which has met the housing needs of about half of the city's 3,656 households that are extremely low-income renters.

To address the range of needs, the City will employ programs to support affordable housing development and remove constraints for, and support development of housing types that may fit the needs of extremely low-income residents, such as supportive housing. During the planning period, the City will continue to encourage affordable housing developers to apply to HACA for PBS8 vouchers to more deeply subsidize affordable housing units constructed in the city. The City continues to fund or partner with local and regional organizations to provide HCVs, housing rehabilitation grants, fair housing education and counseling, legal aid, and expand affordable housing opportunities for extremely low-income households.

## 2.9.6 Farmworkers

Farmworkers are traditionally defined as persons whose primary incomes are earned through permanent or seasonal agricultural labor. Permanent farm laborers work in the fields, processing plants, or related activities on a generally year-round basis. When workload increases during harvest periods, the labor force is supplemented by seasonal labor, often supplied by a labor contractor. For some crops, farms may employ migrant workers, defined as those whose travel distance to work prevents them from returning to their primary residence after their work ends for the day.

Due to the high cost of housing and low wages, a substantial number of migrant farm workers have difficulty finding affordable, safe, and sanitary housing. According to the State Employment Development Department, the average farm worker earned a mean annual income of \$32,000 in 2020. This limited income is exacerbated by tenuous and/or seasonal employment status. According to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), there are three types of farmworkers (permanent residents, migrant farmworkers and H2A visa workers) residing in the San Francisco Bay Area, each with distinct housing needs. Permanent resident farmworkers are permanent residents and most likely require housing that can accommodate families. Migrant farmworkers are seasonal or temporary employees that require housing in the form of single occupancy rooms. H2A visa workers are temporary farmworkers employed under a federal guest work program for no more than 10 months. H2A visa workers can share homes, apartments, or be housed in bunkhouses, dormitories, or single occupancy rooms; however, since very few bunkhouses exist, H2A visa workers compete with permanent farmworkers for scarce affordable homes and apartments.

Determining the true size of the agricultural labor force is difficult. For instance, the government agencies that track farm labor do not consistently define farmworkers (e.g. field laborers versus workers in processing plants), length of employment (e.g. permanent or seasonal), or place of work (e.g. the location of the business or field).

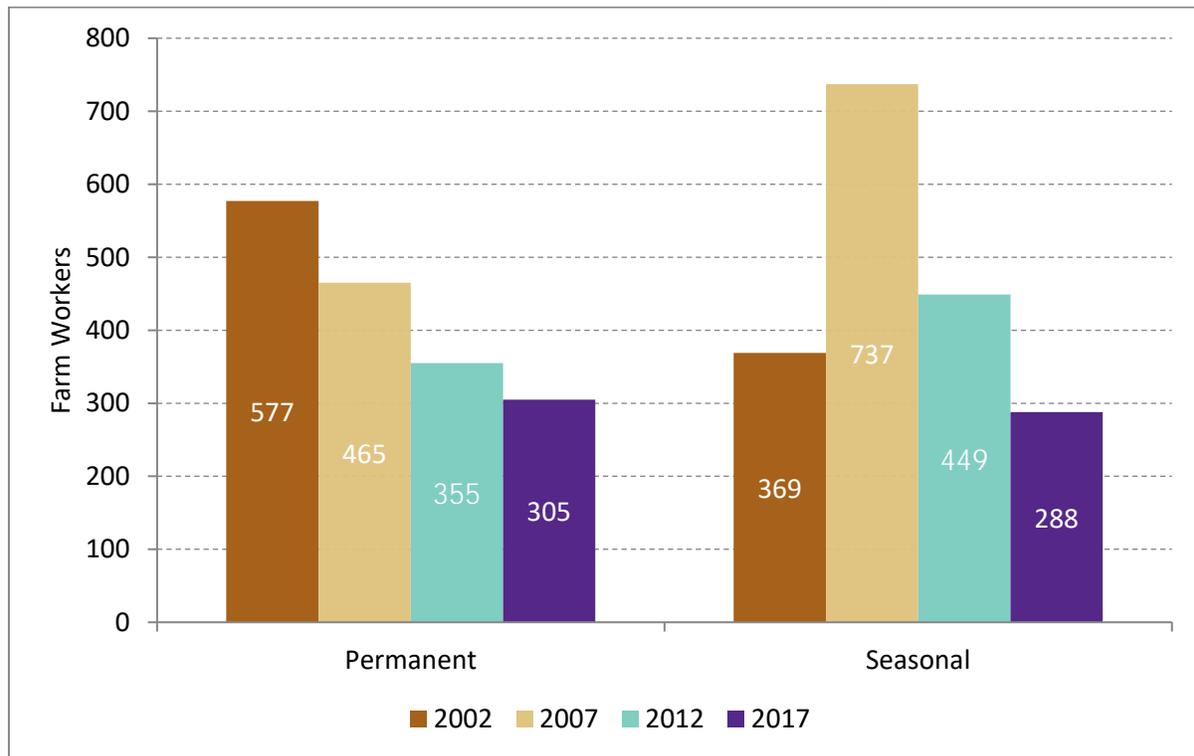
According to the U.S. Census Bureau, San Leandro had a total of 72 workers classified under farming, fishing, and forestry occupations in 2019. ACS 2015-2019 data includes estimates for residents age 16 and over in farming, fishing, and forestry occupations by zip code. The following zip codes overlap with the City's boundaries, with the number of residents employed in these occupations as follows:

- 94577: 29
- 94578: 75
- 94579: 20

Zip code 94578, with the highest number of residents employed in farming, fishing, and forestry occupations, spans across the southeastern area of San Leandro and includes unincorporated communities of Alameda County. Although San Leandro does not have a large farmworker population, San Leandro is located within 75 miles of land zoned for agriculture, which is within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) measurement for farmworker commute-shed.

According to 2019 USDA estimates shown in Figure 2.7, a total of 593 persons were hired as farm workers in Alameda County. Of this total, 305 persons were classified as full-time employees (working 150 days or more), and 288 persons were hired as seasonal employees (hired for less than 150 days).

**Figure 2.7 Farm Operations and Farm Labor in Alameda County**



Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Census of Farmworkers (2002, 2007, 2012, 2017), Table 7: Hired Farm Labor

Migrant worker student population counts are reported by the California Department of Education. A migrant worker student is defined as a school-age resident with at least one parent or guardian employed in the agricultural, dairy, lumber, or fishing industries and whose household has relocated in the last three years.<sup>9</sup> Maintaining a migrant worker student population count can assist local and regional agencies in addressing the needs of such households.

Table 2.20 compares the migrant worker student population for San Leandro and the Alameda County. Estimates show that migrant worker student populations were present in Alameda County between 2016-2020; however, none were reported in San Leandro during that time.

<sup>9</sup> California Department of Education., Overview of Migrant Education in California (2020)

**Table 2.20 Migrant Worker Student Population**

Jurisdiction	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
San Leandro	0	0	0	0
Alameda County	874	1,037	785	790

Source: California Department of Education, California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS), Cumulative Enrollment Data (Academic Years 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020)

## Resources for Farmworkers

Because farmworkers make up a small percentage of the city’s population, the City does not have a farmworker housing program. The housing needs of farmworkers in San Leandro will be addressed through the City’s general affordable housing programs for lower-income households.

### 2.9.7 Persons Experiencing Homelessness

The 2022 Alameda County EveryOne Counts! Point-in-Time (PIT) Count was the most recent evaluation of people experiencing homelessness in the county.<sup>10</sup> According to the 2022 PIT count, there were 409 people experiencing homelessness in San Leandro (sheltered/unsheltered), a decrease of 9 people (2.2 percent) from 2019 (latest available comparable year). There were 312 individuals who were observed as being unsheltered in the city, a decrease of 32 people from 2019. There were 97 individuals enrolled in sheltered services in the city. In Alameda County, there were 9,747 individuals experiencing homeless in 2022, an increase of 1,725 people (21.5 percent) from 2019. The decrease in the city, compared to the increase in the county, could signify that the city’s efforts to prevent homelessness are performing at a higher rate than other jurisdictions in the county, and/or that people experiencing homelessness in San Leandro are relocating to other jurisdictions.

Approximately 4 percent of all unsheltered individuals in the county live in San Leandro. All sheltered individuals were in an emergency shelter, as opposed to transitional housing or safe haven.<sup>11</sup> Unsheltered individuals in San Leandro were most likely to be residing in a tent (38 percent), car or van (28 percent), or recreational vehicle (RV) (25 percent). Fewer unsheltered individuals were residing on the street or outside (9 percent) and none were residing in abandoned buildings.

Factors contributing to homelessness include a lack of available housing affordable for low- and moderate-income households, increases in the number of persons whose incomes fall below the poverty level, and reductions in public subsidies. Homelessness is often compounded by a lack of job training and supportive services to treat mental illness, substance abuse, or domestic violence. The 2022 PIT count reported that 55 percent of sheltered individuals in San Leandro (54 people) were chronically homeless (individual has a disabling condition and has had four episodes of homelessness in the past three years or has been continuously homeless for one year or longer). More than one-third of sheltered individuals (36 percent) reported suffering from a mental health issue, 26 percent reported a substance abuse issue, and 12 percent were fleeing domestic and dating violence. Six percent were veterans and one percent had HIV/AIDS.<sup>12</sup> Sheltered individuals were more likely to be male (56.7 percent) and most likely to be older than the age of 25 (74.2

<sup>10</sup>Everyone Home San Leandro PIT Count. <https://everyonehome.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/San-Leandro-PIT-2022-Infographic-Report.pdf>

<sup>11</sup> A Safe Haven is a 24-hour/7-days-a-week community-based early recovery model of supportive housing that serves hard-to-reach, hard-to-engage homeless individuals with severe mental illness and substance use disorders.

<sup>12</sup> Individuals can be in more than one category.

percent). Approximately one in five sheltered individuals (22.7 percent) were young adults between the ages of 18 and 24, and 3.1 percent were younger than 18 years of age.

EveryOne Home survey responses for Alameda County indicated that eviction/foreclosure/rent increase, job loss, and other money challenges were listed as three of the top five reasons individuals became homeless. Rent assistance was reported by nearly half of survey respondents when asked what might have prevented homelessness. Economic factors are also highlighted in employment status: 18 percent reported being employed and 36 percent reported they were looking for work.<sup>13</sup>

Table 2.21 data from the 2022 PIT count of percent sheltered individuals by race and ethnicity for San Leandro relative to the city’s population. Black/African American residents had the largest overrepresentation in percent of sheltered individuals respective of city population share (37 percent of sheltered individuals versus 10 percent share of population). Asian Americans were the most underrepresented for sheltered individuals respective of city population share (3 percent of sheltered individuals versus 35 percent of population share). Other racial/ethnicity groups of sheltered individuals were closer to their respective city population shares.

**Table 2.21 Sheltered Individuals by Race/Ethnicity Relative to City Population**

Race/Ethnicity	Percent of Sheltered Persons in San Leandro	Percent of San Leandro Population	Difference
Black/African American	37	10	+27
White	39	34	-5
Multiple Races	13	9	+4
American Indian/Alaska Native	3	1	+2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	4	2	+2
Asian American	3	35	-33
Hispanic/Latino	23	27	-4

Source: Alameda County Homeless Point in Time (PIT) Count, 2022

State law (Section 65583(1) (6)) requires municipalities to address the special needs of persons experiencing homelessness within their jurisdictional boundaries. “Homelessness” as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), describes an individual (not imprisoned or otherwise detained) who:

- Lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and
- Has a primary nighttime residence that is:
  - A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill);
  - An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or
  - A public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

<sup>13</sup> EveryOne Home. <https://everyonehome.org/main/continuum-of-care/everyone-counts/>

This definition does not include persons living in substandard housing (unless such housing has been officially condemned), persons living in overcrowded housing, persons discharged from mental health facilities (unless the person was homeless when entering and is considered to be homeless at discharge), or persons who may be at risk of homelessness (for example, living temporarily with family or friends.) The City's Zoning Ordinance permits supportive, transitional, and group housing, which includes homeless shelters, in the Residential Multi-Family (RM District), Downtown Area-2 (DA-2 District), Downtown Area-3 (DA-3 District), Downtown Area-4 (DA-4 District), Professional Office (P District), South Area-1 (SA-1 District), South Area-2 (SA-2 District), and South Area-3 (SA-3 District) zone. Group housing excludes use classifications such as residential hotels, motels, convalescent facilities, and residential congregate care facilities.

## Resources for Persons Experiencing Homelessness

Persons experiencing homelessness in San Leandro can access housing assistance through various shelters and programs:

- **San Leandro Shelter.** Since 1986, the San Leandro Shelter has offered shelter and supportive services designed to assist residents access health and housing resources. There are 30 beds at this shelter for women and children.
- **Sister Me Home.** Sister Me Home is a safe house that provides shelter and support services for persons experiencing homeless and/or fleeing domestic violence.
- **San Leandro Seasonal Shelter Program.** The San Leandro Warming Shelter is a collaborative effort between Building Futures, Alameda County, the City of San Leandro and April Showers volunteers. The Program provides temporary shelter for persons experiencing homelessness. Outreach staff assist guests of the program access medical, housing, financial and food aid resources.
- **San Leandro Homeless Compact.** Formed in 2016, the San Leandro Homeless Compact is comprised of the City of San Leandro partnered with Building Futures and the Rental Housing Association of Southern Alameda County. Through collaboration with local government, non-profit organizations and landlords, the San Leandro Homeless Compact aims to assist persons experiencing chronic homelessness access long-term housing and support services. The compact provides housing units for chronically homeless individuals in San Leandro. Case workers are assigned to compact participants to assist in coordinating health and social services and prepare participants for success and independence. The Compact is funded by a combination of City and County funding and HUD vouchers.

Additionally, the City's Recreation and Human Services and Community Development Departments presented a short-term and long-term homeless navigation center/housing plan to the City Council in February 2021. The City is currently pursuing the purchase of a motel to provide interim services/shelter and longer term permanent supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness.

Table 2.22 provides an overview of homeless assistance providers located in San Leandro and Alameda County.

**Table 2.22 Homeless Assistance Programs**

<b>Subpopulation</b>	<b>Service Providers</b>
Seniors and Persons with Disabilities	Paratransit Services
Seniors	Alameda County Area Agency on Aging
Seniors	Adult Day Care.org
Seniors	Spectrum Community Service, Inc.
Persons with Disabilities	Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL)
Employment Services	Eastbay Works One-Stop Career Center
Food Distribution	Alameda County Food Bank
Food Distribution	Interfaith Homelessness Network - April Showers
Food Distribution	SOS/Meals on Wheels
Housing Services	ECHO Housing - Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity, Inc.
Housing Services	City of San Leandro - Housing Programs
Housing Services	Eden I & R - 2-1-1
Shelters	Midway Shelter (regional shelter located in Alameda)
General	Sister Me Home
General	April Showers
General	Davis Street Family Resource Center
General	Building Futures with Women and Children
General	Alameda County Social Services Agency
General	United Way Help Line (San Francisco, Napa, Solano, Marin & San Mateo Counties)
Literacy Services	San Leandro Public Library Foundation - Project Literacy
Mental Health Services	Davis Street Family Resource Center - Community Counseling
Mental Health Services	Family Service of San Leandro
Mental Health Services	Seneca Family of Agencies - Pathways Counseling Center

Source: City of San Leandro – Community Assistance Resources

## 2.10 Housing Stock Characteristics

A community’s housing stock is defined as the collection of all housing units located within the jurisdiction. The characteristics of the housing stock, including growth, type, age, condition, tenure, vacancy rates, housing costs, and affordability are important in determining the housing needs for the community. The following sections detail the housing stock characteristics of San Leandro to identify how well the current housing stock meets the needs of current and future residents.

## 2.11 Housing Growth

In the last two decades, San Leandro experienced low housing growth compared to surrounding cities and Alameda County as a whole. According to the California Department of Finance (DOF) estimates shown in Table 2.23, San Leandro had a housing stock of 31,334 units in 2000, 32,419 units in 2010, and 32,621 housing units in 2020. The city experienced a much slower rate of housing growth from 2010 to 2020 than neighboring cities and the county.

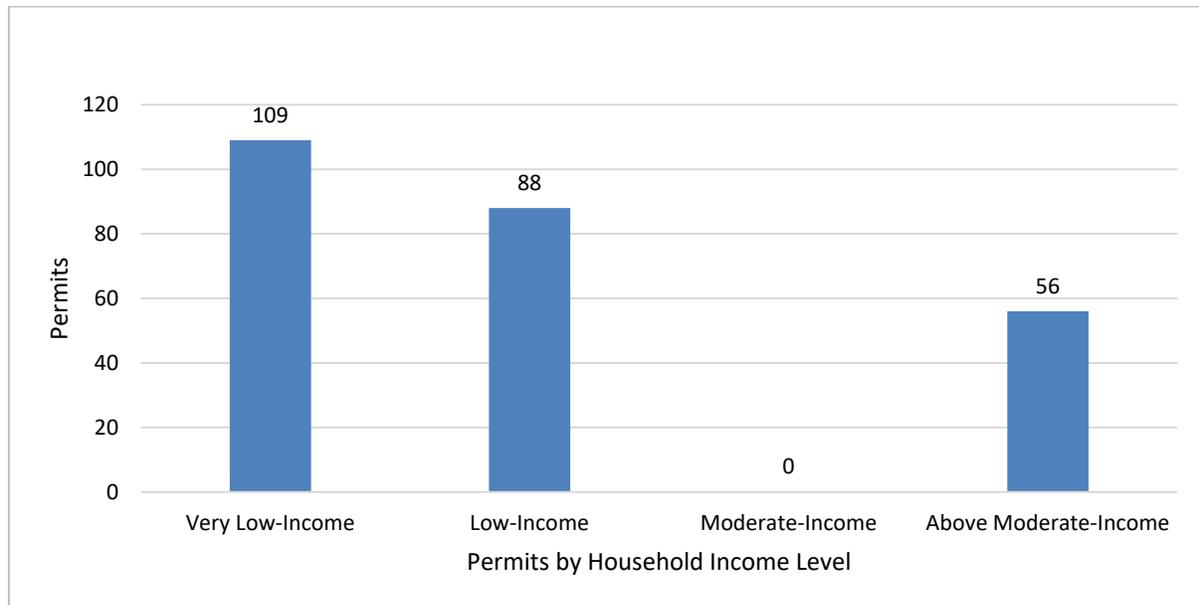
**Table 2.23 Housing Unit Growth (2000-2019)**

Jurisdiction	2000	2010	2020	Percent Change 2000-2010	Percent Change 2010-2020
San Leandro	31,334	32,419	32,621	3.4%	0.6%
Oakland	157,508	169,710	175,457	7.4%	3.3%
Hayward	45,922	48,296	50,396	4.8%	4.3%
Alameda	31,644	32,419	33,147	8.2%	2.2%
Union City	18,877	21,258	21,839	11.8%	2.7%
Alameda County	540,183	581,372	611,752	7.3%	5.1%

Source: CA DOF, E-8 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties, and the State, (2000-2010), E-5 Population and Housing Estimates for Cities, Counties, and the State, (2010-2021)

Figure 2.8 shows the number of building permits issued for the construction of housing units between 2015 and 2019. During this five-year period, 109 permits were issued to construct units affordable to very low-income residents (those earning less than 50 percent AMI), 88 permits affordable to low-income residents (those earning between 50 and 80 percent of AMI), and 56 permits affordable to above moderate-income residents (those earning above 120 percent of the AMI), for a total of 253 permits. No permits were issued for moderate-income housing units. This is primarily attributable to the requirement that all units with targeted affordability be affirmed by either deed restrictions or a market study. City-controlled affordable housing funding can only be leveraged for more deeply affordable deed restricted housing construction.

**Figure 2.8 Housing Permits Issued Between 2015 and 2019**



Source: California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), 5th Cycle Annual Progress Report Permit Summary for San Leandro (2020)

## 2.12 Housing Type and Tenure

Single-family homes comprise approximately 65 percent of San Leandro’s occupied units, multi-family units comprise approximately 32 percent of occupied units, and mobile homes comprise approximately three percent of occupied units. As shown in Table 2.24, multi-family units (two to four units and five-plus units) have increased at a slightly higher rate than single-family attached and detached units in the last decade, while no growth occurred for mobile homes.

According to the 2015-2019 ACS, San Leandro had 17,562 owner-occupied housing units (56 percent) and 13,872 renter housing units (44 percent). This ratio of owner-occupied to renter-occupied housing units was the same as the Bay Area region.

**Table 2.24 Housing Type Trends**

Building Type	2010	2020	Percent Change (2010-2020)
Single-Family Home: Attached	1,948	1,988	2.1%
Single-Family Home: Detached	19,459	19,469	0.1%
Multi-family Housing: Two to Four Units	1,893	1,909	0.8%
Multi-family Housing: Five-plus Units	8,229	8,365	1.7%
Mobile Homes	890	890	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,419</b>	<b>32,621</b>	<b>0.6%</b>

Source: E-5 Population and Housing Estimates for Cities, Counties, and the State (2010-2021)

## 2.13 Vacancy Rate

Vacancy rates are an important housing indicator because they indicate the degree of choice available. Too high a vacancy rate can make it difficult for owners trying to sell or rent. Low vacancy rates usually indicate high demand and/or low supply conditions in the housing market. A vacancy rate that is too low can force prices up, making it more difficult for lower and moderate-income households to find housing. Vacancy rates between 2 and 3 percent for single-family housing and between 5 and 6 percent for multifamily housing are usually considered optimal for a healthy housing market. However, vacancy rates are not the sole indicator of market conditions. They must be viewed in the context of all the characteristics of the local and regional market.

Vacant units by type are shown in Table 2.25. In 2010, an estimated total of 1,329 units remained vacant, compared to 1,410 in 2019. A large percentage of vacant units are categorized as “other vacant,” which are units that are vacant for reasons that do not fit into any of the above categories.<sup>14</sup> Approximately 10 percent of vacant units are categorized as for sale only, representing a decrease of approximately 6 percent since 2010.

<sup>14</sup> If the vacant unit is not for-rent or for-sale-only but is held for weekends or occasional use throughout the year, the unit is included in this category. Time-shared units are classified in this category if the vacant unit is not for-rent or for-sale-only but held for use for an individual during the time of interview. U.S. Census. Definitions and Explanations. <https://www.census.gov/housing/hvs/definitions.pdf>

**Table 2.25 Vacancy Status by Type**

Vacancy Status	2010	Percent of Total (2010)	2019	Percent of Total (2019)
For rent	394	29.6%	403	28.6%
Rented, not occupied	110	8.3%	50	3.5%
For sale only	217	16.3%	137	9.7%
Sold, not occupied	10	0.8%	53	3.8%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	54	4.1%	127	9.0%
For migrant workers	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other vacant	544	40.9%	640	45.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2006-2010) (2015-2019), Table B25004

## 2.14 Housing Unit Size

Table 2.26 presents data on housing unit size for San Leandro. According to 2015-2019 ACS data, approximately half of the city’s housing units contain two or fewer bedrooms, and the other half contain three or more bedrooms.

**Table 2.26 Housing Unit Size**

Type of Unit	Number of Units	Percent of Total
Studio	1,264	3.8%
1 Bedroom	4,989	15.2%
2 Bedrooms	10,093	30.7%
3 Bedrooms	12,150	37.0%
4 Bedrooms	3,537	10.8%
5 or more bedrooms	811	2.5%

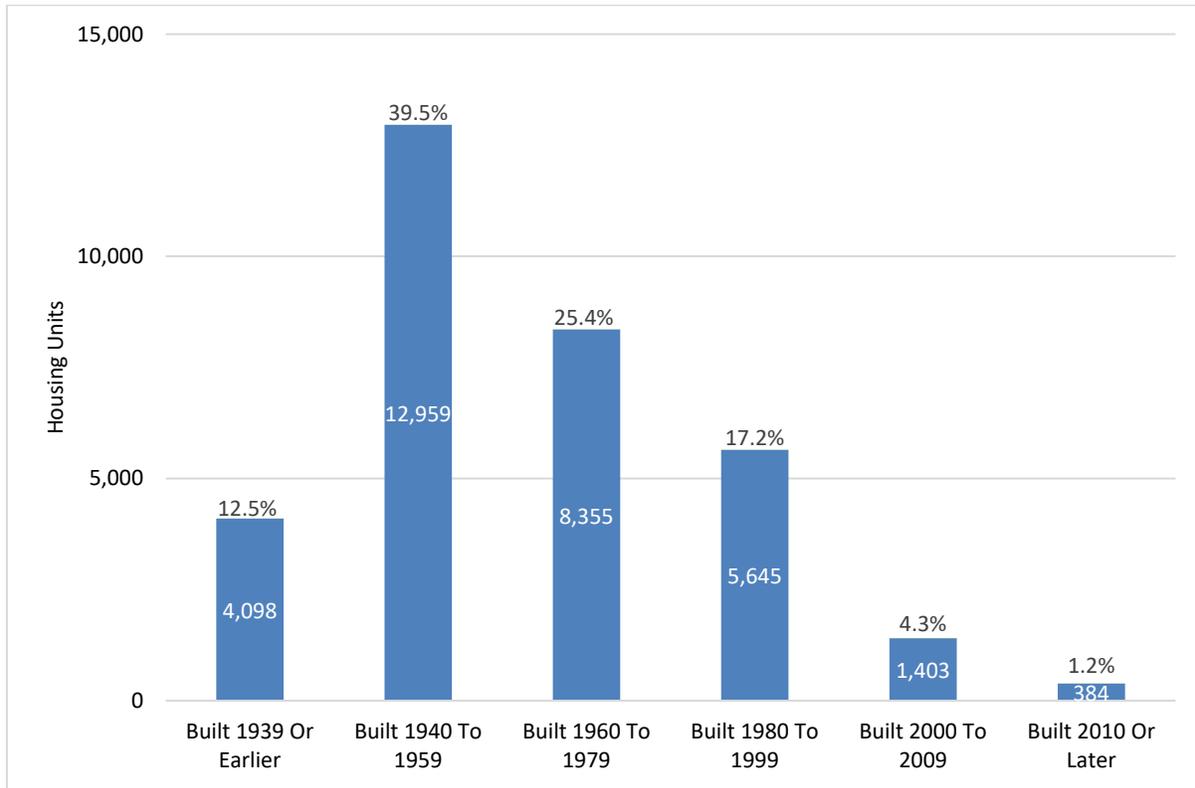
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B25041

## 2.15 Age and Condition of Housing Stock

The three factors used to determine housing conditions are the structure’s age, overcrowding, and lack of plumbing/kitchen facilities. Housing age is an important indicator of a community’s housing condition. Like any other tangible asset, housing is subject to gradual physical or technological deterioration over time. If not properly and regularly maintained, housing can deteriorate and discourage reinvestment, depress neighboring property values, and eventually impact the quality of life in a neighborhood. Many federal and State programs use the age of housing as one factor in determining housing rehabilitation needs. Typically, housing over 30 years of age is more likely to have rehabilitation needs that may include new plumbing, roof repairs, foundation work, and other repairs.

As shown in Figure 2.9, housing construction in San Leandro boomed during the post-war period of the 1940s and 1950s then gradually waned. More than 77 percent of the city’s current housing stock is greater than 40 years old, although much of San Leandro’s oldest housing stock is well maintained and located in neighborhoods with higher home sale prices.

**Figure 2.9 Housing Units by Year Structure Built**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B25034

Improving housing is an important goal of the City. HUD considers housing units to be “standard units” if they are in compliance with local building codes. Housing units are considered substandard if they lack complete plumbing or kitchen facilities.

Table 2.27 below shows the number of estimated substandard units in the city. According to 2015-2019 American Community Survey estimates, approximately 1.7 percent of all occupied units in the city are considered substandard units out of 31,434 occupied units.

**Table 2.27 Substandard Housing Units**

Condition	Number of Occupied Units	Percentage of Total Occupied Units
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	128	0.4%
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	404	1.2%
Total occupied substandard units	532	1.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B25048, Table B25052

San Leandro’s Building and Safety Services Division and Code Enforcement Division estimates that while approximately 120 units of the city’s occupied units are currently undergoing code enforcement for unpermitted construction work, approximately 50 units require major rehabilitation and fewer than 15 units citywide are beyond the point of repair. There are no observed concentrated areas of substandard housing in San Leandro. Enforcement staff regularly distribute information about the City’s home rehabilitation program to property owners undergoing enforcement.

## 2.16 Housing Costs

Housing costs are indicative of housing accessibility for all economic segments of the community. Typically, if housing supply exceeds housing demand, housing costs will fall. If housing demand exceeds housing supply, housing costs will rise.

### 2.16.1 Median Home Sale Price

The median home sale price of a single-family home in San Leandro as of June 2022 is \$1,075,000. The median home sale price for all housing types is \$1,00,000. The average median home sale price of a condominium is \$602,500. Redfin.com lists San Leandro as a “hot market,” where the average homes sell for about 16 percent above list price and go pending in around nine days. The median home sale price (for all housing types) is comparatively lower than for Alameda County and the cities of Alameda and Union City.

In June 2015, the median home sale price in San Leandro was \$505,000 (in 2015 dollars, equal to \$615,989 in 2022). As shown in Table 2.28, only the City of Hayward had a lower median home sale price than the other comparison jurisdictions near San Leandro. Redfin data shows that the median home sale price in San Leandro was \$1,000,000 in 2022, an increase of 62 percent since 2015 (adjusted for inflation). This percent increase was more than the county as a whole, and the second-highest increase among surrounding cities.

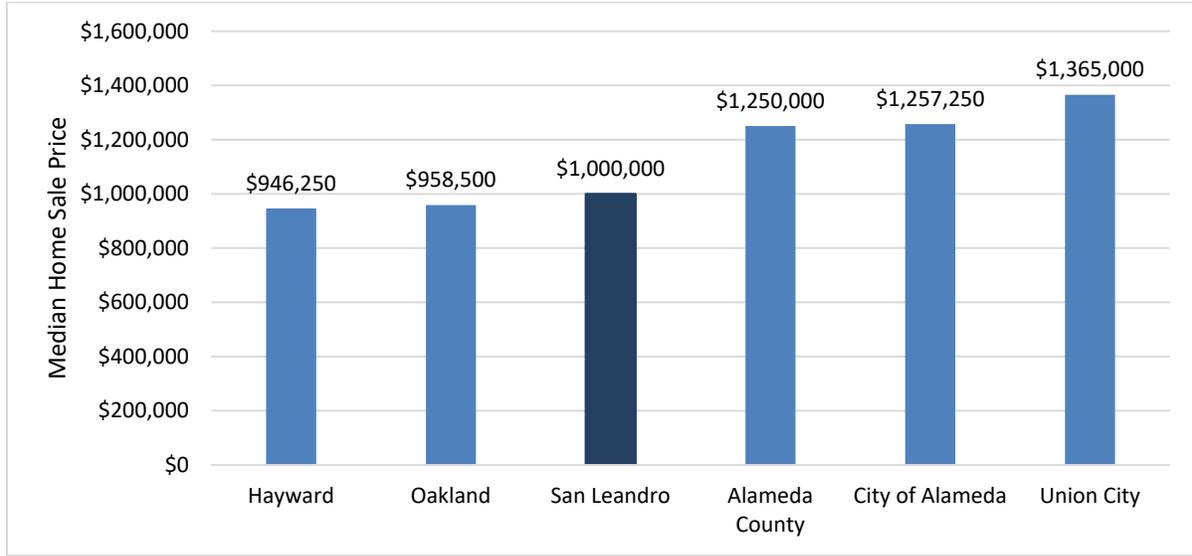
**Table 2.28 Changes in Median Home Sale Prices and Values (2015-2022)**

Jurisdiction	Median Home Sale Price 2015 (in 2022 dollars)	Median Home Sale Price 2022	Change (2015-2021)
San Leandro	\$615,989	\$1,00,000	62%
Oakland	\$690,396	\$958,500	39%
Hayward	\$597,693	\$946,250	58%
City of Alameda	\$922,154	\$1,275,500	38%
Union City	\$817,253	\$1,365,000	67%
Alameda County	\$823,352	\$1,250,000	52%

Source: Redfin.com 2022

Figure 2.10 provides a comparison of the median home sale price for San Leandro, nearby cities, and Alameda County.

**Figure 2.10 Median Home Sale Price**



Source: Redfin.com 2022

## 2.17 Distribution of Owner-Occupied Unit Values

Table 2.29 shows the distribution of home values for owner-occupied housing units in San Leandro, surrounding cities, and Alameda County. According to the 2015-2019 ACS, San Leandro’s owner-occupied units are less varied in value than surrounding jurisdictions and the county as a whole. Nearly half of owner-occupied units in the city are valued between \$500,000 and \$750,000. While San Leandro had 73 percent of owner-occupied units valued between \$250,000 and \$750,000, Alameda County had a wider distribution across all value categories. However, the city did have a slightly higher percentage of units at the lower end of the spectrum (those valued under \$250,000) than the county as a whole, but a much lower share of units at the higher end of the spectrum (those valued over \$1,000,000). This data implies that San Leandro generally remains a more affordable city for homebuyers looking to purchase lower or median-priced units than neighboring cities.

**Table 2.29 Values of Owner-Occupied Units**

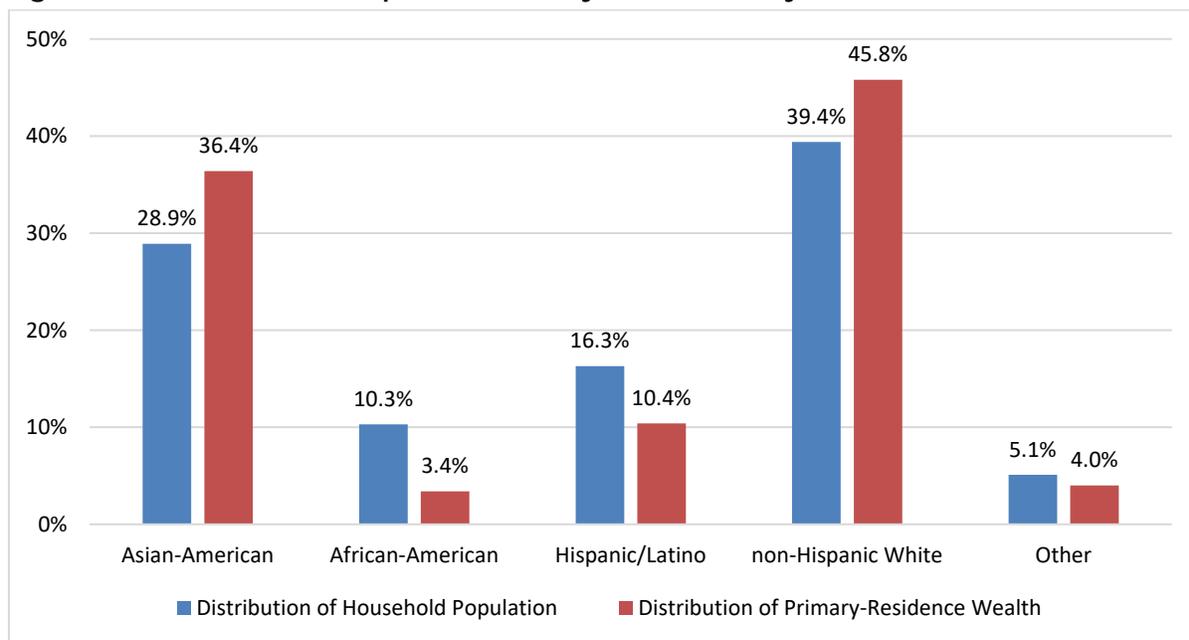
Jurisdiction	Units Valued						
	Less than \$250k	Units Valued \$250k-\$500k	Units Valued \$500k-\$750k	Units Valued \$750k-\$1M	Units Valued \$1M-\$1.5M	Units Valued \$1.5M-\$2M	Units Valued \$2M+
San Leandro	6.4%	26.4%	47.4%	16.4%	2.6%	0.3%	0.6%
Oakland	6.7%	23.6%	26.2%	20.2%	14.9%	4.8%	3.4%
Hayward	10.6%	25.5%	42.8%	14.4%	4.8%	0.9%	1.0%
Alameda	3.3%	6.5%	26.2%	32.0%	24.3%	4.7%	3.0%
Union City	7.8%	11.7%	28.2%	36.8%	14.3%	0.6%	0.6%
Alameda County	5.2%	14.5%	28.4%	25.5%	17.7%	5.0%	3.8%

K = thousand, M = million

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B25075

Due to historical practices of segregation, redlining, displacement, and other discriminatory practices, accumulating wealth through homeownership has been difficult for non-white households. Data presented in Figure 2.11 shows that non-Hispanic white households in San Leandro comprised approximately 39 percent of the city’s households but comprised 45 percent of the primary-residence wealth (percent of homeownership market for primary residences). Similarly, Asian-American households comprised approximately 29 percent of households but comprised 34 percent of primary-residence wealth. In contrast, Black/African-American Households comprised 10 percent of households but were only 3 percent of primary-residence wealth, and Hispanic/Latino households comprised 16 percent of total households compared to 10 percent of the share of primary-residence wealth.<sup>15</sup>

**Figure 2.11 Homeownership Distribution by Race/Ethnicity in San Leandro**



Source: Urban Institute, Tracking Homeownership Wealth Gaps, 2021.

A comparison of homeownership-wealth gap for San Leandro and neighboring cities is presented in Table 2.30. The value in parenthesis is the difference between the share of primary-residence wealth and the share of household population for each race/ethnicity. A negative value depicts a smaller percentage of primary-residence wealth relative to the share of the household population, while a positive value represents a larger share of primary-residence wealth relative to the share of household population. Black/African-American, Hispanic/Latino, and “other non-white” households hold less primary-residence wealth relative to their share of households in each jurisdiction. Meanwhile, Asian-American and non-Hispanic white households hold more primary-residence wealth relative to their share of households. San Leandro’s share of primary residence wealth relative to share of household population for race/ethnicity did not vary widely in comparison jurisdictions. However, San Leandro had a lower primary residence wealth for Black/African American households relative to household population than the cities of Hayward and Union City, and a lower primary residence wealth for Hispanic/Latino households relative to household population than Union City.

<sup>15</sup> Urban Institute, 2021. Available: <https://apps.urban.org/features/tracking-housing-wealth-equity/>

**Table 2.30 Homeownership Distribution by Race/Ethnicity Relative to Household Population**

Jurisdiction	Primary Residence Share of Wealth by Race/Ethnicity <sup>1</sup>				
	Asian-American Homeowners	Black/African American Homeowners	Hispanic/Latino Homeowners	Non-Hispanic White Homeowners	Other Non-White Homeowners
San Leandro	36.4% (+7.5)	3.4% (-6.9)	10.4% (-5.9)	45.8% (+6.4)	4.0% (-1.1)
Oakland	18.9% (+2.7)	13.7 (-11.1)	9.0% (-9.4)	55.0% (+19.4)	3.5% (-1.2)
Hayward	40.7% (+13.2)	6.1% (-4.8)	21.0% (-11.8)	27.8% (+4.2)	4.4% (-0.7)
City of Alameda	36.4% (+7.5)	3.4% (-6.9)	10.5% (-5.8)	45.7% (+6.3)	4.0% (-1.1)
Union City	63.8% (+9.2)	1.6% (-2.4)	16.0% (-2.1)	17.1 (-1.5)	1.5% (-3.6)

<sup>1</sup>Primary residence wealth is the percent of San Leandro Homeowners by Race/Ethnicity. The percentage difference relative to household population is in parenthesis.

Source: Urban Institute, Tracking Homeownership Wealth Gaps, 2021

## 2.18 Housing Rents

Table 2.31 shows the distribution of contract rents for renter-occupied units in San Leandro and Alameda County. The U.S. Census Bureau defines contract rent as the monthly rent agreed upon regardless of any furnishings, utilities, or services that may be included.<sup>16</sup> According to the 2015-2019 ACS, most (65 percent) San Leandro renters were paying a monthly rent between \$1,000 and \$2,000, while 21 percent paid more than \$2,000 per month and 13 percent paid less than \$1,000 per month. In contrast, 36 percent of renters in Alameda County paid \$2,000 per month or more; therefore, San Leandro renters generally pay less in rent than other areas of the county (except for the City of Oakland).

**Table 2.31 Contract Rents for Renter-Occupied Units**

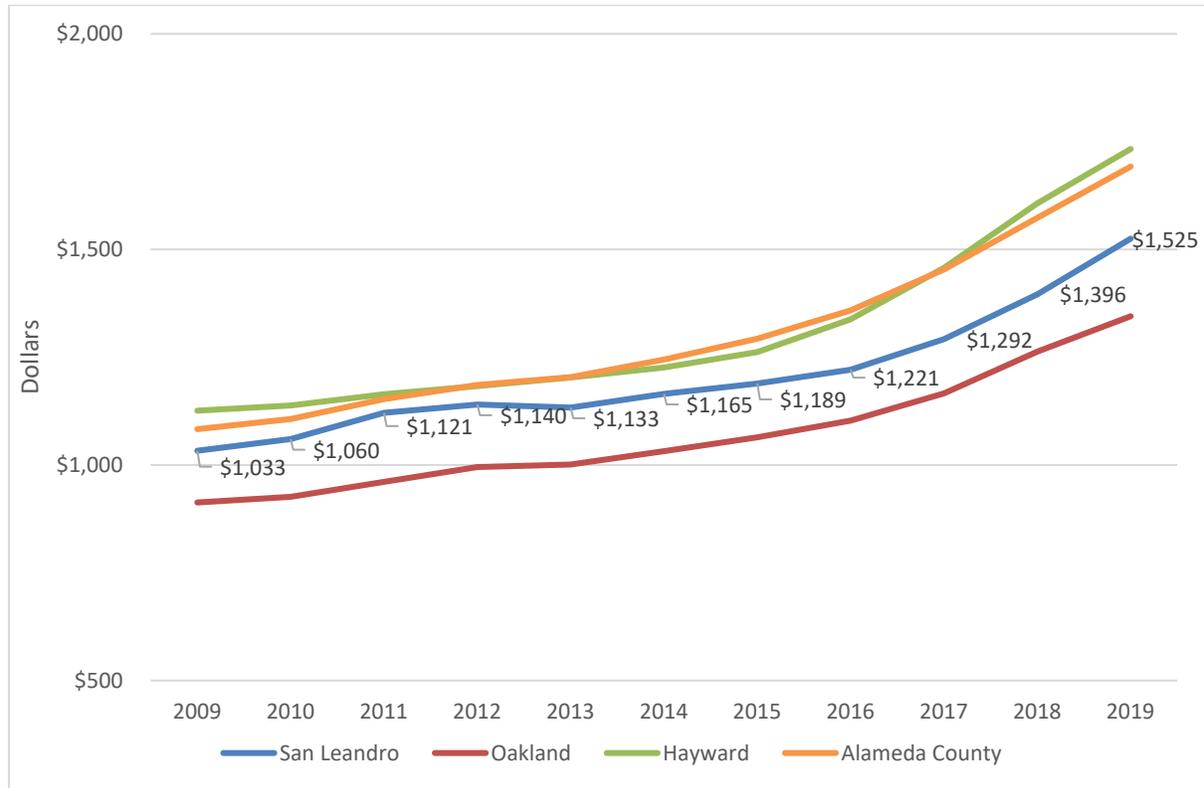
Jurisdiction	Rent Less than \$500	Rent \$500-\$1000	Rent \$1000-\$1500	Rent \$1500-\$2000	Rent \$2000-\$2500	Rent \$2500-\$3000	Rent \$3000 or More
San Leandro	4.5%	8.8%	35.2%	30.1%	14.5%	4.6%	2.3%
Oakland	11.0%	19.3%	28.2%	20.2%	10.2%	5.8%	5.2%
Hayward	3.3%	7.4%	22.3%	36.5%	18.8%	8.8%	2.8%
Alameda	6.0%	5.7%	23.7%	28.5%	19.7%	9.5%	6.8%
Union City	2.9%	4.2%	8.2%	32.0%	27.4%	16.0%	9.3%
Alameda County	6.4%	11.8%	22.0%	24.9%	17.1%	10.6%	7.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B25056

According to 2015-2019 ACS, San Leandro renters paid a median contract rent of \$1,525 per month. Compared to surrounding cities, the median contract rent in San Leandro was slightly lower than Alameda County as a whole (\$1,697) and the City of Hayward (\$1,733), but higher than contract rent costs in the City of Oakland (\$1,345). Figure 2.12 shows trends in median contract rent trends for San Leandro, Oakland, Hayward, and Alameda County from 2009 to 2019. Median rental cost began to sharply increase around 2016 for all cities.

<sup>16</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Definitions and Explanations, 2021.

**Figure 2.12 Median Contract Rent**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data releases, starting with 2005-2009 through 2015-2019, B25058, B25056 (for unincorporated areas). County and regional counts are weighted averages of jurisdiction median using B25003 rental unit counts from the relevant year.

Table 2.32 below provides an overview of median rent costs for rental housing by number of bedrooms. The median rent data provided by Zumper shows the estimated rent costs for June 2022 in San Leandro. Zumper is an online tool that compiles rent price data to identify average rent prices at the local, regional, and national levels.

**Table 2.32 Median Rent by Number of Bedrooms June 2022**

Number of Bedrooms	Median Rent
Studio	\$1,500
1 Bedroom	\$2,120
2 Bedroom	\$2,600
3 Bedroom	\$3,194
4 Bedroom	\$3,950

Source: Zumper, 2022.

## 2.19 Housing Affordability

Housing affordability can be inferred by comparing the cost of renting or owning a home in the city with housing affordability for different income levels. This information indicates the number of households likely to experience displacement, overcrowding, and overpayment.

Housing affordability levels are determined by HUD, which conducts annual nationwide household income surveys to determine household eligibility for federal housing assistance. Based on survey results, State HCD determined annual income limits for monthly housing costs, including housing payments (rent or mortgage), utilities, and taxes (if housing owner). These income limits are further broken down by household size. Table 2.33 shows the maximum amount that a household can pay for housing each month without incurring a cost burden (overpayment).

**Table 2.33 Housing Affordability Matrix – Alameda County (2021)**

	Annual Income Limits	Affordable Monthly Housing Costs	Rental Utility Allowance (2020)	Ownership Utility Allowance (2020)	Taxes, Insurance, Homeowners Association Fees	Affordable Rent	Affordable Home Price
<b>Extremely Low Income (0-30% AMI)</b>							
1-Person (studio)	\$28,800	\$720	\$186	\$203	\$252	\$535	\$69,971
2-Person (1 BR)	\$32,900	\$823	\$222	\$243	\$288	\$601	\$76,988
3-Person (2 BR)	\$37,000	\$925	\$274	\$306	\$324	\$652	\$77,811
4-Person (3 BR)	\$41,100	\$1,028	\$349	\$392	\$360	\$679	\$72,705
5-Person (4 BR)	\$44,400	\$1,110	\$392	\$463	\$389	\$719	\$68,126
<b>Very Low Income (30-50% AMI)</b>							
1-Person	\$47,950	\$1,199	\$186	\$203	\$420	\$1,013	\$151,982
2-Person	\$54,800	\$1,370	\$222	\$243	\$480	\$1,148	\$170,776
3-Person	\$61,650	\$1,541	\$274	\$306	\$539	\$1,268	\$183,377
4-Person	\$68,500	\$1,713	\$349	\$392	\$599	\$1,364	\$190,048
5-Person	\$74,000	\$1,850	\$392	\$463	\$648	\$1,459	\$194,891
<b>Low Income (50-80% AMI)</b>							
1-Person	\$76,750	\$1,919	\$186	\$203	\$672	\$1,733	\$275,321
2-Person	\$87,700	\$2,193	\$222	\$243	\$767	\$1,971	\$311,673
3-Person	\$98,650	\$2,466	\$274	\$306	\$863	\$2,193	\$341,833
4-Person	\$109,600	\$2,740	\$349	\$392	\$959	\$2,392	\$366,062
5-Person	\$118,400	\$2,960	\$392	\$463	\$1,036	\$2,569	\$385,037
<b>Median Income (80-100% AMI)</b>							
1-Person	\$87,900	\$2,198	\$186	\$203	\$769	\$2,012	\$323,072
2-Person	\$100,500	\$2,513	\$222	\$243	\$879	\$2,291	\$366,491
3-Person	\$113,050	\$2,826	\$274	\$306	\$989	\$2,553	\$403,502
4-Person	\$125,600	\$3,140	\$349	\$392	\$1,099	\$2,792	\$434,584
5-Person	\$135,650	\$3,391	\$392	\$463	\$1,187	\$3,000	\$458,912

	Annual Income Limits	Affordable Monthly Housing Costs	Rental Utility Allowance (2020)	Ownership Utility Allowance (2020)	Taxes, Insurance, Homeowners Association Fees	Affordable Rent	Affordable Home Price
<b>Moderate Income (100-120% AMI)</b>							
1-Person	\$105,500	\$2,638	\$186	\$203	\$923	\$2,452	\$398,445
2-Person	\$120,550	\$3,014	\$222	\$243	\$1,055	\$2,792	\$452,356
3-Person	\$135,650	\$3,391	\$274	\$306	\$1,187	\$3,118	\$500,288
4-Person	\$150,700	\$3,768	\$349	\$392	\$1,319	\$3,419	\$542,077
5-Person	\$162,750	\$4,069	\$392	\$463	\$1,424	\$3,677	\$574,970

Assumptions:

1. Income limits are the 2021 HCD limits for Alameda County.
2. Affordable housing costs are 30 percent of gross household income.
3. Utility costs are based on Alameda County Housing Authority Utility Allowance Schedule for 2021.
4. Taxes, insurance, private mortgage insurance, and homeowners association dues are calculated at 35 percent of monthly affordable cost.
5. Affordable home price assumes a 30-year fixed mortgage with a 3 percent interest rate and 10 percent down payment.
6. Taxes and insurance costs apply to owners only.

Sources: 2021 HCD Income Limits; Alameda County Housing Authority Utility Allowance Schedule, 2021; Veronica Tam & Associates, 2021.

## Extremely Low-income Households

Extremely low-income households earn 30 percent or less of the County AMI. According to HCD estimates, extremely low-income households have an annual income of \$28,800 or below for a one-person household and \$44,400 or below for a five-person household.

Extremely low-income households cannot afford market-rate rental or ownership housing in San Leandro.

## Very- Low-income Households

Very low-income households earn between 31 and 50 percent of the County AMI – up to \$47,950 for a one-person household and up to \$74,000 for a five-person household in 2021. A very low-income household can generally afford homes offered at prices between \$151,982 and \$194,891, adjusting for household size. After deductions for utilities, a very low-income household can afford to pay approximately \$1,013 to \$1,459 in monthly rent, depending on household size. Given the cost of housing in San Leandro, very low-income households could not afford to purchase a home or rent an adequately sized unit in the city.

## Low-income Households

Low-income households earn between 51 and 80 percent of the County AMI – up to \$76,750 for a one-person household and up to \$118,400 for a five-person household in 2021. A low-income household can generally afford homes offered at prices between \$275,321 and \$385,037, adjusting for household size. After deductions for utilities, a low-income household can afford to pay approximately \$1,733 to \$2,569 in monthly rent, depending on household size. Finding appropriately sized market-rate rental housing can be challenging to households in this income group.

## Median-Income Households

Median-income households earn between 80 and 100 percent of the County's AMI – up to \$87,900 for a one-person household and up to \$135,650 for a five-person household in 2020. The affordable home price for a moderate-income household ranges from \$323,072 to \$458,912. After deductions for utilities, a one-person median-income household could afford to pay up to \$2,012 in rent per month and a five-person low-income household could afford to pay as much as \$3,000. Finding appropriately sized market-rate rental housing can be challenging to households in this income group.

## Moderate-Income Households

Moderate-income households earn between 100 and 120 percent of the County's AMI – up to \$162,750 depending on household size in 2020. The maximum affordable home price for a moderate-income household is \$398,445 for a one-person household and \$574,970 for a five-person family. Moderate-income households in San Leandro could afford to purchase the median priced home in the city; however, finding an affordable adequately sized home could present a challenge for households earning incomes at the lower end of the middle/upper category. The maximum affordable rent payment for moderate-income households is between \$2,452 and \$3,677 per month. Appropriately sized market-rate rental housing is generally affordable to households in this income group.

### 2.19.1 Workforce Housing

Federal guidelines define workforce housing as housing that is affordable to households earning incomes within the range of 60 to 120 percent of the AMI (in San Leandro, that range is \$75,460 to \$150,720 for a household of four). A broader definition of workforce housing is housing that is affordable to people who work in the city.

A four-person household with an annual income of \$125,600 could afford monthly rent of \$2,792 for a three-bedroom housing unit and a home purchase price of \$434,584 without being burdened by housing costs. As noted in Table 2.32, the average monthly rental price for a three-bedroom unit is \$3,194, exceeding the affordable amount of a household with the median AMI by approximately 14.4 percent.

As noted in Table 2.7, the salary for the largest number of workers located in San Leandro (Office and Admin Support) receives a median income of approximately \$41,300. At this median income level, a household of one would be considered very low-income; if there were two similar wage earners in one household with two children, then that household would be considered a low-income household. According to Table 2.4, of jobs held by San Leandrans, the number one occupational category is Education, Healthcare and Social Services with median incomes ranging from \$30,000 to almost \$86,000. Housing costs for median income earners exceed the ability of many workers to afford housing in the city.

### 2.19.2 Cost Burden

As noted in Section 2.7, *Income Distribution*, a housing cost burden means households spend 30 percent or more of their monthly income on housing-related costs. A comparison of housing cost burden by tenure by tenure is shown in Table 2.34. According to the 2015-2019 ACS estimates, 40 percent of San Leandro households have a housing cost burden. Renter-occupied households are more likely to have a housing cost burden. Housing cost burden data trends in San Leandro have not

shown significant change when comparing 2009-2013 and 2015-2019 estimates, as overall housing cost burden has slightly decreased by 2 percent. As a share of total households, the owner-occupied households with a housing cost burden decreased while renter-occupied households with a housing cost burden increased when comparing the 2009-2013 and 2015-2019 time periods.

**Table 2.34 Cost Burden by Tenure**

Tenure	2009-2013			2015-2019		
	Households Not Housing Burdened (percent of total)	Households Paying 30%-50% of Income on Housing (percent of total)	Households Paying 50%+ of Income on Housing (percent of total)	Households Not Housing Cost Burdened (percent of total)	Households Paying 30%-50% of Income on Housing (percent of total)	Households Paying 50%+ of Income on Housing (percent of total)
Owner Occupied <sup>1</sup>	10,617 (35%)	3,869 (13%)	2,584 (8%)	11,905 (38%)	2,856 (9%)	2,630 (8%)
Renter Occupied <sup>1</sup>	6,487 (21%)	3,136 (10%)	3,321 (11%)	6,039 (19%)	3,850 (12%)	3,283 (10%)
<b>Total Households<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>17,104 (56%)</b>	<b>7,005 (23%)</b>	<b>5,905 (19%)</b>	<b>17,944 (57%)</b>	<b>6,706 (21%)</b>	<b>5,913 (19%)</b>

Notes: <sup>1</sup>Percentages for owner- and renter-occupied categories may not add up exactly to totals due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup>Estimated total households was 30,759 between 2009-2013 and 31,434 between 2015-2019. A total of 745 (2%) households were not computed in 2009-2013 estimates and 871 (3%) households in 2015-2019 estimates.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2009-2013), (2015-2019), Table B25070, Table B25091

According to the ACS estimates shown in Table 2.35, a greater share of households in San Leandro were estimated to be experiencing housing cost burden, compared to households in Alameda County.

**Table 2.35 Cost Burden Severity**

Jurisdiction	Households Spending 0%-30% of Income Toward Housing Cost (percent of total)	Households Spending 30%-50% of Income Toward Housing Cost (percent of total)	Households Spending 50%+ of Income Toward Housing Cost (percent of total)	Not Computed
San Leandro	17,944 (57%)	6,706 (21%)	5,913 (19%)	871 (3%)
Alameda County	350,326 (61%)	117,618 (20%)	96,579 (17%)	12,654 (2%)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B25070, Table B25091

As shown in Table 2.36, extremely low-income households were more likely than other income groups to experience severe cost burden. A total of 4,119 extremely low-income households were considered cost burdened (83 percent). Furthermore, 3,335 (67 percent of all extremely low-income households) reported a severe cost burden.

**Table 2.36 Cost Burden by Income Level**

Income Group	Households Spending 0%-30% of Income Toward Housing Cost (percent of total income group)	Households Spending 30%-50% of Income Toward Housing Cost (percent of total income group)	Households Spending 50%+ of Income Toward Housing Cost (percent of total income group)
0-30% AMI	895 (18%)	784 (16%)	3,335 (67%)
31-50% AMI	1,604 (30%)	2,140 (40%)	1,660 (31%)
51-80% AMI	2,135 (47%)	1,695 (38%)	685 (15%)
81-100% AMI	2,410 (68%)	975 (28%)	135 (3%)
Greater than 100% AMI	12,165 (91%)	1,139 (9%)	75 (less than 1%)

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2022 (based on 2015-2019 ACS 5-year estimates)

Extremely low-income households were more likely to rent than to own their homes: 3,535 extremely low-income households rent homes (65 percent), compared to 1,948 that own (35 percent). As shown in Table 2.37, 2,680 extremely low-income households that rent reported being cost burdened, and 2,170 reported being severely cost burdened. Comparatively, as shown in Table 2.38, 1,365 extremely low-income households that owned their home reported being cost burdened, and 1,145 reported being severely cost-burdened. Therefore, extremely low-income households that rent were nearly twice as likely to experience housing cost burden than those who owned their homes.

**Table 2.37 Cost Burden by Income Level (Renters Only)**

Income Group	Households Spending Greater than 30% of Income Toward Housing Cost	Households Spending Greater than 50% of Income Toward Housing Cost
0-30% AMI	2,680	2,170
31-50% AMI	2,840	975
51-80% AMI	1,045	55
81-100% AMI	105	0
Greater than 100% AMI	145	0

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2022 (based on 2015-2019 ACS 5-year estimates)

**Table 2.38 Cost Burden by Income Level (Owners Only)**

Income Group	Households Spending Greater than 30% of Income Toward Housing Cost	Households Spending Greater than 50% of Income Toward Housing Cost
0-30% AMI	1,365	1,145
31-50% AMI	1,260	830
51-80% AMI	1,205	495
81-100% AMI	625	35
Greater than 100% AMI	845	45

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2022 (based on 2015-2019 ACS 5-year estimates)

## 2.20 Assisted Housing Units

Assisted housing units are those that are restricted for use by occupants with limited household incomes. These units are assisted under federal, State, and/or local programs, including HUD programs, state and local bond programs, former redevelopment agency (RDA) programs, density bonus, or direct assistance programs.

### At-Risk Housing Units

The California Housing Partnership maintains an affordable housing database to monitor changes in affordable housing and to identify units or housing developments that are at risk of converting to market-rate uses. Assisted units in the preservation data base are classified by the following risk categories:

- **Low Risk:** affordable housing units that are at-risk of converting to market rate in 10+ years and/or are owned by a large/stable non-profit, mission-driven developer.
- **Moderate Risk:** affordable housing units that are at-risk of converting to market rate in the next 5-10 years that do not have a known overlapping subsidy that would extend affordability and are not owned by a large/stable non-profit, mission-driven developer.
- **High Risk:** affordable housing units that are at-risk of converting to market rate in the next 1-5 years that do not have a known overlapping subsidy that would extend affordability and are not owned by a large/stable non-profit, mission-driven developer.

### 2.20.1 Funding Sources for Assisted Housing

Table 2.39 identifies the funding source for the 872 assisted housing units in the city. The following local, State, and Federal programs provide financing for assisted housing units:

#### HUD Section 8 Program

Under the HUD Section 8 program, which is administered by HACA, participating building owners are entitled to receive HUD Fair Market Rents (FMRs) for units with Section 8 contracts. For Section 8 units, HUD makes up the difference between 30 percent of a household's monthly income and the FMRs. Additionally, if HACA chooses to do so, they may convert unused Section 8 vouchers into PBS8 vouchers. HACA periodically releases a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) that historically has awarded PBS8 vouchers to 100 percent deed restricted affordable housing by non-profit residential developers.

#### Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)

Created in 1986 by the federal government, the LIHTC program offers tax incentives to encourage the development of affordable housing. The LIHTC is jointly administered by the IRS and State Housing Credit Agencies (HCA) and have funded over eight billion annually tax credit units nationwide. California's HCA is the State Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC). In San Leandro, the LIHTC program has funded a significant share of affordable units for seniors and very low-, low-, and moderate-income households.

## California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA)

CalHFA uses approved private lenders and purchases loans that meet CalHFA standards to support very low, low, and moderate income assisted units. CalHFA partners with jurisdictions, developers, and other organizations to provide a variety of resources including loan assistance programs for homebuyers and renters aimed at increasing housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents.

## Alameda County Measure A-1 Housing Bond

The Alameda County Measure A-1 Housing Bond (A-1) approved by voters in 2016 to protect affordable housing options and increase access to housing for persons with disabilities, low-income families and others in need throughout the County. The A-1 Housing Bond funds are allocated to participating jurisdictions to create homeowner and rental housing programs aimed at preserving and expanding the supply affordable rental housing throughout Alameda County. In San Leandro, 140 units were constructed with A-1 funds in addition to leveraging funding to construct 76 units in those same housing developments but with other subsidies.

## San Leandro Affordable Housing Trust Fund

The City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund was created under the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance to receive fees and or monies (such as in lieu housing fees and condominium conversion fees) from sources in connection with the approval of new residential development projects. Funds in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund must be utilized to improve the supply of affordable housing and increase access to housing for moderate-, low-, and very low-income households in San Leandro.

## Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Asset Fund

The Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset fund receives reimbursements from loan payoffs on projects supported by the former San Leandro Redevelopment Agency (RDA). When a sufficient balance is available, funds are distributed by an RFP or NOFA process to leverage other financing to construct deed restricted affordable housing. The former RDA outstanding loan portfolio that the City expects eventually to be reimbursed primarily consists of first time homebuyer down payment assistance loans and housing rehabilitation loans. The RDA was terminated in 2012 when the State eliminated the ability for cities to collect the scheduled tax-increment payments, but a city's "housing successor agency" is allowed to continue collecting repayments from its former low- and moderate-income housing portfolio supported by RDA tax-increment set-aside for affordable housing activities.

### 2.20.2 Preservation of At-Risk Units

California housing element law requires all jurisdictions to include a study of all low-income housing units which may at some future time be lost to the affordable inventory by the expiration of some type of affordability restrictions. The planning period for this at-risk housing analysis extends from 2023 through 2033. The underlying income use restrictions of the assisted housing developments listed in Table 2.39 were reviewed for potential conversion to market rate during this planning period.

During the 2023-2033 period, 35 units (out of a total unit count of 236) residential units at Gateway Apartments are deemed "high risk" of being lost to the supply of the affordable housing in the City

of San Leandro. The deed restrictions recorded on title of this property will expire in 2025. Gateway Apartments is a private development that set aside affordable units as dictated by the inclusionary requirements under the City's Redevelopment Agency that was operating at the time the housing was constructed. It is highly likely that these units will be converted to market-rate housing at the expiration of affordability controls in 2025. Prior to the expiration date of these deed restricted units, the City will work with the property owner to confirm that the tenants are properly notified of their rights under AB 1521 (2017, Bloom).

Different options may be used to preserve or replace the units though they may be infeasible given that the units are located in a larger non-regulated property. The following analysis demonstrates the cost to the City to preserve these at-risk units.

Table 2.39 City Deed Restricted Affordable Housing Developments in San Leandro

Housing Complex	Location	Total Units	Very Low	Low	Senior	Moderate	Total Assisted	Expiration Date	Funding
Casa Verde	2398 East 14th Street	67	67				67	2062	LIHTC; HUD
Eden Lodge	400 Springlake Drive	156			156		156	2065	LIHTC; HUD; CalHFA
Fargo Senior Center	868 Fargo Avenue	73			73		73	2069	LIHTC; HUD; HCD
Fuller Lodge	2141 Bancroft Avenue	26	25			1	25	2068	LIHTC; HUD
Luella Fuller Group Home	342 West Joaquin Avenue	6		5		1	5	2034	HUD
Broadmoor Plaza	232 East 14th Street	60			60		60	2044	HUD
Fuller Gardens	2390 East 14th Street	16	16				16	2044	HCD; HUD
Estabrook Senior Housing	2103 East 14th Street	51			50	1	50	2064	LIHTC; HUD
The Surf Apartments	15320 Tropic Court	46	11	25		10	36	2057	LIHTC; CalHFA
Mission Bell	112 Garcia Avenue	25	23	2			25	2061	Low Mod Housing Fund; HUD
Gateway Apartments <sup>1</sup>	902 Davis Street	236		35		201	35	2025	RDA
Marea Alta	1400 San Leandro Boulevard	113	55	58			113	2068	LIHTC
La Palmas Apartments	15370 Tropic Court	92	16	54		22	70	2069	LIHTC
La Vereda	525 West Juana Avenue	85			84	1	84	2070	LIHTC; HCD
Loro Landing	1604 San Leandro Boulevard	62	43	14		5	57	2075	LIHTC; HUD
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,114</b>					<b>872</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<sup>1</sup> Gateway Apartments affordability restrictions will expire during the next 10 years.

Notes: Casa Verde received LIHTC and Redevelopment Low Mod Housing Fund (RDA Housing Set-Aside Funding) in 2009 prior to the dissolution of RDA in 2012.

Source: City of San Leandro, 2021.

## Acquisition/Rehabilitation

If this property was 100 percent deed restricted affordable housing with an expiring regulatory agreement, transferring ownership of an at-risk project to a non-profit housing provider is one of the least costly ways to ensure that the at-risk units remain affordable for the long term. By transferring property ownership to a non-profit organization, low-income restrictions can be secured, and the project would become potentially eligible for a greater range of governmental subsidies.

Under AB 1521 noted above, there are now proscribed steps for owners of deed restricted properties to take prior to the expiration of those affordability requirements. This law requires that the owner consider an offer to purchase the deed-restricted units. Since only a portion of the property has deed-restricted units, it is unclear how a transaction like this could occur. Also, the feasibility of this option depends on funding sources to buy and potentially rehabilitate the property which might be challenging since it is not a 100 percent deed restricted property.

Another option to preserve the affordability of this at-risk project is to support a Joint Power Authorities purchase of the property. If this option is exercised, it would require deed restrictions for 100 percent of the residential units but also allows for bond financing that would allow the owner to maintain the project as affordable housing. City staff are currently participating in an Alameda County-wide working group to identify joint powers agreement terms and conditions that would ensure meaningful long-term affordability if this path was pursued.

## Construction of Replacement Units

To understand the significance if these at-risk units are lost from the supply of city affordable housing, the City has prepared a hypothetical analysis that identifies the cost of construction of new regulated housing to replace these at-risk units if they are converted to market-rate units. The cost of developing housing depends upon a variety of factors, including density, size of the units (i.e., square footage and number of bedrooms), location, land costs, and type of construction, as discussed in the Non-governmental Constraints section of Chapter 3, *Housing Constraints*. According to the 2019 TCAC staff reports, the typical cost of construction for below market rate housing in Alameda County in 2019 was \$726,469 per unit. The total cost to replace the 35 at-risk affordable units with new construction would be approximately \$25.4 million.

## Rental Subsidies

The City does not have a rental subsidy program and the property at risk is not currently a property with a contract for tenant subsidies with HUD or the Housing Authority of the County of Alameda. Therefore, rental subsidy is not an option for these units at risk of expiration.

## Cost Comparison

The above analysis attempts to estimate the cost of preserving the at-risk units under various options. However, because different projects have different circumstances and therefore different options available, a direct comparison would not be appropriate. In general, providing additional incentives/subsidies to extend the affordability covenant would require the least funding over the long run, whereas the construction of new units would be the costliest option. Unfortunately, providing rent subsidies would be less costly, but this option is not available as the City does not operate such a program.

The City will support the preservation of affordable housing units that could potentially convert to market-rate during the planning period. The City will monitor all regulated affordable units and assist property owners in maintaining the affordability of these units and assist tenants if preservation is unsuccessful, as described in Program 3 in Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

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## 3 Housing Constraints

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Constraints to providing adequate housing for all income levels are caused by many factors, including the housing market and cost of construction, governmental controls, availability of infrastructure, and environmental considerations. These constraints may increase the cost of housing or render residential construction physically or economically infeasible for developers.

According to Government Code 65583, local governments are required to analyze governmental and non-governmental constraints to the production, maintenance, and improvement of housing for persons of all income levels and those with special needs and, where appropriate and legally possible, remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing as part of housing elements updates.<sup>1</sup> Where constraints to housing production due to the City's regulations are identified, appropriate policies and actions to mitigate these constraints are included in the Housing Element.

Local governments must also demonstrate in their constraints analysis local efforts to remove barriers to achieving regional goals for housing production and housing for persons with special needs.

### 3.1 Non-governmental Constraints

The regional housing market affects several aspects of housing costs. For example, land value, cost of construction materials, and labor costs contribute to the cost of housing and can hinder the production of affordable housing. Additionally, the availability of financing can limit development or access to homeownership for some households. The following section is an in-depth analysis of market constraints.

#### 3.1.1 Housing Market and Affordability

Market forces on the economy and the subsequent effects on the construction industry may act as a barrier to housing production, supply, and affordability.<sup>2</sup> As described in the *Housing Needs Assessment*, the median home value in 2022 in San Leandro was \$1,000,000, which reflects a 62 percent increase over the City's 2015 median home value (adjusted for inflation). San Leandro's median home values rose at a faster rate than for Alameda County as a whole, which rose 52 percent from 2015, and was the second-highest increase among surrounding East Bay cities.<sup>3</sup>

San Leandro renters generally pay less in rent than other areas of the county (except for the City of Oakland). For developers, when considering a new construction project, this translates into less rental proceeds once a building is leased-up. This further translates into the inability of the rented property to support the debt that was needed to construct it. This reduces the potential profit margin of rental developments compared to neighboring cities when hard costs, such as construction and materials, are not dependent on project location. Recent market rate projects that are pending or approved in San Leandro, as noted in Table 4.2 in Chapter 4, *Housing Resources*, are

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<sup>1</sup> State of California. 2021. California Legislative Information.

[https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=GOV&sectionNum=65583](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=GOV&sectionNum=65583). Accessed October 29, 2021

<sup>2</sup> National Association of Home Builders. 2021. Material Cost Affect Housing Affordability. <https://www.nahb.org/advocacy/top-priorities/material-costs>. Accessed October 27, 2021.

<sup>3</sup> Redfin. 2022. <https://www.redfin.com/city/17447/CA/San-Leandro>. Accessed June, 2022

being developed at full density potential. On average, market rate developments are being developed at 102 percent of allowable densities due to density bonus provisions. Only two market rate projects out of 11 in that table realize a density potential (number of anticipated units as a percent of allowable units) below 70 percent. This is important to note because the housing opportunity sites list discussed in Chapter 4, *Housing Resources*, assumes a density potential of 70 percent. The housing market in San Leandro is not considered a constraint to the ability of developers to develop at higher densities.

Housing affordability is also measured by the California Association of Realtors, which tracks housing affordability for first-time homebuyers. According to second-quarter results for 2020 (the latest available data), Alameda County's median home price of \$1,105,000 (which suggests a monthly payment of \$5,310 including taxes and insurance) would require a qualifying household income of \$159,300.<sup>4</sup> According to the 2015-2019 American Community Survey, the household median income in San Leandro is \$78,003; therefore, housing affordability is a significant constraint for San Leandro residents who would like to become homeowners if they are not already. The City will implement programs to support housing production affordable to households of all economic levels and support homeownership opportunities, as outlined in Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

## Construction Costs

Construction costs depend on several factors, including the type of construction, custom versus tract development, cost of materials, site conditions, finishing details, amenities, size, and structural configuration. The International Code Council estimates the average price of labor and materials for typical Type V-A protected wood-frame housing, which is commonly used to construct newer apartment buildings where no visible wood is exposed. Estimates are based on "good-quality" construction, providing for materials and fixtures above the minimum required by state and local building codes. Since the 2008 recession, national construction costs for multi-family projects have risen by 25 percent, which can reduce the feasibility of housing projects.<sup>5</sup>

The International Code Council estimated in 2021 that the national average cost per square foot for good-quality housing was approximately \$125 for multi-family housing, \$139 for single-family homes, and \$157 for residential care/assisted living facilities.<sup>6</sup> The per-square-foot hard costs for constructing multifamily housing in California climbed 25 percent over the course of a decade, after adjusting for inflation.<sup>7</sup> Cost increases have been most pronounced in the line-item categories for finishes and for wood, plastics, and composites. In a roundtable discussion hosted by the Alameda County Housing Collaborative on November 29, 2021, housing developers noted that uncertainty in construction costs are a challenge to develop housing. Wood is still the most cost-effective building material but cannot be used for construction beyond 85 feet pursuant to State law, which may pose challenges for development above six or seven stories.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> California Association of Realtors. 2021. Available: <https://www.car.org/marketdata/data/countysalesactivity>. Accessed October 25, 2021

<sup>5</sup> Terner Center for Housing Innovation, The Hard Costs of Construction: Recent Trends in Labor and Materials Costs for Apartment Buildings in California. 2020. [https://ternercenter.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Hard\\_Construction\\_Costs\\_March\\_2020.pdf](https://ternercenter.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Hard_Construction_Costs_March_2020.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> International Code Council Building Valuation Data. 2021. Available: <https://www.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/BVD-BSJ-FEB21.pdf>. Accessed October 26, 2021

<sup>7</sup> Terner Center for Housing Innovation. 2020. The Hard Costs of Construction: Recent Trends in Labor and Materials Costs for Apartment Buildings in California. [https://ternercenter.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/Hard\\_Construction\\_Costs\\_March\\_2020.pdf](https://ternercenter.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/Hard_Construction_Costs_March_2020.pdf)

<sup>8</sup> Alameda County Housing Collaborative, 2021. Available at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XYrwZxd3Re0VFWGz119bj8uqS9vdUN4H/view>

The Bay Area has consistently been an expensive area to construct housing, in part due to comparatively higher construction wages than elsewhere in California. In 2018, the average cost to construct multi-family housing in California and the Bay Area was \$222 per square foot and \$303, respectively. Materials and labor make up the hard costs of this construction. Several factors likely contribute to the rapid escalation of construction costs in the Bay Area. One contributing factor is that wages are higher in the region, reflecting higher costs of living. However, when adjusted for inflation using the local consumer price index (which considers the cost of living in the Bay Area by accounting for changes in gas, shelter, food, energy, and other consumer goods), wages in the region have fallen in real terms. The failure of wages to keep pace with local price increases may contribute to the challenges and delays in attracting labor reported by developers and builders.<sup>9</sup>

Housing construction costs can affect affordability as increases in costs are borne by buyers and renters. Rising construction prices may also impact the ability or desire of single-family homeowners to construct ADUs. Therefore, higher construction costs can be a constraint to the development of all housing types. The City will implement programs to reduce barriers to housing development, including ADU development, as described in Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*, to help offset impacts of high construction costs. The City will also meet with labor groups at least once annually to discuss the ways in which the City can support an adequate supply of labor to build housing.

### 3.1.2 Land Costs

Land costs affect the feasibility of residential development. The land prices depend on location, zoning (allowable density), availability of improvements, current use of the site, and whether the site is vacant or has an existing use that will need to be removed or converted to accommodate future residential development. Available improvements can consist of improvements to streets, sidewalks, water and sewer, drainage, curbs and gutters, street signs, park dedications, utility easements, and landscaping. Improvement standards establish infrastructure or site requirements to support new residential development. While these improvements are necessary to ensure that new housing meets the local jurisdiction's development goals, the cost of these requirements can represent a significant share of the cost of producing new housing.<sup>10</sup>

Additionally, land costs depend on whether the site is vacant or has an existing use that will need to be removed or converted. Most available sites for residential uses in San Leandro are developed with improvements that will need to be demolished or converted for residential development to take place. Land costs and value are difficult to average on a citywide basis as land value is assessed based on the characteristics unique to each property. In addition, environmental constraints can also impact the cost of land. Measure D, administered by the Alameda County Planning Department in 2000, established a countywide urban growth boundary and discouraged the annexation of rural open space for future residential development by Alameda County's 14 cities.<sup>11</sup> Measure D limits San Leandro's ability to grow outwardly and to expand housing to the vacant land lying northeast of San Leandro.<sup>12</sup> Because fewer vacant land options exist, San Leandro's growth focuses on redevelopment of existing sites, which are developed with existing infrastructure that would need to be demolished or converted before new development can occur. Demolition costs can add to the

<sup>9</sup> The Turner Center for Housing Innovation at UC Berkeley. 2020. Available: [https://turnercenter.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/Hard\\_Construction\\_Costs\\_March\\_2020.pdf](https://turnercenter.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/Hard_Construction_Costs_March_2020.pdf). Accessed December 1, 2021

<sup>10</sup> California Department of Housing and Community Development. 2021. Available: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/constraints/codes-and-enforcement-on-offsite-improvement-standards.shtml>. Accessed October 27, 2021

<sup>11</sup> Alameda County Community Development Agency. 2019. Available:

[http://www.acgov.org/board/bos\\_calendar/documents/DocsAgendaPlan\\_10\\_29\\_19/5MeasureD.pdf](http://www.acgov.org/board/bos_calendar/documents/DocsAgendaPlan_10_29_19/5MeasureD.pdf). Accessed November 10, 2021.

<sup>12</sup> Alameda County Community Development Agency. 2010. Available: [https://acgov.org/cda/planning/documents/12\\_APPJ-ReferenceMaps.pdf](https://acgov.org/cda/planning/documents/12_APPJ-ReferenceMaps.pdf). Accessed November 10, 2021.

overall project cost. However, nonvacant land may offer cost-saving benefits such as existing utility connections.

### 3.1.3 Availability of Financing

Financing in the housing market includes federal, State, and local funding for affordable housing, capital used by developers for initial site preparation and construction; and capital used by homeowners and investors to finance the purchase of housing units. The City will explore ways to increase and leverage finance resources for affordable housing development, as described in Program 10 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

## Financial Resources

There are a variety of funding sources for affordable housing, preservation, and rehabilitation from federal, State, and local sources. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers grants which can assist developers, local governments, and non-profits in constructing housing units.

The most significant barrier for the City of San Leandro in recent years is the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency and its related loss of affordable housing financing support. From 2006 to 2011 the City, on average, had just under \$3 million annually for its affordable housing program that included first time homebuyer loans and new affordable housing production. However, there are significant efforts both regionally and at the State level to address decreased funding for affordable housing development.

### *Permanent Local Housing Allocation (State)*

The 2017-18 Regular Session of the California State Legislature passed one bill (of many other housing-related legislation) sought to generate, and distribute directly to cities, funds for new affordable housing production. The Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB 2, Atkins 2017) established a permanent source of funding for affordable housing through a \$75 fee on real estate document filings. In fiscal year 2020-2021, the City received its first entitlement from the resulting program “Permanent Local Housing Allocation” in the amount of just under \$350,000 from filing fees during calendar year 2019.

### *Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (State)*

The statewide Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program is a competitive funding program that encourages collaboration between affordable housing developers, jurisdictions, and transit agencies to fund affordable housing development and transportation infrastructure and amenities. City staff will continue work with their colleagues in various departments to best position affordable housing and sustainable infrastructure planning to align with this program. Additionally, staff will continue seeking partnerships with area technical assistance programs, affordable housing developers, and area transit agencies to collaborate in an application for funding when a viable and competitive housing and transportation development is ready to move forward.

### *State Low Income Housing Tax Credits (State)*

The federal government through the Internal Revenue Service enacted the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program in 1986. This program has been the largest producer of affordable multifamily rental housing since its inception. Each state has a financing agency that administers the LIHTC Program, and in California that is the Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC). Institutional investors or syndicates are incentivized to invest in long term affordable rental housing projects to receive tax credits. Nonprofit and private developers are eligible to apply for State LIHTC for acquisition, new construction and/or rehabilitation of affordable rental housing.

### *HOME Funding (Local)*

The Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) assists cities, counties, and non-profit community housing development organizations to create and retain affordable housing for lower-income renters or owners. HOME funds are available as loans for housing rehabilitation, new construction, and acquisition and rehabilitation of single- and multifamily projects and as grants for tenant-based rental assistance. San Leandro is one of eight jurisdictional members of the Alameda County HOME Consortium. In fiscal year 2020-2021, the City was allocated \$238,792 through the Alameda County HOME Consortium of which \$13,684 was used to cover the City's staff administrative overhead. Of the remaining balance of \$225,128, a final reimbursement to the HOME construction pool in the amount of \$57,710 was subtracted from this remaining balance. Given this, there was \$167,418 in HOME funds available for use by the City. When available, HOME funds will be used for affordable rental or ownership housing projects, including new construction or acquisition and rehabilitation.

HUD requires that Cities that receive HOME funds provide matching funds for all HOME fund expenditures awarded since 1993. HUD requires that the HOME funds must be matched with an equivalent to twenty-five percent of the total amount of funds expended in the fiscal year. Historically, the City has exceeded the required HOME match.

### *Local and Regional Affordable Housing Financing (Regional)*

An example of regional affordable housing financing is the 2016 Alameda County Measure A-1. This voter-approved initiative authorized a \$580 million general obligation bond to invest in efforts across Alameda County to address the lack of affordable housing. A portion of A-1 funds were specifically designated for affordable rental housing development. The City of San Leandro received a base allocation of these funds in the amount of over \$10 million. City staff have used these funds for three affordable housing projects:

- La Vereda (84 apartments with 12 financed with A-1 funds)
- Loro Landing (61 apartments with 57 financed with A-1 funds and 25 for those at or below 20% AMI)
- 15101 Washington Avenue (71 apartments financed with A-1 funds and 15 for those at or below 20% AMI)

City staff continue to monitor developments in the Bay Area Housing Finance Agency that will provide regional leadership to establish financing for affordable housing infrastructure using tools such as Measure A-1. Staff will seek City Council support of these efforts and will work to position local affordable housing and community development projects to be competitive in applying for these funding resources if and when they become available.

### *CDBG Funding (Locally controlled federal funds)*

As the lead agency of the Consortium, Alameda County coordinates long-range planning and annual applications to HUD for both HOME and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

CDBG funds are directly awarded to San Leandro as an entitlement jurisdiction. HUD's CDBG annual allocation to the City has been approximately \$750,000 and funds are typically allocated to general administration of the City's CDBG program, fair housing services, an owner-occupied minor home repair grant program, public services (including operating funds for mental health, services for those experiencing homelessness, and food programs for residents in need. Additionally, CDBG funds support public facilities and infrastructure including the purchase and rehabilitation of a motel to be used for a shelter and navigation center as well as upgrades to the existing San Leandro Shelter.

### *Affordable Housing Trust Fund (Local)*

The City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) was established to receive fees and/or monies in connection with approval of development projects. The AHTF is financed by deposits from in-lieu fees from market-rate housing developments or residential condominium conversions. Monies deposited in the AHTF must be used to increase and improve the supply of housing affordable to moderate-, low-, and very low-income households in the city or support affordable housing programs. Fund monies are used to construct or convert a development to affordable housing or assist other governmental entities, private organizations, or individuals to do so. All AHTF monies are currently committed to affordable housing projects.

### California Housing and Community Development Department Programs (State)

- The State Multifamily Housing Program makes low-interest, long-term deferred-payment permanent loans for new construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional rental housing for lower-income households.
- The State Predevelopment Loan Program makes short-term loans for activities and expenses necessary for the continued preservation, construction, rehabilitation, or conversion of assisted housing primarily for low-income households.
- The State Project Homekey is an opportunity for regional, and local public entities to develop a broad range of housing types for people at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness, including but not limited to hotels, motels, hostels, single-family homes and multifamily apartments, adult residential facilities, and manufactured housing, and to convert commercial properties and other existing buildings to permanent or interim housing.

### *Affordable Low/Mod Asset Fund (Local)*

This funding source is primarily from loan repayments from affordable housing development projects, first time homebuyer loans and housing rehabilitation loans made by the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Leandro. This fund may be used for a variety of affordable housing activities including new loans to affordable rental housing development projects. The fund currently has a balance of approximately \$1.2 million that has been fully committed and will leverage other affordable housing financing.

## **Mortgage and Rehabilitation Financing**

The availability of financing affects the ability of residents to purchase or improve a home. Under the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA), lending institutions are required to disclose

information on the disposition of loan applications and the income, gender, and race of loan applicants. The primary purpose of reviewing the lending activity is to determine whether home financing is available to city residents. The data presented in this section includes the disposition of loan applications submitted to financial institutions for home mortgages, home improvement, and refinance loans in San Leandro.

In 2017, the most recently available dataset, a total of 3,087 households applied for conventional mortgage loans in San Leandro. Table 3.1 shows that 77 percent of conventional mortgage applications were approved, 10 percent were denied, and 13 percent were withdrawn or closed for incompleteness. A substantially lower number of households (486) applied to use government-backed loans to purchase homes in San Leandro. The approval rate of these loans was 70 percent, 7 percent lower than the approval rate of conventional loans, with approximately the same percentage being denied. Additionally, 220 San Leandro households applied for home improvement loans in 2017. Approximately 73 percent of these applications were approved, and 14 percent were denied. Applications to refinance existing mortgages totaled 2,161 applications.

**Table 3.1 Disposition of Loan Applications in 2017**

Applications	Total	Approved	Denied	Other
<b>By Loan Type</b>				
Conventional	3,087	77%	10%	13%
Government Backed	486	70%	11%	19%
Home Improvement	220	73%	14%	14%
Refinancing	2,161	71%	12%	17%

Notes:  
 “Approved” includes loans approved by the lenders regardless of acceptance by the applicants.  
 “Other” includes loan applications that were either withdrawn or closed for incomplete information.  
 Source: LendingPatternsTM, HMDA data, 2017.

Alameda County averages for loan approval and denial were similar to averages for San Leandro. Conventional approval of loans for the county was at 76 percent, while 10 percent were denied. Alameda County had a slightly higher denial of government backed, home improvement, and refinancing of loans at 14 percent, 15 percent, and 12 percent. The average rate of approval was 88 percent in California and 86 percent nationwide.<sup>13</sup>

Given the high approval rates, refinancing and home purchase loans are generally available and overall, not considered to be a major constraint in San Leandro. However, as discussed in the AFFH analysis provided in Chapter 5, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native residents were underrepresented for mortgage applications and had higher denial rates for mortgage loans than Asian American and non-Hispanic white residents. As described in Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*, the City contracts with Bay Area Affordable Homeownership Alliance (BAAHA) to administer first-time homebuyer seminars, homebuyer education and counseling, and below market rate ownership units under the Inclusionary Housing Program. The City provides educational seminars on housing resources and financial planning to increase housing mobility in neighborhoods with higher concentrations of low-income and minority residents.

<sup>13</sup> Lending Tree. “Nearly 86% of Mortgage Refinances Are Approved, and These States Have the Highest (and Lowest) Approval Rates.” <https://www.lendingtree.com/home/refinance/highest-lowest-refinance-approval-rates-study/>. Accessed: November 23, 2021.

## Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Loans

The FHA loan program was designed to make it easier for first-time homebuyers to get financing and afford a home. FHA loans are only allowed on one to four living-unit properties. These properties can be purchased with an FHA loan if the owner occupies one of the units. Alameda County qualifies as a high-cost area and has a higher loan limit than the national average through FHA loan program. In 2022, prospective home buyers could receive a loan of up to \$970,800 for a single-family home and \$1,867,275 for a four-plex through an FHA loan.<sup>14</sup>

## 3.2 Governmental Constraints

City policies and regulations can impact the feasibility and cost of housing development. Policies and regulatory actions include land use controls, site improvement requirements, building codes, and development fees. The following section describes these governmental constraints.

### 3.2.1 Land Use Controls

#### Land Use Designations

San Leandro's Land Use Element is a component of the City's General Plan which sets forth the vision, goals and policies for the city's urban form and land use patterns, including residential development. The Land Use Element includes land use categories which define the use and building intensity throughout the city.

There are different housing types in the city, including single-family dwellings, duplexes, multi-family apartments, condominium buildings, town houses, mobile homes, and accessory dwelling units (ADUs). Residential densities in San Leandro cover a wide spectrum that promote the development of the various housing types, as demonstrated by the density ranges in the various land use categories (shown in dwelling units per acre [du/acre]):

- Garden Density Residential: 1-4 du/acre
- Low Density Residential: 3-6 du/acre
- Low-Medium Density Residential: 7-11 du/acre
- Medium Density Residential: 12-18 du/acre
- Medium-High Density Residential: 19-25 du/acre
- High Density Residential: 26-50 du/acre (smaller parcels are permitted a maximum of 24.2 du/acre)
- Downtown Mixed Use: 24-100 du/acre (dependent upon the zoning district of the site)
- Transit-Oriented Mixed Use (60-80 du/acre)
- Corridor Mixed Use: residential density is defined by the maximum FAR, which is 1.5 for projects with housing
- Bay Fair Transit-Oriented Development (TOD): residential density is defined by the maximum FAR, which is 3.0 for projects with housing

Lower density residential land use categories are generally located throughout the city's northeastern, central, southern, and eastern areas. Higher density residential land use categories

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<sup>14</sup> FHAlans.guide. 2022. Alameda County, CA 2022 FHA Loan Limits. <https://fhalans.guide/loan-limits/california/alameda-county>

are generally located in the eastern portion of the city along major transit corridors such as San Leandro Boulevard, Alvarado Street, and Antonio Street and the Bay Fair TOD area. As shown in Table 3.2, the City has several land use categories that permit high density residential uses that support the development of low and moderate-income housing.

Residential land use categories comprise 50.8 percent of San Leandro’s land area. Commercial land use categories cover 4.8 percent, mixed use 6.8 percent, industrial 20.4 percent, and public and open space 17.2 percent.<sup>15</sup> Due to the industrial history of the eastern San Francisco Bay Area, the percentage of land designated for industrial use in San Leandro is similar to other cities in the eastern Bay Area.

## Zoning Regulations

The City’s Zoning Code is the mechanism by which the vision, goals, and policies of the General Plan are implemented. The Zoning Code regulates the type, location, density, and scale of residential development through height limits, setbacks, Floor Area Ratio (FAR), parking requirements, and other standards. Table 3.2 summarizes the City’s residential land use categories and corresponding zoning district. The table also includes conditionally compatible zoning districts, which are zones that would be acceptable in the corresponding land use category if the types of development are consistent with General Plan goals and policies.

San Leandro has eight residential base zoning districts: Residential-Outer (RO), Residential-Single-Family (RS), Residential-Duplex (RD), and Residential-Multi-Family (RM). The RM subdistricts permit multi-family densities ranging from 14.5 to 50 du/acre. The City recently established the RM-875 zoning district, a RM subdistrict, which permits up to 50 du/acre, consistent with the City’s High Density Residential land use category. Multi-family and mixed-use development is also permitted or conditionally permitted in several commercial/mixed-use zoning districts including the Bay fair TOD (B-TOD), Commercial Community (CC), Commercial Neighborhood (CN), Downtown Area 1 (DA-1), Downtown Area 2 (DA-2), Downtown Area 3 (DA-3), Downtown Area 4 (DA-4), Downtown Area 6 (DA-6), North Area 1 (NA-1), North Area 2 (NA-2), Professional Office (P), South Area-1 (SA-1), South Area-2 (SA-2), and South Area-3 (SA-3) Districts. Maximum densities in these zones range from 24 du/acre to 100 du/acre. The B-TOD and DA-6 Districts do not have a maximum density. The City plans to increase densities in several districts concurrently with the Housing Element adoption, as discussed in greater detail in Chapter 4, *Housing Resources*, and Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

## Specific Plans and Strategy Plans

In addition to the General Plan land use categories and zoning districts, the City implements specific plans and strategy plans to guide the development of certain areas within the city. The North Area Specific Plan and Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan are discussed in greater detail below. Although not a specific plan, the East 14<sup>th</sup> South Area Strategy is also discussed as it relates to a Priority Development Area (PDA).

The purpose of a specific plan or strategy plan is to implement the goals and policies of the General Plan Land Use Element in a focused manner for a particular geographic area, and sets forth policies, land use regulations, development and design standards and implementation programs for these areas. San Leandro adopted the North Area Specific Plan in 1991 and the Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan in 2018.

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<sup>15</sup> City of San Leandro General Plan Land Use Element. 2016. Available: <https://civicaadmin.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=26481>. Accessed October 28, 2021

**Table 3.2 General Plan Land Use Category and Zoning Districts**

<b>General Plan Land Use Category</b>	<b>Corresponding Zoning District</b>	<b>Conditionally Compatible Zoning Designations</b>	<b>Primary Uses</b>	<b>Residential Density (du/acre)</b>	<b>Floor-to-Area Ratio</b>
Garden Residential	RO	RS, PS	Detached single-family homes	1-4	Varies (see Table 3.4, Residential Development Standards for details)
Low Density	RS, RS-40, RS (VP)	RS (PD), RD, PS, CN	Detached single-family homes	3-6	Varies (see Table 3.4, Residential Development Standards for details)
Low-Medium Density Residential	RS (PD)	RD, RS, PS	Attached and detached single-family homes	7-11	Varies (see Table 3.4, Residential Development Standards for details)
Medium Density Residential	RD, RM-3000, RM-2500, RM-2000	RS (PD), RD, PS	Townhomes and duplexes, higher density single-family planned unit developments, and mobile home parks	12-18	n/a
Medium-High Density Residential	RM-1800	RM-2000, RM-2500, RM3000, PS	Multi-family residential development, such as garden apartments, town homes, two-story condominiums, and single-family homes	19-25	n/a
High Density Residential	RM-875	RM-1800	Multi-family residential development, such as multi-story apartments and condominiums often in larger complexes, with shared amenities such as swimming pools, patios, and recreation rooms	26-50	n/a
Downtown Mixed Use	DA-1, DA-2, DA-3, P	RM-875, RM-1800, CN, PS	Upper story residential uses with retail, services, offices, cultural activities, public and civic buildings, and similar and compatible uses on the ground floor	24-100	3.5 maximum
Transit Oriented Mixed Use	DA-2, DA-3, DA-4, DA-6	RM-875, RM-1800, PS	High-intensity, transit focused developments of housing and/or office/retail in close proximity to BART	The maximum number of residential units on any given property is dictated by floor area ratio limits in some zoning districts and maximum density limits in others.	4.0 maximum, up to 5.0 on sites adjacent to a BART station

General Plan Land Use Category	Corresponding Zoning District	Conditionally Compatible Zoning Designations	Primary Uses	Residential Density (du/acre)	Floor-to-Area Ratio
Corridor Mixed Use	NA-1, NA-2, SA-1, SA-2, SA-3, DA-2	RM-875, RM-1800, RM-2000, RM-2500, RM-3000, CN, CC, P, PS, IL	Mix of commercial and free-standing or mixed use residential projects along major transit-served arterials	Maximum residential density in this category is dictated by the above floor area ratio limits rather than limits on housing units per acre.	1.0 maximum, up to 1.5 for projects with housing
Bay Fair TOD Development (B-TOD)	B-TOD	B-TOD	Mixed-use urban village that includes high density housing, retail, office, entertainment, and civic uses with safe pedestrian and bicycle connections to public transit, services, and employment.	Sub-Area 1: 65 units/acre Minimum Sub-Area 2: 60 units/acre Minimum Sub-Area 3: 20 units/acre Minimum	3.0 maximum <sup>1</sup>

\* San Leandro offers density bonuses of up to 20 percent above density maximums for projects with average unit sizes below 750 square feet. These bonuses may not be added to the State-required density bonus for affordable housing. Only one density bonus program may be applied to any given development.

<sup>1</sup> Maximum residential density in this category is dictated by floor area ratio limits rather than limits on housing units per acre.

sf = square feet

**Definitions**

- Conditionally Compatible Zoning Designations – the proposed land use is acceptable if the types of development allowed by that zone are consistent with General Plan goals and policies
- CC – Commercial Community
- CN – Commercial Neighborhood
- DA-1 – Downtown Area 1 Retail Mixed- Use
- DA-2 – Downtown Area 2 Multi-Use Infill
- DA-3 – Downtown Area 3 TOD – Transition Mixed Use
- DA -4 – Downtown Area 4 TOD – Residential Mixed Use
- DA-6 – Downtown Area 6 Office Mixed use
- IL – Industrial Limited
- NA-1– North Area 1
- NA-2 – North Area 2
- P – Professional Office
- PD – Planned Development
- PS – Public and Semi-Public
- RD – Residential Duplex
- RM- Residential Multi-Family
- RM – 875 – Residential Multi-Family (50 dwelling units per gross acre)
- RM – 1800 – Residential Multi-Family (24 dwelling units per gross acre)
- RM – 2000 – Residential Multi-Family (22 dwellings per gross acre)
- RM – 2500 – Residential Multi-Family (17.5 dwellings per gross acre)
- RM – 3000 – Residential Multi-Family (17.5 dwellings per gross acre)
- RO – Residential Outer
- RS – Residential Single-Family
- RS – 40 – Residential Single-Family (minimum front yard setback 40ft)
- SA-1 – South Area -1
- SA-2 – South Area -2
- SA-3 – South Area - 3

Source: San Leandro Multi-Family Development Standards – Development Constraints, 2020

### *North Area Specific Plan*

The North Area Specific Plan includes a revitalization plan to attract new commercial business and investment in the northern area of San Leandro. This plan covers a 12-block long corridor bordered by the City of Oakland to the north, I-580 to the east, Estudillo Avenue to the south, and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) right of way to the west.

The North Area Specific Plan provides development standards and design guidelines for four revitalization districts and the major thoroughfares of East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, San Leandro Boulevard, Park Street, Bancroft Avenue, and MacArthur Boulevard. Development standards in the North Area Specific Plan address uses, building height and envelope, setbacks, landscape, site access, and parking. The North Area Specific Plan established zoning districts North Area 1 (NA-1) and North Area 2 (NA-2) to implement revitalization districts 1 and 2 along East 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The area south of Georgia Way was subsequently rezoned DA-2 to be part of the Downtown TOD Strategy area. The NA-1 District now applies to only one parcel – a 4,000 square foot lot currently developed with a duplex. As discussed in further detail in the commercial and mixed use district standards section below, while the NA districts residential density limits of 24 du/acre do not promote the development of high-density housing, the associated land use designation (Corridor Mixed Use) has no maximum density requirements and relies on FAR to determine the number of units that can fit into a proposed development.

### *Bay Fair TOD (B-TOD) Specific Plan*

The B-TOD Specific Plan encompasses 154 acres on the City's southeastern edge. The B-TOD Specific Plan Area is surrounded by single-family neighborhoods and I-580, I-238, and I-880. The B-TOD Specific Plan was created to transform the area around the Bay Fair BART station into a walkable, transit-oriented community hub. This hub would consist of public gathering spaces and a mix of retail, neighborhood services, high density housing, and office space. The B-TOD Specific Plan area includes the Bayfair Center, other shopping centers, and properties along major arterials including Hesperian and East 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

The B-TOD Specific Plan Area contains three sub-areas with varying development regulations. Residential densities for multi-family residential and mixed use residential development are as follows:

- Sub-Area 1: 65 du/acre minimum
- Sub-Area 2: 60 du/acre minimum
- Sub-Area 3: 20 du/acre minimum

San Leandro updated its Zoning Code in November 2021 by adding the B-TOD Zoning District and new design and development regulations for the Bay Fair area consistent with the B-TOD Specific Plan.

### *East 14<sup>th</sup> South Area Development Strategy*

In 2004, the City adopted the South Area Development Strategy in response to concerns over the quality and quantity of new businesses along the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street corridor. The East 14<sup>th</sup> Street corridor stretches for over 2 miles from Downtown to the Bay Fair BART Transit Village area and is part of the City's South Area Development Strategy. This area includes auto-oriented strip malls, former car dealerships, churches, schools, older multi-family housing, and a hospital. The Strategy

includes the transformation of the unbroken commercial strip into a series of mixed use districts, the creation of a more pedestrian-friendly environment on East 14<sup>th</sup> Street and the accommodation of high-quality multi-family housing along the corridor. The density, height, floor area, and lot coverage development standards of this area currently promote mixed use, multi-family development, but the current allowable floor area ratios and density limitations along the corridor do not support this type of development. There has been little redevelopment interest along the corridor since the adoption of the Strategy, which may be attributable to the low development potential achievable under the SA-1, SA-2, and SA-3 density limits. The City plans to increase maximum allowable FAR, residential densities, and building heights in land use and zoning districts to promote higher-density redevelopment in priority development areas, as discussed in Chapter 4, *Housing Resources*.

## Overlay Zones

An overlay zone is a zoning district which is applied over one or more previously established zoning districts, establishing additional or stricter standards and criteria for covered properties in addition to those of the underlying zoning district. The following overlay zones in San Leandro impact residential development.

### *Planned Development (PD) Overlay District and Planned Development Project Approval*

The PD Overlay District is a path that allows applicants of development projects to work with the City to modify (or request exemptions) from certain development standards on larger parcels to eliminate rigidity in the built environment. This process encourages innovative site planning techniques and allows for a mix of compatible uses. The following are the standards required for approval of a PD Overlay on a parcel:

- The minimum net area of a PD must be 10,000 square feet for any project.
- The number of dwelling units in a PD project shall be established at the time the PD project is approved.
- The minimum residential density in any South Area zoning district for a stand-alone residential development or a mixed use development is 18 du/acre.

To establish a PD Overlay, applicants may request a zoning amendment that must be adopted by Ordinance by the City Council after a recommendation by the Planning Commission.<sup>16</sup> The application for rezoning to a PD Overlay District must include:

- A conceptual site plan and a vicinity map showing the relationship of the site to the surrounding area.
- Preliminary calculations in tabular form showing compliance with applicable density, coverage, floor area, parking, and open-space regulations.
- Conceptual elevations of proposed structures and signs, with exterior materials and wall openings indicated.
- Photos of the site and of existing development in the immediate vicinity.

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<sup>16</sup> City of San Leandro Zoning Code. 2021. Available: <http://www.qcode.us/codes/sanleandro-zoning/view.php?&frames=on>. Accessed October 27, 2021.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) also may require any of the following items, based on the type, location, and potential impacts of proposed development:

- A map showing proposed district boundaries and the relationship of the district to uses and structures directly affected by the proposed PD Overlay District.
- Evidence establishing that the land proposed for rezone to PD Overlay District is owned by one individual or that the application is filed jointly by all property owners owning property in the proposed district or that the application is filed by an agency of the City.

Additional development conditions may be as established in the PD project approval. For PDs proposed in any South Area Zoning District, additional development conditions may be required to achieve consistency with the Design Guidelines that are contained in the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street South Area Development Strategy.

### *Mobile Home Park Overlay*

The City of San Leandro has nine mobile home parks with approximately 855 spaces located within the city limits. In 2021, the City adopted the Mobile Home Park (MHP) Overlay District to reserve land for the construction, use, and occupancy of mobile home parks, and prohibit all uses other than a mobile home park use. The MHP Overlay was applied to all existing parcels with mobile home parks. The MHP Overlay District may be combined with any zoning district. Chapter 5.28 of the San Leandro Zoning Code governs the conversion of mobile home parks within the city and requires City Council approval prior to the closure or conversion of a mobile home park. Applicants must submit a relocation plan for tenants of a mobile home park as part of the application for conversion of a mobile home park to another use.

## 3.2.2 Residential Development Standards

San Leandro's Zoning Code contains development standards to protect health and safety, ensure high quality urban design, and ensure compatibility with surrounding uses. When development standards limit the number of housing units that can be built on a particular site or the developable area of a site, the standards may be considered a constraint to housing development. Development standards and zoning code regulations are explained in handouts available on the City's website.<sup>17</sup>

### Residential District Standards

As previously noted, San Leandro has four residential base districts: RO, RS, RD, and RM. The RS and RM districts each include subdistricts with similar use standards but different setback or density requirements. Table 3.3 summarizes the City's residential district development standards.

To respond to the requirements of SB 35 and achieve high-quality, multi-family projects and predictability for developers and the community, San Leandro completed the Multi-Family Development Standards project. The project updated residential design and development standards throughout the Zoning Code to replace subjective standards with objective standards as well as establish the new RM-875 District. The following strategies were employed to achieve the Multi-Family Development Standards:

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<sup>17</sup> Zoning Info Sheets (Handouts). <https://www.sanleandro.org/346/Zoning-Info-Sheets-Handouts>

**Table 3.3 Residential Development Standards**

Zoning District	Minimum Lot Area (sf)*	Setback (in feet)				Maximum Height (feet)	Maximum Density (Net)	Maximum FAR	Maximum Site Coverage (percent of lot)
		Front (feet)	Side (feet)	Corner Side (feet)	Rear (feet)				
RS	5,000 - 6,000	20	5	10	15	30	1 unit + 1 ADU + 1 JADU	50% for first 5,000 sf, 30% for area > 5,000 - 10,000 sf, then 10% for area >10,000 sf; + 500 sf if 2-car garage or 750 sf if 3 or more car garage	50%
RS-40	5,000 - 6,000	40	5	10	15	30	1 unit + 1 ADU + 1 JADU	50% for first 5,000 sf, 30% for area > 5,000 - 10,000 sf, then 10% for area >10,000 sf; + 500 sf if 2-car garage or 750 sf if 3 or more car garage	50%
RS-VP	5,000 - 6,000	20	5	10	15	18	1 unit + 1 ADU + 1 Junior ADU	50% for first 5,000 sf, 30% for area > 5,000 - 10,000 sf, then 10% for area >10,000 sf; + 500 sf if 2-car garage or 750 sf if 3 or more car garage	50%
RO	8,000	20	6-12	10	10-25	30	1 unit (additional units may be allowed based on lot size and unit type)	50% for first 5,000 sf, 30% for area > 5,000 - 10,000 sf, then 10% for area >10,000 sf; + 500 sf/unit if garage	33%
RD	5,000 - 6,000	20	5	10	15	30	2 units	50% for first 5,000 sf, 30% for area > 5,000 - 10,000 sf, then 10% for area >10,000 sf; + 500 sf if 2-car garage exists or 750 sf if 3 or more car garage	50%
RM-3000	6,000 - 7,000	20	Min 6; Avg. 10	20	15	40	14.5 du/acre	n/a	50%
RM-2500	7,500 - 8,500	15	Min 6; Avg. 10	15	15	45	17.5 du/acre	n/a	60%
RM-2000	10,000- 12,000	15	Min 6; Avg. 10	15	15	50	22 du/acre	n/a	60%

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Zoning District	Minimum Lot Area (sf)*	Setback (in feet)				Maximum Height (feet)	Maximum Density (Net)	Maximum FAR	Maximum Site Coverage (percent of lot)
		Front (feet)	Side (feet)	Corner Side (feet)	Rear (feet)				
RM-1800	10,000 - 12,000	15	Min.6; Avg.10	15	15	50	24 du/acre	n/a	70%
RM-875	10,000 - 12,000	15	Min.6; Avg.10	15	15	50	50 du/acre	n/a	80%

\* Range for Minimum Lot Area is based on Interior and Corner Lots except for RO which has the same range.

Sf = square feet; du/acre = dwelling units per acre; min. = minimum; avg. = average; ADU = accessory dwelling unit; JADU = junior accessory dwelling unit

RD – Residential Duplex

RM – Residential Multi-Family

RO – Residential Outer

RS – Residential Single-Family

FAR – Floor Area Ratio

Source: San Leandro Zoning Code 2022

- Established the RM-875 District to implement the High Density Residential land use
- Replaced subjective design standards with objective standards
- Consolidated and standardized review procedures

The Multi-Family Development Standards project modified and relocated design standards that apply to all multi-family housing throughout the city and eliminated redundant and obsolete provisions in the Zoning Code.

### *Density*

San Leandro's Zoning Districts provide for a range of residential densities. The RS districts promote single-family development, and, with the implementation of SB 9, allows 2 units per lot and allows a lot split if lots have a minimum of 1200 square feet. Because 2 units are allowed on each lot, a lot split can occur and the original lot would permit 4 units. One ADU would also be permitted on each of the two lots. The RD district promotes single-family and duplex dwellings with up to two units per lot. The RM districts provide opportunities for multi-family development with densities ranging from 14.5 to 50 du/acre. The RO District also promotes single-family and duplex dwellings but allows more than 2 units depending on size of the lot. For example, for lots larger than 14,000 square feet, the number of additional dwellings permitted shall be based upon a requirement of 7,000 square feet for the first single dwelling, 5,000 square feet additional for each additional single-family dwelling, and 7,000 square feet additional for each additional two-family dwelling.

The recent Multi-Family Development Standards project added the RM-875 District to be consistent with the High Density Residential land use designation and provide opportunity for multi-family housing with a maximum density of 50 du/acre.

### *Lot Standards*

The minimum lot size requirement for residential lots in San Leandro is 5,000 square feet in RS and RD zoning districts. The minimum lot size increases to 8,000 square feet in the RO district and ranges from 6,000 to 10,000 square feet in the RM districts. The maximum site coverage requirement is 50 percent in single-family and duplex districts and ranges from 60 percent to 80 percent in the RM districts.

Building setbacks depend on the zoning district. In residential districts, front building setbacks are generally 20 feet for RS and RD zoning districts and 15 feet in RM districts. Side setbacks range from 5 feet to 10 feet in RM districts. Rear setbacks are 15 feet except in the RO District, which ranges from 15 to 25 feet. Lot standards do not pose a potential constraint to development.

### *Height Limits*

Height limits are generally intended to maintain consistency within an area and compatibility between adjacent buildings. The maximum height in RS and RD zoning districts is 30 feet. Maximum heights in the RM districts range from 40 feet to 50 feet, with 50 feet permitted in the RM-2000, RM 1800, and RM-875 districts and do not pose a constraint to development.

### *Open Space Requirements*

Total open space on a site having three or more dwelling units in the RM districts must be at least 200 square feet per dwelling unit. Private open space meeting a portion of the requirement may be on patios or balconies within which a horizontal rectangle has no dimension less than 6 feet and a

minimum area of 60 square feet for balconies above the first story and 120 square feet for patio or decks at grade level. Common open space, provided by non-street side yards, courts, patios, terraces, and rooftops must be designed so that a horizontal rectangle inscribed within it has no dimension less than 10 feet and a minimum area of 300 square feet, shall be open to the sky, and must not include driveways, pedestrian access to units, or parking areas, or area required for front or street side yards. The Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) may allow up to 30 percent of the total roof top open space provided to be used to satisfy the open space requirement. In a roundtable discussion hosted by the Alameda County Housing Collaborative on November 29, 2021, housing developers noted that inflexible open space requirements pose a challenge to housing development.<sup>18</sup> Therefore, the current open space requirements of the RM districts are considered a potential constraint. The City will monitor development standards and modify as needed to eliminate or reduce potential constraints to residential development, particularly for development that can accommodate lower-income households, as specified in Program 14 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

### *Storage Space Requirements*

Storage space is required for multi-family dwellings in RM districts and must be at least 250 cubic feet in size and have minimum dimensions of four feet by eight feet. Inflexible storage space requirements pose a challenge to housing development. Therefore, the current storage space requirements of the RM districts are considered a potential constraint.

The City will monitor development standards and modify as needed to eliminate or reduce potential constraints to residential development, particularly for development that can accommodate lower-income households, as specified in Program 14 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

## **Commercial and Mixed Use District Residential Standards**

In 2015, the City replaced former commercial designations with new designations that permit residential uses as a part of mixed use projects with the intent to promote multi-family housing. San Leandro has 17 commercial and mixed use zones which permit residential development. These zones and respective development standards are shown in Table 3.4:

- Commercial Community
- Commercial Neighborhood
- Commercial Recreation
- Commercial Services
- Downtown Area 1 (DA-1) – Retail Mixed Use
- Downtown Area 2 (DA-2) – Multi-Use Infill
- Downtown Area 3 (DA-3) – Transit Oriented Development Transition – Mixed Use
- Downtown Area 6 (DA-6) – Offices and Mixed Use
- North Area 1 (NA-1)
- North Area 2 (NA-2)
- Professional Office
- South Area 1 (SA-1)
- South Area 2 (SA-2)
- South Area 3 (SA-3)
- B-TOD District

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<sup>18</sup> Alameda County Collaborative, 2021. Available at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XYrwZxd3Re0VFWGz119bj8uqS9VdUN4H/view>

Table 3.4 Planned Commercial and Professional Development Standards

Zoning District	Front (feet)	Side (feet)	Corner Side (feet)	Rear (feet)	Minimum Density	Maximum Density	Maximum FAR <sup>1</sup>	Height of Residential and Mixed Use Development	
								Minimum Feet	Maximum Feet
CC	10	0	10	0	n/a	24 du/acre	1.0	n/a	50
CN, P	10	0	10	0	n/a	24 du/acre	0.5	n/a	CN: 50 P: 30
CR	20	0	20	0	n/a	n/a	1.0	n/a	n/a
CS	10	0	10	0	n/a	n/a	0.5	n/a	n/a
DA-1, DA-2, DA-3, DA-4, DA-6	Varies <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0, varies along creek (C)	Parcels < 10,000 sf: n/a DA-1 Parcels ≥ 10,000 sf: 35 du/acre DA-2 Parcels ≥ 10,000 sf: 20 du/acre DA-3 Parcels ≥ 10,000 sf: 20 du/acre DA-4 Parcels ≥ 10,000 sf: 60 du/acre DA-6 Parcels ≥ 10,000 sf: 60 du/acre	Parcels < 10,000 sf: 24 du/acre DA-1 Parcels ≥ 10,000 sf: 100 du/acre DA-2 Parcels ≥ 10,000 sf: 40 du/acre DA-3 Parcels ≥ 10,000 sf: 60 du/acre DA-4 Parcels ≥ 10,000 sf: 100 du/acre DA-6 Parcels ≥ 10,000 sf: n/a	DA-1: 3.5 DA-2: 1.5 to 5.0 DA-3: 3.5 to 4.0 DA-4: 4.0 to 5.0 DA-6: 4.0 to 5.0	DA-1: n/a. or 24 DA-2: n/a. or 24 DA-3: n/a A DA-4: n/a DA-6: n/a	DA-1: 75 DA-2: 50 DA-3: 50 DA-4: 60-75 DA-6: 75
NA-1	0	4	0	5	n/a	24 du/acre	1.0 to 1.5	n/a	50
NA-2	20 or 25	15 (or ½ of building height)	20 (or ½ of building height)	15	n/a	24 du/acre	1.0 to 1.5	n/a	50
SA-1, SA-2, SA-3	Varies <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	18 du/acre	35 du/acre	1.0 to 1.5	24	50

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> The ranges in FAR relate to what land use category the parcel is in or the general location. For example, parcels adjacent to BART have a FAR of 5.0 and parcels within the Transit Oriented Mixed Use category have a FAR of 4.0.

<sup>2</sup> Setbacks for certain districts vary as they are required to be consistent with existing street sections, and ground floor residential uses are required to be setback depending on the district.

**Definitions**

- CC – Commercial Community
- CN – Commercial Neighborhood
- P – Professional Office
- CR – Commercial Recreation
- CS – Commercial Services
- DA – Downtown Area
- NA – North Area
- SA – South Area

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Most housing production during the 6<sup>th</sup> housing cycle and the next 20 years is anticipated within the Downtown Mixed Use, Corridor Mixed Use, Transit-Oriented Mixed Use, and B-TOD land use designations. Development types envisioned in the associated zoning districts (DA, NA, SA, and B-TOD) include mid-rise construction as standalone multi-family residential or mixed use development project, and some opportunities for townhouse style development. However, the Multi-Family Development Standards project found that the development standards in the Zoning Code for most commercial and mixed use districts would better promote high density housing if adjustments were made.

As noted, the Multi-Family Development Standards project revised design and development standards for commercial districts and mixed use projects to replace subjective standards with objective standards. The following strategies were employed to remove obstacles for multi-family development within commercial and mixed use districts:

- Aligned General Plan Land Use categories with zoning districts for consistency
- Removed subjective design standards
- Established objective development standards for greater predictability and ease of use
- Consolidated and standardized review procedures

The Multi-Family Development Standards project modified the front setback requirements in the DA districts to remove subjective standards and provide objective standards. These standards reference the street sections of the applicable street type while ensuring adequate building setbacks to accommodate the planned street, sidewalk, and public amenity improvements.

## Daylight Plane Requirements

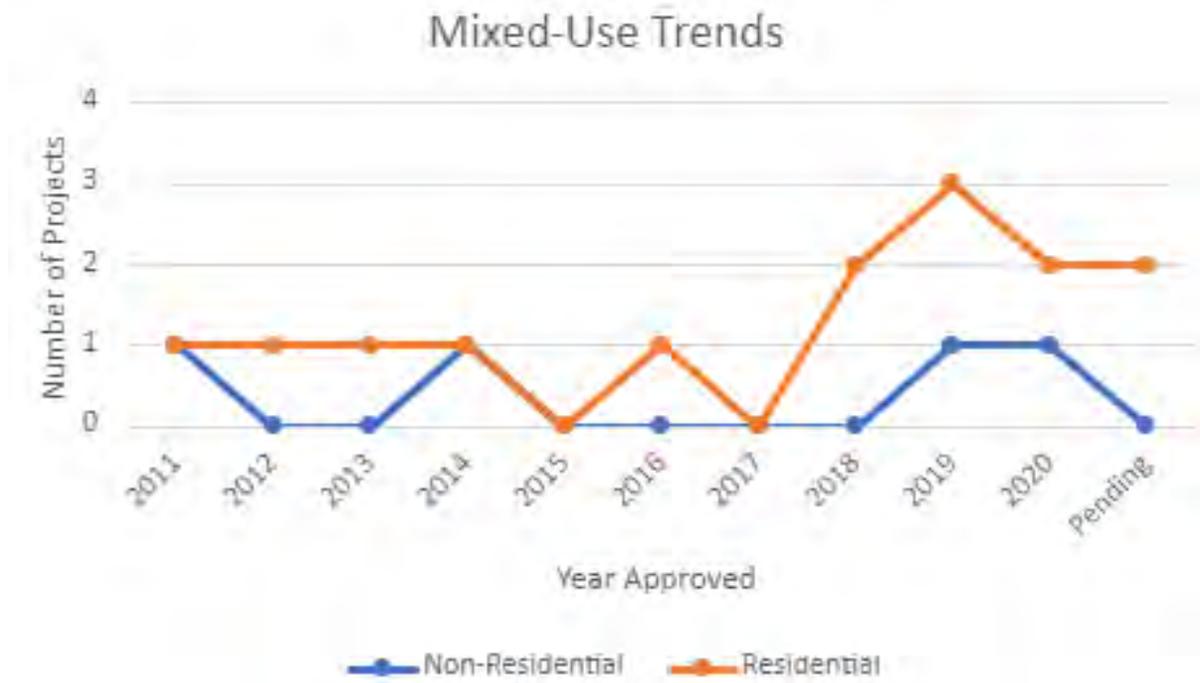
A Daylight Plane is an angled building height limitation that regulates the massing and design of buildings and defines the building envelope within which all new structures must be contained. Daylight Planes are intended to provide for light and air, and to limit the impacts of bulk and mass on adjacent properties. The City requires Daylight Planes for projects greater than 19 feet and 6 inches in height in an R District, projects adjacent to an R District, and projects located in a DA or SA District and the parcel is adjacent to an RS or RD District. In an R District, the Daylight Plane on a project begins at 19 feet and 6 inches above grade at each setback line and extends upwards at a 45-degree angle. No portion of the structure shall intrude beyond the Daylight Plane, except as provided for in Section 4.04.312. Building Projects into Yards and Courts, which includes all or portions of balconies, uncovered porches, wheelchair ramps, fire escapes, ornamental features, and other minor features. In a DA or SA District adjacent to a RS or RD District, the Daylight Plane begins at 15 feet above grade at a side or rear property line and extends upwards at a 45-degree angle to a point 35 feet above existing grade at 20 feet from the RS or RD property line. The DA/SA District Daylight Plane standard was amended in 2021 as part of the Multi-Family Objective Standards project in order to address constraints to development in the City's Priority Development Areas. In a C or P District, the Daylight Plane begins at 8 feet above grade at a side or rear property line and extends upwards at a 45-degree angle.

## Mixed Use Development Trends

Development or redevelopment in commercial and mixed use zones could potentially be developed with 100 percent commercial uses and no housing. As shown in Table 3.4, there is no minimum residential density for most districts, except for larger parcels in the DA districts and the SA district.

An analysis of development trends in mixed use zones from 2011 to 2021 shows an increase in the number of entitled projects that contain residential uses as opposed to projects with 100 percent non-residential uses in the past 3 years, as depicted in Figure 3.1. Since 2011, 14 out of 18 projects in mixed use zones had a residential component, or 78 percent. Since 2017, that rate has risen to 82 percent.

**Figure 3.1 Mixed Use Trends**



Note: “Non-residential” projects contain 100 percent non-residential uses, while “Residential” projects contain a residential component.  
 Source: City of San Leandro, 2022

In DA-1, ground floor retail was previously required on parcels fronting on East 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington Avenue north of Parrott Street and encouraged on all other parcels in this district. In a roundtable discussion hosted by the Alameda County Housing Collaborative on November 29, 2021, housing developers noted that ground-floor retail in mixed use developments faces funding and logistical challenges, and that flexibility of ground-floor use increases the development potential of a mixed use project.<sup>19</sup> The Multi-Family Development Standards Project created a path for 100 percent multi-family projects in these locations through a Conditional Use Permit process, thereby increasing the flexibility of potential development options in mixed use zones. Therefore, the City’s development standards allowing 100 percent non-residential uses are not considered a constraint to development or redevelopment in commercial and mixed use zones.

As shown in Table 3.4, the development standards of the DA districts are compatible with the goals of the Downtown San Leandro TOD Strategy to encourage infill redevelopment with mixed uses and high-density housing. However, the development standards in the Zoning Code for most other commercial and mixed use districts do not reflect high-density housing typologies that are needed for high-density development needed to accommodate housing in these areas. For example, as stated earlier, the purpose of the South Area districts and specifically the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor is

<sup>19</sup> Alameda County Collaborative, 2021. Available at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XYrwZxd3Re0VFWGz119bj8uqS9VdUN4H/view>

to promote mixed use developments, especially multi-story developments, with neighborhood oriented commercial uses. However, the density, height, and FAR standards in the Zoning Code are more in line with townhome development and not mid- to high-rise multi-family or mixed use development, as shown in Table 3.4. This is considered a constraint to high-density housing production along mixed use commercial corridors. Therefore, the City proposes to align development standards with the intended development types to achieve higher-density development potential, as detailed in Chapter 4, *Housing Resources*, and specified in Program 5 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

*B-TOD District Standards*

The City established zoning standards for the B-TOD Specific Plan in November 2021 as a key step in implementing the 2018 B-TOD District. To achieve the high-density, walkable community envisioned through the public outreach process for the Specific Plan, the City established the B-TOD Zoning District, which extends to the full planning area. The development standards were created with respect to recent requirements in State law by establishing objective development standards and including opportunities for flexibility and a wide range of land uses. Flexible zoning allows for a broad range of compatible, transit-oriented land uses while remaining flexible about the exact location. Minimum density for residential development is described in Table 3.5.

**Table 3.5 Density for Multi-Family Residential and Mixed Use Residential Development**

B-TOD Sub-Area	Minimum Density (dwelling unit/acre)
Sub-Area 1	65
Sub-Area 2	60
Sub-Area 3	20

Minimum setback requirements for the B-TOD District are zero except for the street-facing setback, which ranges from zero to 20 feet depending on the street and ground-floor use. Maximum building heights in the three sub-areas range between 50 and 90 feet maximum depending on story level. New residential, office, and mixed use buildings in Sub-Area 1 are required to be built to a minimum of four stories and 45 feet to provide an appropriate development intensity for their location near transit. Structures near residential uses are required to stagger the height to create a daylight plane and not create significant shadows on existing residences.

Overall, the B-TOD District was established to implement the B-TOD Specific Plan which seeks to establish a dynamic new multi-model transit-oriented development area. The residential density and height standards promote the development of high-density housing units and are not considered a constraint to housing.

**Citywide Residential Parking Requirements**

According to the Turner Center for Housing Innovation at UC Berkeley, parking can cost \$25,000 to \$75,000 per space to construct.<sup>20</sup> Requiring less parking not only reduces the project budget of residential developments but can allow for more space to build housing units.

Parking standards for developments meeting the State Density Bonus law require a ratio of 0.5 parking spaces per unit for affordable and senior housing development and no more than 0.3 parking spaces per unit for special needs housing development. In residential areas, parking

<sup>20</sup> Turner Center for Housing Innovation at UC Berkeley, 2016. Available at: <http://turnercenter2.berkeley.edu/proforma/>

requirements are governed by the San Leandro Zoning Code and are summarized in Table 3.6. Two non-tandem covered off-street spaces are required for most single-family homes, consistent with other jurisdictions in the region. Pursuant to recent changes in State law (AB 2097, 2022 – Friedman), parking minimums will not be imposed on projects located within one-half mile of major transit stops, which will be addressed through the concurrent Zoning Code Amendments.

**Table 3.6 Residential Parking Requirements**

Housing Type	Requirements
Single-Family Dwelling	2 covered spaces per unit. New single-family dwellings or additions with more than 4 bedrooms or over 4,000 square feet of livable area shall require one additional space which may be uncovered and in tandem if it is located a minimum of 30 feet back from the front property line.
Two-Family Dwelling	2 spaces per unit, including 1 covered <b>South Area Only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2, including 1 covered, per unit (tandem allowed)</li> </ul> <b>Downtown Area Only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 covered per unit for areas adjacent to BART</li> <li>▪ 1.5 per unit, including 1 covered, for all other areas</li> </ul>
Multi-Family Dwelling (per unit)	<b>Studio or One-Bedroom Unit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 covered space per unit plus 0.5 uncovered space per unit; plus 0.25 space per unit for guest parking</li> <li>▪ South Area Only: 1.0 covered space, plus 0.5 guest space, per unit (tandem may be considered)</li> <li>▪ Downtown Area Only: ≤ 0.25 mile to BART: 1.0 space per unit (plus allowance of unbundled flex parking of 0.25 to 0.50 spaces/unit at developer’s option)</li> <li>▪ Bay Fair TOD Only –Sub Area 1: maximum 1.0 space per unit.</li> <li>▪ Bay Fair TOD Sub Area 2 and 3: minimum 0.5 spaces per unit, maximum 1.0 space per unit</li> </ul> <b>Two-Bedroom Unit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2.0 covered spaces per unit plus 0.25 uncovered space; plus 0.25 space per unit for guest parking</li> <li>▪ South Area Only: 1.0 covered space, plus 0.75 guest space, per unit (tandem may be considered)</li> <li>▪ South Area and Downtown Area Only: ≤0.25 mile to public transit: 1.0 space per unit and &gt; 0.25 mile to public transit: 1.5 spaces per unit</li> <li>▪ Bay Fair TOD Only Sub - Area 1: maximum 1.0 space per unit. Sub-Areas 2 and 3: minimum 0.75 space per unit, maximum 1.5 spaces per unit</li> </ul> <b>3 Bedrooms or more</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2.0 covered spaces, plus 0.5 uncovered spaces per unit; 0.25 space per unit must be designated guest parking</li> <li>▪ South Area and Downtown Area Only: 1.0 covered space, plus 1.0 guest space, per unit (tandem may be considered)</li> <li>▪ Downtown Area Only: ≤ 0.25 mile to public transit: 1.0 space per unit and &gt; 0.25 mile to public transit: 1.5 space per unit</li> <li>▪ Bay Fair TOD Only - Sub Area 1: maximum 1.0 space per unit B-TOD. Sub Area 2 and 3: minimum 0.5 spaces per unit, maximum 1.0 space per unit</li> </ul>

Housing Type	Requirements
Bay Fair TOD District	<p><b>Office:</b> Minimum 1.0 space per 1,000 sf (&lt;5,000 sf exempt)</p> <p><b>Retail:</b> Minimum 2.0 spaces per 1,000 sf (&lt;5,000 sf exempt)</p> <p><b>Residential:</b> Studio and 1-Bedroom: minimum 0.5, maximum 1.0 space per unit, space per unit, 2 or More Bedrooms: minimum 0.75 space per unit, maximum 1.5 space per unit</p>
Senior Housing	<p>1.2 spaces per unit, including 1 covered space and one space per employee (covered optional)</p> <p><b>South Area Only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.6 covered space per unit, plus 1.0 space per employee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Downtown Area Only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≤ 0.25 mile to BART: 0.4 covered space per unit, plus 1.0 space per employee.</li> </ul>
In-Residence Cottage Food Operation	1 uncovered space per employee
Group Housing	1 space per 2 beds; plus 1 space per 100 square feet used for assembly purposes or as required by use permit or Planned Development approval
Supportive Housing	Subject to parking standards for the applicable residential type in the applicable residential zone
Transitional Housing	Subject to parking standards for the applicable residential type in the applicable residential zone
Residential Congregate Care	Parking requirement to be based on the unit’s regular residential parking requirement.
Residential Hotels	1.1 parking spaces/room

Source: San Leandro, City of, 2020. Zoning Code.

In 2020, the City analyzed its multi-family parking standards and found that the City’s parking requirements are typical for more auto-oriented suburban development patterns and stakeholders indicated they limit the ability to achieve allowable density. The City’s current parking minimums are a constraint to Housing Production in San Leandro and several approved housing development projects obtained parking exceptions or utilized Planned Developments to provide reduced parking in order to make housing projects financially feasible. These extra discretionary review processes add time and uncertainty, which can impede housing development. The City has a process to consider reduced parking requirements through Major Site Plan Review if the nature of a project supports the reduction and there would be no impacts to nearby parking areas. Prior to the adoption of Multi-Family and Mixed-Use Objective Development Standards, parking exceptions for all uses were reviewed through a process similar to a Use Permit or Variance, which required a noticed public hearing before the Board of Zoning Adjustments and specified findings. Beginning in 2021, parking exceptions are now handled through an administrative Major Site Plan Review process with the Zoning Enforcement Official as the decisionmaker. The parking standards for supportive, transitional, and congregate care are the same as typical housing. The parking standards for Group Housing and Residential Hotels (SROs) are not the same as typical housing and can be a constraint to the development of housing for those with special needs. If a reduced parking finding cannot be met pursuant to the parking reduction requirements, this can be a constraint to the development of housing for those with special needs. As detailed in Program 14 in Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*, the City is committed to retaining the services of a third-party parking consultant to analyze the City’s minimum parking standards and conduct stakeholder outreach to identify recommended reductions or eliminations of residential parking minimums to implement the 2021 Climate Action Plan, reduce identified constraints to housing production and make housing

developments more financially feasible. Stakeholder outreach shall include discussions with for-profit and non-profit housing developers, housing advocates, and environmental groups. Staff will complete the study and make recommendations for reduction or elimination of minimum parking standards to the Planning Commission at a public hearing for their recommendation to the City Council by December 2024. The City will also lower the parking requirements for Residential Hotels (SROs) and amend the Group Homes parking standard to reflect parking standards for the applicable residential type in the applicable zone, as specified in Program 14.

## Provision of a Variety of Housing Types

This section describes the allowable residential development by zone. The regulation of housing opportunities impacts the development of housing opportunities, including those for extremely low-income households and persons with special needs, such as supportive or transitional housing, emergency shelters, and group residences. Table 3.7 summarizes the City's existing zoning provisions for various types of housing. Housing types and allowable uses are described below the table.

### *Single-Family Residential*

A single-family residence means an attached or detached building limited to one kitchen where the occupants of the dwelling unit live and function together as a household. Single-family residences are permitted in all residential zones and are indicated as RS in the zoning code. Single-family residences are permitted in all residential zones in the city. Single-family dwellings are permitted by-right but are subject to Site Plan review. Subsets of the RS District include RS-40 and RS View Preservation (VP). The RS-40 designation requires the front yard setback to be a minimum of 40 feet. RS (VP) requires a maximum height limit of 18 feet and all new homes and additions are subject to discretionary review to prevent unreasonable blockage of views.<sup>21</sup> Single-family residences are permitted uses in RM Zoning Districts which is considered a constraint to multifamily development. The City will revise the Zoning Code to remove single-family residences as a permitted use in RM Zoning Districts as described in Program 14 in Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

### *Manufactured Home*

A manufactured home is a dwelling unit that was manufactured elsewhere and placed on a building site and constructed in accord with federal and State standards for manufactured homes. This definition includes mobile homes and modular homes. The City permits manufactured homes in any R district where a single-family detached dwelling is permitted, subject to the same restrictions on density and to the same property development regulations, provided that such a manufactured home receives a Certificate of Compatibility. Manufactured homes are also permitted in Residential Multi-Family Districts and DA-3 zones with the approval of a conditional use permit.

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<sup>21</sup> City San Leandro Zoning Ordinance. 2021. Available: [http://www.qcode.us/codes/sanleandro-zoning/view.php?topic=2-2\\_04-2\\_04\\_100&frames=on](http://www.qcode.us/codes/sanleandro-zoning/view.php?topic=2-2_04-2_04_100&frames=on) (Ord. 2020-002 Section 4; Ord. 2001-015 Section 1). Accessed October 28, 2021.

Table 3.7 Allowable Housing Types by Zone (prior to concurrent Zoning amendments)

Housing Type	Residential Districts				Commercial and Professional Districts					North Area Districts		South Area Districts			Downtown Area Districts					Industrial Districts			
	RS	RD	RM	RO	CN	CC	B-TOD	CS	P	NA-1	NA-2	SA-1	SA-2	SA-3	DA-1	DA-2	DA-3	DA-4	DA-6	IL	IG	IP	IT
Accessory Dwelling Unit	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	P
Emergency Shelters (within 0.5 mi of BART in IT)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	UP
Group Housing	-	-	UP	-	-	-	-	-	UP	-	-	UP	UP	UP	-	UP	UP	UP	-	-	-	-	-
Manufactured Home Parks	-	-	UP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	UP	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mixed Use Residential (see DA, SA, IT restrictions)	-	-	-	-	UP	UP	P	-	UP	UP	UP	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	UP
Multi-Family Dwellings (see DA, SA, IT restriction)	-	-	P	-	UP	UP	P	-	UP	UP	UP	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	UP
Group Homes - Residential Congregate Care Facilities, (7 or more)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	P
Group Homes - Residential Congregate Care Facilities, Limited (6 or fewer)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	P
Single-Family Residential (Within 0.5 miles of a BART station)	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	UP	UP	-	-	-	-	UP
Two-Family Residential	-	P	P	P*	UP	UP	UP	-	-	UP	P	AR	P	AR	-	-	UP	UP	-	-	-	-	-

Notes:  
 P = Permitted Use  
 AR = Administrative Review Required  
 UP = Use Permit Required  
 - = Not Permitted  
 \* Subject to Section 2.04.384 RO District—Additional Dwelling Units  
 IL = Industrial Limited, IG = Industrial General, IP = Industrial Park, IT = Industrial Transition  
 Source: San Leandro Zoning Code

### *Accessory Dwelling Units*

Under State law (Government Code Section 65852.2), an ADU is a dwelling unit which provides complete independent living facilities for one or more persons. ADUs may provide an affordable housing option for family members of the primary resident(s), students, seniors, in-home health care providers, persons with disabilities, young professionals, or others.

The City of San Leandro provides information on design requirements, regulations, and fees related to ADUs on a handout available on the City's website.<sup>22</sup> In San Leandro, an ADU can be a maximum of 800 square feet to 1,200 square feet depending on the number of bedrooms and size of the main dwelling unit. A Junior ADU (JADU) is a unit that is contained within the habitable floor area of a single-family residence and may share a bathroom with the primary residence. The maximum size of a JADU is 500 square feet for single-family use and 1,200 square feet for multifamily use. An ADU must be located on the same parcel on which a single-family dwelling or multifamily development is located or will be built and may be attached to or converted from a portion of the primary dwelling unit or separate from the primary structure (detached). It includes permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.

On parcels that have an existing or proposed single family use, a maximum of one ADU and one JADU is permitted. On parcels with existing two-family or multi-family uses, a maximum of one repurposed ADU and two detached ADUs are permitted.

The San Leandro Zoning Code (Section 2.04.388) allows for the development of ADUs and JADUs through a ministerial building permit review.

The ADU and JADUs do not count towards the maximum density established by the zoning district. Additionally, no parking spaces are required for ADU or JADUs when a garage is repurposed into the ADU. These requirements ease the development of these structures. Additionally, ADUs and JADUs are not allowed to be used for short-term rentals (30 days or less) which confirms that ADUs will add to the longer-term housing options in the community. Impact fees for new ADU construction depend on the size of the ADU. For ADUs less than 750 square feet, detached and attached ADU impact fees are \$3,270 (for wastewater connection; no other fees apply). For ADUs greater than or equal to 750 square feet, impact fees vary depending on the proposed square feet of the ADU and the primary building square feet.

According to the San Leandro Zoning Code, the unit cannot be sold separately from the primary unit(s). However, following the passage of AB 345 in 2021, local jurisdictions must allow for the separate sale of ADUs in limited circumstances, for example, from a qualified non-profit owner to a low-income owner.

The City of San Leandro issues building permits for ADUs. Building permits were issued for an average of 32 ADUs per year from 2018-2021. The City will implement programs to reduce constraints to the development of ADUs and promote the development of ADUs, as discussed in Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

### *Multi-Family and Mixed Use Residential Development*

Multi-family dwelling means a building containing two or more dwelling units where each unit is for the use of individual households. Multi-family residences include apartments, town houses, condominiums, multi-dwelling structures, or cluster housing with common open space. The Multi-

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<sup>22</sup> City of San Leandro Accessory Dwelling Unit Info Sheet. Available:  
<https://www.sanleandro.org/DocumentCenter/View/1403/Accessory-Dwelling-Unit-ADU-PDF>

Family Development Standards project clarified that multi-family and mixed use development is permitted by right in the DA and SA Districts, except that Conditional Use Permit approval is required to allow ground floor residential on parcels fronting East 14<sup>th</sup> Street or Washington Avenue, north of Parrott, consistent with the Downtown TOD Strategy and the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street South Area Development Strategy. Multi-family residential development is permitted by-right in the City's RM, DA, and SA zones. IT zones also permit multi-family residential development; however, they require a Conditional Use Permit and must be within 0.5 miles of a BART station. There are five types of RM Zoning Districts based on the number of dwellings per gross acre (land area prior to land dedicated for streets or other improvements). They include the following:

- RM-3000 District, density is 14.5 dwellings per gross acre
- RM-2500 District, density is 17.5 dwellings per gross acre
- RM-2000 District, density is 22 dwellings per gross acre
- RM-1800 District, density is 24 dwellings per gross acre
- RM-875 District, density is 50 dwellings per gross acre

Multi-family residential development is required to undergo Site Plan Review conducted by the ZEO unless appealed or elevated to the Board of Zoning Adjustments. A description of the Development Permit process is outlined later in this section.

#### *Single-Room Occupancy Units*

Single-room occupancy (SRO) units are not defined in State law, but under Housing Element law, cities must facilitate SROs as a form of housing for special needs populations (Government Code Section 65583(c)(1)). An SRO unit is usually small, between 200 to 350 square feet. SROs are an important source of affordable private housing for lower-income individuals, seniors, persons with disabilities, and formerly homeless people. Although it is not explicit, SROs are classified as residential hotels in the San Leandro Zoning Code (Section 6.08.112) and are allowed in the SA-1 district with a conditional use permit (CUP). 1.1 parking spaces/room are required, similar to the parking requirement for studio apartments in much of the city, which could pose a constraint to the development of SROs. Not referring to SROs explicitly in the Residential Hotel definition could also be a constraint to the production of SROs. San Leandro does not currently have any SROs. The City will support the development of SROs and other alternative forms of housing, as described in Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*, including concurrent updates to the Zoning Code to clearly identify SROs, expand where they are allowed, and reduce minimum parking standards.

#### *Residential Congregate Care Facilities*

Residential Congregate Care Facilities provide living accommodations and 24-hour, primarily non-medical care and supervision for individuals. The definition of Residential Congregate Care Facilities describes adult day care and/or overnight non-medical residential living accommodations, day treatment, or foster agency services where the duration of stay is determined, at least in part, by the individual residents' participation in group or individual activities, such as counseling, recovery planning, and medical or therapeutic assistance. Congregate Care Facilities include facilities licensed by the State of California. While the current definition identifies specific types of care facilities and includes participation in certain activities, it is generally describing facilities that are licensed by the State of California to provide living accommodations and 24-hour, primarily non-medical care and supervision for individuals. The Zoning Code distinguishes between Residential Congregate Care Facilities serving up to six individuals and facilities serving seven or more individuals; however, all

Residential Congregate Care Facilities are considered a residential use of property, and is a permitted use in all Zoning Districts that allow residential uses. Residential Congregate Care facilities serving seven or more individuals must be located a minimum of 1,000 feet from any other such facility, unless an adjustment is approved by the Board of Zoning Adjustments. Additionally, a zoning permit is required for any facility serving more than 10 adults (Section 2.04.236). Parking standards for all types of Residential Congregate Care Facilities are the same as the applicable residential type in the applicable residential zone.

As described in Program 14 in Chapter 6, Housing Plan, the City will remove barriers to the development of Residential Congregate Care Facilities by amending the Zoning Code to clarify their definition and note that they are subject to the same development standards as the applicable unit type in the applicable zone and to reduce the required separation requirement for facilities serving 7 or more persons to 750 feet, and lower the level of review authority to approve an adjustment to the spacing requirement from the Board of Zoning Adjustments to the Zoning Enforcement Official.

### *Group Housing*

Group Housing, or non-licensed facilities that provide communal living arrangements, are currently allowed in the RM, P, SA, and DA districts with Conditional Use Permit approval. As described in Program 14 in Chapter 6, Housing Plan, the City will remove barriers to Group Housing by clarifying their definition and adding a provision that Group Housing with six or fewer occupants is considered a residential use of property and is a permitted use in all Zoning Districts that allow residential uses.

### *Emergency Shelters*

Emergency shelters are currently defined as facilities limited to 25 beds that serve unsheltered individuals. In addition to providing emergency housing for individuals and families, emergency shelters also have staff and provide amenities such as restrooms, showers, and storage. Emergency shelters are currently permitted by right in the Industrial Limited (IL) District and with a use permit in the Industrial Transition (IT) District. The IL District is approximately 65.6 acres in total and the IT District is 141.5 acres, comprising approximately 2.4 percent of the city's total acreage. The number of people experiencing homelessness in the 2022 PIT count was 409, with 312 unsheltered. With a limit of 25 beds per shelter, 13 emergency shelters would be needed to accommodate all unsheltered residents. AB2339, which goes into effect on January 1, 2023, further expands requirements for emergency shelters and includes parameters for evaluating sufficient land availability to address a local jurisdiction's unsheltered residents. Pursuant to AB2339, 62,400 sq. ft. or 1.4 acres of land are required to shelter the 312 unsheltered individuals from the 2022 PIT using 200 sq. ft. per person.

The 25-bed requirement and the limited size and location of permitted zoning districts are considered a constraint to the development of emergency shelters. As noted in Program 16 in Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*, the City is concurrently amending the Zoning Code to allow emergency shelters with up to 45 beds by right in the General Industrial (IG) and Community Commercial (CC) Zoning District, and increase the number of beds allowed by right in the Industrial Limited (IL) District from 25 beds to 45 beds. The IG District and IL District contain larger sites with existing structures that could be repurposed as emergency shelters or demolished to make room for new structures. The IG and IL Districts contain sufficient numbers of vacant sites to accommodate the need with a total of 28.09 acres of vacant sites; however, the majority of these sites are not close to services. There are 6 vacant lots in the IG District ranging from 0.11 to 4.32 acres each and one

vacant lot in IL that is 0.11 acres in size. Sites in the industrial zoning districts have the potential for contamination and could require remediation.

To ensure there are adequate non-contaminated sites, including vacant sites, close to services, the City is concurrently amending the Zoning Code to permit emergency shelters in the Commercial Community (CC) District. The CC District is mixed-use, allows for residential uses, and provides sites for commercial centers containing a wide variety of commercial establishments, including retail, services, hotels and motels. Sites are generally suitable for human habitability based on the allowed uses and environmental quality. The CC District offers sites with a range of parcel sizes and existing uses and offers potential for reuse and development in locations with older structures and lower improvement to land value ratios. The CC District allows housing development, has more than 30 acres of vacant land and 60.5 acres of underutilized land (defined as improvement to land value ratio below 1.0, with an average FAR of 0.20 and average building age of 1957), and is close to public transit and medical, social, and/or commercial services. The City will also amend the Zoning Code to permit larger shelters with a use permit in zoning districts where emergency shelters are permitted.

AB 139, which went into effect on January 1, 2020, mandates that emergency shelters may only be subject to those standards which apply to residential and commercial development within the same zone, except that a city can apply standards regulating the number of beds, parking for staff provided that the standards do not require more parking for emergency shelters than other residential or commercial uses within the same zone, length of stay, and other minor standards. The San Leandro Zoning Code states that an emergency shelter requires an adopted management plan that includes hours and staffing, provides sufficient waiting area, parking and loading facilities, and 24-hour restrooms. The Zoning Code does not have specific standards related to the requirements discussed in AB 139. If these requirements are arbitrarily applied, this could be a constraint on housing for unsheltered persons. The City will concurrently revise the emergency shelter provisions in the Zoning Code to address identified constraints and to be consistent with AB 139 and AB2339, subjecting emergency shelters only to the same objective standards that apply to residential and commercial development within the same zone (e.g., setbacks, height, lot coverage, and FAR), except for objective standards related to location, management, and intake area, as specified in Program 16 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

#### *Low Barrier Navigation Center*

With the adoption of AB 101 in 2019, cities are required to allow low barrier navigation centers as a permitted use in mixed use zones and other nonresidential zones permitting multi-family residential development. Per AB 101, a low barrier navigation center is defined as: “a Housing First, low-barrier, service-enriched shelter focused on moving people into permanent housing that provides temporary living facilities while case managers connect individuals experiencing homelessness to income, public benefits, health services, shelter, and housing.” When compared to traditional emergency shelters, low barrier navigation centers may provide more services and additional flexibility to clients, such as allowing pets or permitting partners to share living space. AB 101 also requires local jurisdictions to act on a complete application for a low barrier navigation center within 60 days. As San Leandro’s Zoning Code has not been updated to permit low barrier navigation centers, this is considered a constraint to housing for unsheltered individuals and the City will revise emergency shelter provisions in the Zoning Code, consistent with AB 101. The City is currently in negotiations to purchase a motel to develop a short- term low barrier navigation center with shelter/housing units and will take actions, including apply for State Project Homekey funding,

to open a facility during the Housing Element planning period, as specified in Program 16 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

### *Supportive and Transitional Housing*

When compared to emergency shelters, transitional housing is intended to accommodate people experiencing homelessness and their families for a longer time period, typically 6 to 18 months, while residents stabilize their lives and can move into permanent housing. Supportive housing is affordable housing with access to on- or off-site support services that help individuals or families with barriers to employment or housing stability, such as people experiencing homeless, or people with disabilities, and other special needs populations. Transitional Housing is defined as rental housing developments operated under program requirements that call for the termination of assistance at some predetermined future point in time, which shall be no less than six months.

The City regulates supportive and transitional housing the same as other residential dwellings of the same type in the applicable zoning districts. Parking standards are also the same as the applicable residential type in the applicable residential zone.

AB 2162, which went into effect on January 1, 2019, requires that cities allow supportive housing with up to 50 units by-right in multi-family and mixed use zones and precludes cities from imposing parking requirements on supportive housing developments located within one half mile of a public transit stop. As San Leandro's Zoning Code has not been updated to be consistent with these requirements, this is considered a constraint to housing for individuals in need of support and the Housing Element update will revise supportive housing provisions in the Zoning Code, consistent with AB 2162. The City will revise the Zoning Code consistent with AB 2162, as specified in Program 16 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

### *Employee Housing and Farmworker Housing*

Under California Health and Safety Code 17021.5, any employee housing providing accommodation for six or fewer employees must be considered a single-family structure with a residential land use designation. San Leandro's Zoning Code does not currently address employee housing and the Housing Element update will revise employee housing provisions in the Zoning Code as specified in Program 15 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*. California Health and Safety Code Sections 17021.5 and 17021.6 generally require agricultural employee housing to be permitted by-right, without a CUP, in single-family zones for six or fewer persons and in agricultural zones with no more than 12 units or 36 beds. No zones in the city permit agricultural uses. The City will amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow agricultural employee housing for six or fewer persons by right in zoning districts where single-family uses are allowed, subject to the same regulations as a single-family dwelling. The City will also assess and monitor, on an annual basis and as data is available, the need for farmworker housing in the city and region. If it is determined that farmworker housing is an identified need, support and facilitate efforts by private, non-profit, and public agencies to provide safe, affordable, and adequate housing for farmworkers, and explore new funding opportunities to support permanent farmworker housing, as specified in Program 10 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

## **On- and Off-Site Improvements**

As an urbanized community, most on- and off-site improvements are already in place, such as sewer, water, and utility lines. Typical on- and off-site improvements which may be required for new development on infill sites include connections to sanitary sewer and storm water infrastructure and improvements to adjacent traffic signals and sidewalks. In cases where water or wastewater

infrastructure may need to be enlarged or repaired to accommodate new construction, developers are responsible for paying the direct costs of improvements. Although requirements for on- and offsite improvements do add to the overall cost of development, they are necessary to ensure provision of vital infrastructure services to residents. Based on the City’s development pipeline and stakeholder feedback, on and off-site improvements do not create an undue constraint on development.

### 3.2.3 Housing for Persons with Disabilities

#### Definition of Family

Local jurisdictions may restrict access to housing for households that do not meet the jurisdiction’s definition for “family.” A restrictive definition of “family” that limits the number of individuals living together may illegally limit the development and siting of group homes for persons with disabilities, but not for housing families that are similarly sized or situated. The City of San Leandro’s Zoning Code defines family as “a person or a group of persons living together and maintaining a common household.”<sup>23</sup> This definition is not overly restrictive and is not considered a constraint to housing.

#### Reasonable Accommodation Procedures

The Federal Fair Housing Act and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act require that cities and counties provide reasonable accommodation where such accommodation may be necessary to afford individuals with disabilities equal housing opportunities. Cities and counties must also consider requests for accommodations related to housing for people with disabilities and provide the accommodation when it is determined to be “reasonable” based on fair housing laws and the case law interpreting the statutes.

Reasonable accommodation is one of the tools intended to further housing opportunities for people with disabilities. These accommodations can mean local jurisdictions making modifications or exceptions in their zoning laws and other land-use regulations when such accommodations may be necessary to afford disabled persons an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling. For example, it may be a reasonable accommodation to waive a setback requirement so that a ramp can be provided to residents with mobility impairments.

Reasonable accommodation enables developers and providers of housing for people with disabilities a means of requesting from the local government flexibility in the application of land use and zoning regulations or, in some instances, even a waiver of certain restrictions or requirements necessary to achieve equal access to housing.

San Leandro uses reasonable accommodations to eliminate obstacles to housing for the elderly, people suffering from chronic illness or people experiencing physical or mental disabilities. This can include residents who are recovering from drug and alcohol addiction who would benefit from living in a non-institutional residential environment. San Leandro’s zoning code states that the City can change, waive, or make exceptions to zoning rules that would otherwise have the effect of limiting the ability of such individuals to live in the residence of their choice in the community. San Leandro Zoning Code Section 2.04.232 removes any special requirements for facilities for the disabled that would limit such individuals’ choice of places to live to the extent that such residences are subject to requirements different from those applicable to similar uses of land.

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<sup>23</sup> City of San Leandro Zoning Code. 2021. Available: [http://www.qcode.us/codes/sanleandro-zoning/view.php?cite=section\\_1.12.108&confidence=6](http://www.qcode.us/codes/sanleandro-zoning/view.php?cite=section_1.12.108&confidence=6). Accessed October 28, 2021

In 2009, the City adopted the following policy, “Reasonable Accommodation Policy and Grievance Policy Relating to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Employment and Housing Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act,” as follows:

It is the policy of the City of San Leandro to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the comprehensive civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination against persons with disabilities. The City of San Leandro will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, events, activities, facilities and public meetings.

In all of its services, programs, events, activities, facilities and public meetings, the City of San Leandro will strive to eliminate any barriers that prohibit persons with disabilities from participating or from having full access to facilities. If a service, program, event or activity is not fully accessible, the City will, to the best of its ability, relocate said service, program, event or activity to an accessible facility, or provide equal services at alternate accessible sites.

A request for special accommodation must be made to the ADA Coordinator by the individual needing the accommodation or his/her representative with at least two (2) weeks advance notice of the service, program, event, or activity. Advance notification within this guideline will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

### **Reasonable Accommodation Policy – Zoning and Land Use**

This policy provides a procedure to request reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities seeking equal access to housing under the Federal Fair Housing Act and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (the Acts) in the application of zoning laws and other land use regulations, policies and procedures.

A request for reasonable accommodation may be made by any person with a disability, his/her representative or any entity, when the application of a zoning law or other land use regulation, policy or practice acts as a barrier to fair housing opportunities. A person with a disability is a person who has a physical or mental impairment that limits or substantially limits one or more major life activities, anyone who is regarded as having such impairment or anyone who has a record of such impairment. This Article is intended to apply to those persons who are defined as disabled under the Acts.

Requests for reasonable land use accommodation shall be submitted on an application form provided by the ADA Coordinator and shall include the following information:

- (1) The applicant's name, address and telephone number.
- (2) Address of the property for which the request is being made.
- (3) The current actual use of the property.
- (4) The basis for the claim that the individual is considered disabled under the Acts.
- (5) The zoning code provision, regulation or policy from which reasonable accommodation is being requested.
- (6) Why the reasonable accommodation is necessary to make the specific property accessible to the individual.

### **Review with Other Land Use Applications.**

If the project for which the request for reasonable accommodation is being made also requires some other discretionary approval (including but not limited to; conditional use permit, design review, general plan amendment, zone change, annexation, etc.), then the applicant shall file the information required by Subsection (a) together for concurrent review with the application for discretionary approval.

Requests for reasonable accommodation shall be reviewed by the ADA Coordinator who may at the Coordinator's discretion, forward to the relevant department head for his/her review and determination. The ADA Coordinator or his/her designee, shall make a written determination within 45 days and either grant, grant with modifications, or deny a request for reasonable accommodation in accordance with §2.5.325 (Findings and Decision).

### **Findings and Decision for Land Use**

The written decision to grant or deny a request for reasonable accommodation for a land use will be consistent with the Acts and shall be based on consideration of the following factors:

- (1) Whether the housing, which is the subject of the request, will be used by an individual disabled under the Acts.
- (2) Whether the request for reasonable accommodation is necessary to make specific housing available to an individual with a disability under the Acts.
- (3) Whether the requested reasonable accommodation would impose an undue financial or administrative burden on the City.
- (4) Whether the requested reasonable accommodation would require a fundamental alteration in the nature of a City program or law, including but not limited to land use and zoning.
- (5) Potential impact on surrounding uses.
- (6) Physical attributes of the property and structures.
- (7) Alternative reasonable accommodations which may provide an equivalent level of benefit.

In granting a request for reasonable accommodation, the reviewing authority may impose any conditions of approval deemed reasonable and necessary to ensure that the reasonable accommodation would comply with the findings required above.

### **Appeal of Determination**

A determination by the reviewing authority to grant or deny a request for reasonable accommodation for land use may be appealed to the Planning Commission.

A request for reasonable accommodation may include a modification or exception to the rules, standards and practices for the siting, development and use of housing or housing-related facilities that would eliminate regulatory barriers and provide a person with a disability equal opportunity to housing of his/her choice. Requests for reasonable accommodation shall be made in the manner prescribed by §2.5.310 (Application Requirements) and shall be made to the City's ADA Coordinator.

Requests for all special accommodations or to file grievances with the City regarding the City's failure to provide a reasonable accommodation can be submitted to the City's ADA Coordinator or Section 504 Coordinator. The contact information for these individuals can be found on the policy

form. However, while the policy information form is located on the City’s website, it is not easily accessible. Findings that refer to “potential impact on surrounding uses,” can be a constraint to providing reasonable accommodations. The City will review the City’s adopted 2009 reasonable accommodation policy and grievance procedure, update as needed, and provide a link to its Reasonable Accommodations policy on the Housing page of the City website, as described in Program 15 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*. As part of its review, the City will remove criteria that may limit reasonable accommodations, including consideration of potential impact on surrounding uses.

## California Building Code

San Leandro adopted and amended the California Building Code (CBC), 2019 Edition. The CBC contains general building design and construction requirements relating to fire and life safety, structural safety, and access compliance. The guidelines established by the CBC provide minimum standards to safeguard life or limb, health, property, and public welfare by regulating and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of all buildings and structures and certain equipment. The City’s Building & Safety Services Division ensures that new construction and structural improvements in San Leandro are executed safely and in compliance with the CBC.<sup>24</sup>

San Leandro adopted local amendments to the CBC to address earthquake design standards within San Leandro. The City has not adopted unique restrictions that would constrain the development of housing for persons with disabilities. Compliance with provisions of the Code of Regulations, California Building Standards Code and Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is assessed and enforced by the Building and Safety Division of the Community Development Department as part of the plan check and building permit issuance process. San Leandro’s Building Code Enforcement Team is responsible for enforcing the City’s Municipal Code; the California Building, Electric, Plumbing, and Mechanical Codes; the International Property Maintenance Code; and the California Health and Safety Code.

### 3.2.4 Planning and Development Fees

The City charges various fees and assessments to cover the cost of processing permits and providing certain services and utilities. San Leandro charges for processing residential development permits. In addition, other fees such as impact fees may be assessed, depending upon the circumstances of the development.

Development permit fees are used to cover the cost of reviewing a development proposal. Fees in the Planning Services Division are based on either direct costs or a fixed fee. The current fees (Fiscal Year 2021 to 2022) for various permits related to housing development are listed in Table 3.8 below:

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<sup>24</sup> City of San Leandro. 2021. Building Code. Available: <https://www.sanleandro.org/depts/cd/bldg/buildcode.asp>. Accessed October 28, 2021

Table 3.8 Development Review Associated Fees

Action/Activity	Fees
<b>Administrative Review and Exceptions</b>	
Residential	\$2,223.16 = \$2,097.32 + \$125.84 tech fee
Residential Requiring Hearing	\$4,448.36 = \$4,196.57 + \$251.79 tech fee
<b>Appeal</b>	
By Non-Applicant to BZA or City Council	\$578.45 (+City Clerk Filing Fee if City Council)
By Applicant to BZA	Direct Cost
By Applicant to City Council	Direct Cost + City Clerk filing fee
<b>Conditional Use Permit (CUP)/Parking Exception/Variance</b>	
CUP - Residential	Direct Cost \$6,000 deposit
Parking Exception	Direct Cost \$6,000 deposit
Variance	Direct Cost \$6,000 deposit
<b>Environmental Review</b>	
Exemption without Initial Study (Categorical)	\$741.40 = \$699.43 + \$41.97 tech fee
Initial Study/Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	Direct Cost, based on scope
<b>Fence Modification</b>	
Single-Family and Duplex	\$1,112.10 = \$1,049.15 + \$62.95 tech fee
Multi-Family and Non-Residential	\$1,669.16 = \$1,574.68 + \$94.48 tech fee
Residential (View Preservation)	\$3,335.26 = \$3,146.47 + \$188.79 tech fee
<b>Planned Development/Development Agreement</b>	
Planned Development	Direct Cost \$15,000 deposit
Development Agreement	Direct Cost \$15,000 deposit
<b>Pre-Application</b>	
First Meeting Free/Each Additional Meeting	\$557.07 = \$525.54 + \$31.53 tech fee
BZA/Planning Commission Work Session	\$557.07 = \$525.54 + \$31.53 tech fee
SB 330/SB 35 Housing Project	\$5,927.52 = \$5,592.00 + \$335.52 tech fee
<b>Site Plan Review</b>	
Minor Residential/Certificate of Compatibility/Accessory Dwelling Unit	\$2,780.23 = \$2,622.86 + \$157.37 tech fee
Major View Preservation	\$4,448.36 = \$4,196.57 + \$251.79 tech fee
Major Residential/Non-Residential	Direct Cost \$5,000 deposit
<b>Tentative Map/Subdivision/Condominium/Annexation</b>	
Tentative Map	Direct Cost \$15,000 deposit
Amendment/Extension/Revision/Waiver	Direct Cost \$15,000 deposit
Residential Condo Conversion	Direct Cost \$15,000 deposit
Non-Residential Condo Conversion	Direct Cost \$15,000 deposit
Annexation	Direct Cost \$15,000 deposit
<b>Zone Change/General Plan Amendment/Specific Plan</b>	
Zone Change/Code Amendment	Direct Cost \$15,000 deposit
General Plan Amendment	Direct Cost \$15,000 deposit
Specific Plan/Amendment	Direct Cost \$15,000 deposit

Action/Activity	Fees
<b>Plan Check for Building Permit</b>	
Single-Family Residential: New Construction/Alterations/Additions	\$263.00
Multi-Family Residential or Non-Residential: New Construction	\$656.45
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)	\$172.11 per hour
Community Planning Fee (applies to all building permits)	0.3% of total valuation of construction
<b>Technology Fee</b>	
Applied to all permit fees except Zoning Compliance Letters, Zoning Business License fees, and Plan Check for Building Permit fees.	6% of the total permit fee and is not refundable.
BZA = Board of Zoning Adjustments	
Source: San Leandro Planning Permit Fees and Charges, 2021 - 2022	

The permit processing fees depend upon the specific zoning approval required and the type of project or construction. Planning fees are based on a fixed fee or direct cost, such as staff time plus overhead. City Planners are available to identify the approvals that may be required for a project. When a Planning permit is required for a project, approval of the Planning permit is required before a building permit can be issued.<sup>25</sup>

### *Development Impact Fees*

San Leandro relies on development impact fees to pay for services needed for the additional growth. Impact fees cover expansions of city infrastructure and services needed to accommodate growth beyond the tasks necessary to build a specific residential project. Public goods and services like schools, parks and art, capital improvement, environmental resources, affordable housing, transportation, utilities, and fire and public safety are covered by impact fees. Development impact fees for San Leandro are described in more detail below:

- **School Fees:** Support new school facilities to serve future residents of new developments.
- **Transportation Fees:** Funds the costs of expanding transportation infrastructure usage related to new development. There are different development fees for street improvements and are called general traffic impact fees. A general traffic impact fee is assessed if the new use generates more traffic than the former use. Two additional traffic impact fees are based on impact zones around the intersections of Davis Street/Doolittle Drive and Marina Boulevard/I-880. The Davis Street/Doolittle Drive intersection fee zones generally lie south of 98th Avenue, west of I-880, north of Marina Boulevard, and east of the Bay. The Marina Boulevard/I-880 intersection fee zone is generally south of San Leandro Creek, west of East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, north of Manor Boulevard, and east of the Bay. These traffic impact zones are available for view on web-based maps.
- **Park Fees:** Fees set aside for parks and parkland.
- **Utility Impact Fees:** Funding that covers expansions of water, sewer, electricity, and gas infrastructure.

The City also collects a range of residential impact fees to offset the future impact of development on existing infrastructure, city services (such as public safety), schools, and other services. Park Development Impact Fees are charged to single-family, multi-family, and ADU development at a

<sup>25</sup> City of San Leandro. 2021. Development Fees – Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021. Available: <https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=33067>. Accessed October 27, 2021

cost per unit to fund park land acquisition, development, or improvements. Street Improvement fees are charged per unit based on the type of construction and location of the development. Undergrounding of utilities is also charged per unit for housing in certain districts in the city, and sewer connection fees are charged based on the type of residential development. The City collects fees for schools, but the rates are set by school districts. The City does not currently provide an exemption for affordable housing projects.

Overall, the City’s current development impact fees have minimal impacts on overall development costs, given the high price of land in San Leandro and the region. San Leandro has fewer development impact fees than some other cities in Alameda County. However, the City’s Park Development Impact Fees are substantially higher than neighboring jurisdictions and were identified as a constraint during the stakeholder interviews. For example, San Leandro’s Park Development Impact Fees for multi-family units are \$15,316 per unit for park land acquisition and \$2,436 per unit for park improvements, compared to the City of Hayward’s park fees which range from \$1,581 to \$7,799 per unit depending on the number of bedrooms. This fee could be considered a constraint to housing, especially for large, high-density developments with a large number of housing units. In addition, development impact fees for ADUs could be a cost burden to single-family homeowners and be a constraint to the development of ADUs. The City plans to conduct a Comprehensive Impact Fee Study by 2024 to assess changes to development impact fees and potential impacts to housing development, as specified in Program 14 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*. As a part of the City’s Comprehensive Impact Fee Study, the City will explore a standardized fee reduction and/or impact fee waiver program for affordable housing projects.

*Development Fees For a Typical Project*

Table 3.9 provides development fees for a typical project. The fees for a single-family residence were actual fees for a real time, two-story, 2848 square foot single-family residence completed in 2021. The fees for a multi-family residence were actual fees for a 62-unit project completed in 2022. The table includes City fees and non-city fees. City fees for a single-family residence totaled \$54,364.16 while the fees for the multi-family project totaled \$1,544,975.50, approximately \$25,000 per unit. Non-city fees totaled \$19,310.96 for the single-family residence and \$239,013.44 for the multi-family project, or \$3,855 per unit. The combined totals for City and non-city fees totaled \$73,725.12 for single family and \$1,783,988.70 for multi-family, approximately \$29,000 per unit.

**Table 3.9 Development Fees for a Typical Unit**

<b>Development Fees for a Typical Unit</b>	<b>Single-Family</b>	<b>Multi-Family Total</b>	<b>Multi-Family Per Unit</b>
<b>City Fees</b>			
Estimated Grading Permit and Inspection (single-family residence if <50 cubic yards. No grading permit required)	N/A	3,695.50	59.6
Development fees for street improvement	1,491.91	84,094.78	1,370.00
Impact fee-park development	19,461.00	986,812.00	15,916.00
Imaging	509.80	1,538.50	24.80
Building Permit Fee-valuation	14,290.31	60,745.42	979.76
Conditional Use Permit	N/A	2,728.51	44.00
Site plan review, Planning	250.00	7,200.00	116.12
Planning review	2,326.00	1,225.00	19.75
Plan check fee, Building	5,468.16	47,087.02	759.46
Community Planning fee	3,722.40	40,178.82	648.00
Technology fee, Planning (6% of permit fee)	139.56	300.00	4.84
Solid waste and recycling plan (Public works review of projects over \$100,000.00 in valuation, Construction and Demolition Recycling)	165.00	316.00	5.01
Miscellaneous fee	N/A	131.00	2.11
Credit card processing fee	N/A	3.28	0.52
Impact fee-traffic Marina/I-880	N/A	42,298.24	682.23
Impact fee, overhead utility	N/A	46,231.83	745.67
Environmental hourly review fee	N/A	151.00	2.43
Staff hours (building permit) Engineering	464.43	216.00	3.48
Filing and issuance	123.00	123.00	1.98
Building Standards SB1473	50.00	536.00	8.65
Water Pollution Control Plant -Residential	4,389.00	212,512.00	3,427.61
<b>Total City Fees</b>	<b>54,364.16</b>	<b>1,544,975.50</b>	<b>24,918.59</b>
<b>Non-City Fees</b>			
Fire alarm system permit	N/A	1,790.14	28.87
Fire plan review (City contracts with Alameda County Fire Dept.)	4,585.55	39,484.52	636.84
Fire sprinklers/Fire permit	\$1,001.10	1,790.40	28.88
School impact fee	10,793.92	182,435.44	2,942.00
Energy Conservation (For all buildings subject to the California Energy Commission's conservation regulations) 20% of permit fee.	2,769.09	11,771.76	189.86
Strong Motion Impact fee (State mandated tax for seismic hazard monitoring)	161.30	1,741.08	28.00
<b>Total Non-City Fees</b>	<b>19,310.96</b>	<b>239,013.44</b>	<b>3,855.00</b>
<b>Total Fees</b>	<b>\$73,725.12</b>	<b>\$1,783,988.70</b>	<b>\$28,774.01</b>

Development Fees for a Typical Unit	Single-Family	Multi-Family Total	Multi-Family Per Unit
Estimated Construction Cost <sup>1</sup>	\$714,525.0 0	\$13,392,940.0 0	\$216,015.16
Overall development cost	\$788,250.1 2	\$15,176,928.7 0	\$244,789.17
Proportion of fee cost to overall development cost	9.35%	11.75%	11.75%

<sup>1</sup> Construction costs do not include land costs. When land costs are considered, fees as a proportion of total development cost are significantly lower.

### 3.2.5 Inclusionary Housing Ordinance

Inclusionary housing regulations help increase the availability of affordable housing stock in the city. San Leandro’s Inclusionary Housing Ordinance was established in 2004 and requires that a certain percentage of new residential development be made affordable to low- and moderate-income households, depending on whether the project is intended as ownership or rental housing. Currently, for all new residential developments, at least 15 percent of the total units must be inclusionary units restricted for occupancy by moderate-, low-, or very low-income households at either the affordable rent or affordable ownership cost appropriate for the income of the household. Although inclusionary requirements do increase the cost of market rate development, they are a key component in the City’s efforts to increase the affordable housing supply in San Leandro.

San Leandro’s Inclusionary Housing Ordinance is a production-first program with very limited options for in-lieu fees. Only new for-sale housing development with two to six total units have the option of providing one affordable unit for moderate-income households or paying an in-lieu fee defined in the ordinance. The in-lieu fee does not apply to rental developments or developments with more than six total units. New for-sale housing developments and condominium conversions involving fewer than two units and new rental housing developments with fewer than four units are exempt from this ordinance.

An Inclusionary Housing Plan is required for residential developments subject to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (two or more for-sale units or four or more rental units), which is reviewed at the planning entitlements stage for compliance with the Ordinance. All units identified as low- and moderate-income are required to record Inclusionary Housing Agreements (resale restrictions, deeds of trust, rights of first refusal) to ensure long-term affordability.

As described in Program 12 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*, the City is committed to updating the Inclusionary Housing program and will conduct an economic feasibility study to guide any decisions on changes to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, including the consideration of thresholds for covered projects, changes to the required inclusionary housing component and/or changes to the in-lieu fee structure and the desire and ability of developers to contribute to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF). Based on the findings of the evaluation and the study, the City shall consider amendments to the ordinance with the goal of increasing the amount of affordable housing built in the city while ensuring the requirements do not pose a constraint to overall housing production.

### 3.2.6 Permit Procedures and Processing Times

Certainty and consistency in permit processing procedures and reasonable processing times is important to ensure that the development review/approval process does not discourage developers of housing or add excessive costs (including carrying costs on property) that would make the project

economically infeasible. The City is committed to maintaining comparatively short processing times. Processing and permit procedures can pose a considerable constraint to the production and improvement of housing. The lengthy processing time, unclear permitting procedures, layered reviews, multiple discretionary review requirements, and costly conditions of approval can contribute to the high cost of housing.<sup>26</sup> Processing times depend on the magnitude and complexity of the proposed development project. In the City, the typical period for administrative review is one to three months. A Use Permit or variance takes approximately six to eight months to complete. Parking exceptions previously triggered a public hearing before the Board of Zoning Adjustments, but were recently revised to an administrative process through the Zoning Enforcement Official. Administrative Site Plan Review takes three to four months to complete, unless it is a major residential project which typically takes six to eight months to complete. If a project requires a Use Permit and Site Plan Review, they are processed concurrently.

The average number of days from entitlement to building permit is 198.64 days, based on a review of projects from the past 18 months. This length of time is approximately 15 percent higher than the average number of days for all jurisdictions in Alameda County, which is 172.44 days. The City will continue to improve the efficiency of the development review process, as described in Program 14 in Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

San Leandro’s Community Development Department provides guidance to developers, construction contractors, or homeowners through its One Stop Permit Center to discuss proposed building plans.

The Multi-Family Development Standards project established objective development and design standards as discussed above, which allowed the City to adjust review thresholds for several project types from discretionary to administrative. As detailed below, the City consolidated and standardized the review process for planning permits in the city.

### Site Plan Review

Through the City’s SB2 grant-funded work to develop Multi-Family and Mixed-Use Objective Development Standards, stakeholder input confirmed that uncertainties and delays resulting from prolonged discretionary review processes were a barrier to housing development. As a result, the City updated its development standards and review processes to meet state law, set clear expectations, and streamlined review of housing projects.

There are now three levels of Site Plan Review, and the review authority for all three is administrative at the Zoning Enforcement Official (ZEO) level, as detailed in Table 3.10. The Site Plan Review process runs concurrently with any other required discretionary permits.

**Table 3.10 Site Plan Review Process**

Type	Review Body	Required Noticing	Hearing
Administrative Site Plan Review	ZEO, BZA upon appeal or elevation	None	No
Minor Site Plan Review	ZEO, BZA upon appeal or elevation	Adjacent properties	No
Major Site Plan Review	ZEO, BZA upon appeal or elevation	Within RS-VSP: 500 feet from property. Other areas: Adjacent Properties	Yes

ZEO = Zoning Enforcement Official  
 BZA = Board of Zoning Adjustments

<sup>26</sup> California Department of Housing and Community Development. 2021. Building Blocks. <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/constraints/processing-permitting-procedures.shtml>. Accessed October 28, 2021

An Administrative Site Plan Review is required for the following:

- RD and RM Districts: new dwellings (including multi-family developments), additions, or redevelopment of 2,500 square feet and 50 percent of the gross floor area, new structure greater than 2,500 square feet, and additions or new second/third stories
- Commercial Districts: new structures greater than 2,500 square feet, additions, or redevelopment greater than 2,500 square feet and 10 percent of the gross floor area, and major structural upgrades
- B-TOD District: new structures, additions or redevelopment, structural upgrades

Minor Site Plan Review is required for the following:

- RO, RS, and RM-40 Districts: new two-story home and second story addition or increase in square footage
- RS-VP: any addition or structure requiring building permit

Major Site Plan Review is required for the following:

- RO, RS, and RM-40 Districts: New single-family home or addition which would have floor area greater than 4,000 square feet, addition that exceeds 100 percent of existing floor area, third story or addition, and a new or addition to a two-family dwelling that would result in an additional unit, additions or redevelopment greater than 2,500 square feet and 10 percent of the gross floor area, or increase the square footage of the second or third story.
- RS-VP: new single-family home or any additions greater than 250 square feet or results in home over 4,000 square feet

In summary, projects that involve the construction of new housing units are subject to an administrative process (either no site plan review or an administrative site plan review) except for new units in the RS-VP District and new large homes (over 4,000 square feet), new two-story homes, additions of new units to a two-family dwelling, and redevelopment greater than 2,500 square feet in RO, RS, and RM-40 districts.

The City of San Leandro has taken steps to streamline the design review process for residential projects to reduce or eliminate potential delays due to design and is concurrently amending the Zoning Code to revise required findings and clarify that Administrative Site Plan Review is a ministerial process through which objective development standards are applied to proposed projects. The City of San Leandro does not have a design review board. Residential projects are subject to straightforward objective criteria codified in the Zoning Code. Most residential projects are approved either administratively or through the Board of Zoning Adjustments and do not require a subsequent public hearing before the City Council unless appealed. For these reasons, projects are unlikely to be delayed or more costly to develop due to the design review process. The City's current site plan review process is not considered a constraint to housing development, but the City will continue to explore efforts to reduce constraints to development and streamline development review, as specified in Program 14 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

## State Streamlining

Under the 5th Cycle Housing Element reporting period (2015-2023), the City of San Leandro has made insufficient progress toward its Above Moderate income RHNA and is subject to SB 35 streamlining provisions for projects that include at least 10 percent affordability. SB 35 requires that

eligible projects be reviewed for compliance and consistency with the City's objective standards and are not subject to discretionary processes, such as CEQA environmental review and public hearings. Eligible projects with 150 units or fewer must be approved within 90 days and projects with more than 150 units must be approved within 180 days.

Since 2018, three projects have been approved through SB 35 ministerial approval. San Leandro has a SB 35 Streamlined Process information sheet that describes the process for submitting an eligible project for review. In addition, AB 1397 requires that 5th cycle opportunity sites re-used in the 6th cycle and identified to accommodate lower income units (Very Low-Income and Low-Income) be subject to by-right approval if projects include 20 percent affordable units for lower income households on-site, which is addressed in Program 5 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

## Conditional Use Permits

A conditional use permit (CUP) is required for various uses in certain zoning districts provided they will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare and will not impair the integrity and character of the zoned district. The BZA either approves subject to conditions or denies such uses. Each application is considered on its individual merits. San Leandro has no CUP requirement for multi-family housing in the RM residential district, SA-1 through SA-3 Districts, and DA-1 through DA-6 Districts, but is required in Commercial and Professional Districts, NA-1, NA-2, and IT Districts. In addition, mixed use development does not require a CUP in the SA-1 through SA-3 Districts, or DA-1 through DA-6 Districts, but is required in Commercial and Professional Districts, NA-1, and IT Districts. Obtaining a CUP requires a noticed public hearing before the BZA. To issue a CUP, the BZA must find that:

- The proposed location of the use is in accord with the objectives of the Zoning Code and the purposes of the district in which the site is located.
- The proposed location of the use and conditions under which it would be operated or maintained will be consistent with the General Plan; will not be detrimental to the neighborhood; and will not be detrimental to properties or improvements in the vicinity or to the general welfare of the city.
- The proposed use will comply with the provisions of the Zoning Code, including any specific conditions required for the proposed use in the district in which it would be located.
- The proposed use will not create adverse impacts on traffic or create demands exceeding the capacity of public services and facilities which cannot be mitigated.<sup>27</sup>

Beginning with the 2007-2014 (4<sup>th</sup> Cycle) Housing Element, the City identified the desire to rezone portions of the Community Commercial (CC) Zoning District to allow housing as a permitted use on Washington between Castro and San Leandro Blvd and MacArthur Blvd between Durant and Foothill to expedite the reuse of vacant and under-developed properties. The action was carried forward into the 2015-2023 Housing Element (Action 53.01-C), but has not been completed. The City is proposing to concurrently amend the Zoning Code to establish a Housing (-H) Overlay Zone for the above locations to allow multi-family and mixed-use housing by right and reduce governmental constraints to housing production.

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<sup>27</sup> City of San Leandro Housing Element. 2015. Available: <https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=5207>. Accessed October 28, 2021

## Building Permits

Building permits are required for most improvements and the fees are calculated based on the construction valuation of each project. These fees are based on the building or structure and the construction work required. The permit technicians receive and review all plans and applications that require building permits. These applications can include additions, alterations, repairs, demolitions, and new construction to buildings. They can also include removing, converting, or replacing any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system. Permit Technicians collect permit fees and issue all the City of San Leandro's Building permits. Building permit review timelines for all projects are as follows:

- First review: 15 to 20 working days
- Second review: 10 to 15 working days
- Third review: 7 to 10 working days
- Fourth review: 5 to 7 working days
- Fifth review: 3 to 5 working days

## Transparency in the Development Process

To increase transparency in the development process, the City's website publishes resources that help developers and homeowners navigate the residential development and home improvement processes. Specifically, the Planning Division (<https://www.sanleandro.org/322/Planning-Division>) webpage provides a zoning map, information on the permit center and staff contacts, the public hearing calendar, planning and building permit resources, and permit status information through a citizen access portal. The zoning code and zoning map, plan review procedures, and forms and handouts, among other documents are available online. The City also has an online appointment request system for scheduling review with Planning Division staff. There is also an interface for parcel-specific inquiry to see if a permit has been issued or if there is a project in progress. As discussed in Program 6 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*, the City will create a page on the City's website with an easily accessible, map-based inventory and dashboard that identifies vacant and nonvacant housing development opportunity sites, including multi-family residential and mixed-use sites. The City will also develop a web-based Housing Development Toolkit that outlines a step-by-step process for residential development, including identifying steps in the entitlement and building permit process, detailed information on development incentives, and funding programs and resources for affordable housing development. The City will evaluate its compliance with the new transparency requirements per Government Code Section 65940.1(a)(1) as part of Program 6 and make changes as necessary.

### 3.2.7 Short-Term Housing Rentals

The City of San Leandro has adopted two ordinances to regulate the short-term rental of housing or dwelling units in the city. Short-term rentals (STR) are defined as rental of part or all of a residential dwelling unit to paying occupants for less than 30 days. The types of STRs permitted in San Leandro include the rental of a single-family home, apartment unit, or a bedroom in a home. However, the City prohibits the use of ADUs for STRs. STRs are typically advertised and booked through online platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO.

In June 2019, the City Council adopted two ordinances regulating STRs. Title 4, Chapter 4-41 of the San Leandro Municipal Code, which became effective on June 19, 2019, prohibits non-hosted STRs in the city. In a non-hosted STR, the primary occupant of the dwelling unit within which the rental

takes place is absent from the dwelling for some or all of the rental period. Title 4, Chapter 4-40 of the San Leandro Municipal Code, which became effective on July 3, 2019, allows and regulates hosted STRs in the city. In a hosted STR, the primary occupant of the dwelling unit within which the rental takes place occupies the dwelling during the entire rental period. To legally operate a hosted STR, an applicant must first obtain a City business license and a STR permit, and be subject to the transient-occupancy tax. All STR information is on the City's website (<https://www.sanleandro.org/221/Short-Term-Rentals-STR>).

As of June 2022, there are 65 active STR rentals in the city using data from Airbnb and Vrbo (active rentals are those that have had at least one reserved or available day in the past month).<sup>28</sup> Approximately 40 of these STRs (61 percent) are available as entire home rentals. STRs are spread throughout the city and not concentrated in a particular neighborhood. In comparison, Hayward has 250 active rentals, Union City has 75 active rentals, and the City of Alameda has 295 active rentals. Given the city's relatively fewer STRs compared to other East Bay cities, the City's short-term rental policies do not pose a constraint to long-term rental housing in the city.

### 3.2.8 Code Enforcement

When deciding whether to require a substandard building be vacated or to repair (as necessary), health and safety code requires local governments to consider housing needs. The enforcement agency is required to give preference to the repair of the building whenever it is economically feasible to do so without having to repair more than 75 percent of the dwelling.<sup>29</sup>

The City's Code Enforcement Division is responsible for enforcing the City's Municipal Code, which includes Weed and Community Preservation Ordinances, and the Zoning Code. Code enforcement is provided as a complaint-based procedure. Should a violation exist, a Courtesy Notice is posted at the property. The Courtesy Notice states the Municipal Code or Zoning Code violation as well as instructions on how to achieve compliance. Each Courtesy Notice will list the name, telephone number, and email address of the Code Enforcement Officer who issued the notice, along with the required corrective method. The violation must be corrected within a period of ten days, after which time the property will be reinspected. The Building Division is responsible for enforcing Building Code violations and utilizes a similar process.

According to the City's Municipal Code Title III, Section 3-1-200 (e) (1)), a building is considered dilapidated when it is a neglected building or structure that has been abandoned, partially destroyed, and has broken windows. This also includes partial construction which may have been left for an extended period of time; buildings subject to demolition but have not been demolished; and buildings with cracking and peeling paint. It is the responsibility of property owners to maintain all buildings and structures on the property.

Should the violation continue, an Administrative Citation will be issued to the property owner. The fine for the first Administrative Citation for a Municipal or Zoning Code violation is \$100 per violation. Property owners are provided another ten days to comply. Should the violation continue, a second Administrative Citation in the amount of \$300 per violation is issued, and the ten-day compliance period is reestablished. Should the violation continue, Administrative Citations for \$600 per violation will continue to be issued. For Building Code violations, the first Administrative Citation

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<sup>28</sup> Airdna.co. June 2022. <https://www.airdna.co/vacation-rental-data/app/us/california/san-leandro/overview>

<sup>29</sup> HCD. Codes and Enforcement of Onsite/Offsite Improvement Standards. <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/codes-and-enforcement-of-onsite-offsite-improvement-standards>

is \$130, the second Administrative Citation is \$700, the third Administrative Citation is \$1,300 and additional violations are \$2,500.

If no action is taken by the property owner, the City may obtain a Judicial Warrant to Abate. The warrant is a legal tool that enables the City to abate the violation. Once a Warrant to Abate is received, the property owner is responsible for all costs of abatement. Unpaid abatement costs along with unpaid Administrative Citation fees can be recovered by the City through a lien on the property as detailed in Section 1-12 Citation-Violations of the Municipal Code. The Code Enforcement Ordinance details the enforcement process. Appeals are handled by the City Clerk's Office.<sup>30</sup>

### 3.3 Environmental Constraints

Environmental factors could pose a housing constraint if they have the potential to limit the density and location of housing and can greatly impact the feasibility and cost of development. The City of San Leandro has limited potential to expand development into surrounding areas due to physical constraints. The San Francisco Bay (Bay) is located adjacent to the southwest of the city, the East Bay hills, and Lake Chabot abuts the northeastern side, and other urbanized cities surround San Leandro to the north and south. Other environmental constraints are discussed below.

#### 3.3.1 Federal and State Environmental Protection Regulations

Federal and State regulations require an environmental review of proposed discretionary projects (e.g., subdivision maps, use permits, etc.). Costs result from fees charged by local government agencies and private consultants to complete the environmental analysis and can add to the cost of housing which is passed on to the consumer. However, these regulations help preserve the environment and ensure environmental quality for San Leandro residents.

Regional plans and programs related to public safety included the State Seismic Hazards Mapping Act, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statute and Guidelines, California Noise Insulation Standards (Title 24), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Program. Pursuant to CEQA, nearly all residential development that requires a discretionary action from the Department of City Planning also requires environmental review concurrent with the approval process. The preparation, review, and certification of CEQA documents may add time to the development process.

Additionally, pursuant to State law, the City developed and adopted a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), which assesses hazard vulnerabilities from natural and human-caused hazards, including flooding, drought, wildfire, landslides, severe weather, terrorism, cyber threats, pandemic, and the impact of climate change on hazards, as well as other hazards. The LHMP identifies mitigation actions that the City pursues to reduce the level of injury, property damage, and community disruption that might otherwise result from such events.<sup>31</sup> Other plans and programs are essential to ensure that the City has strong, comprehensive, and compatible tools to guide development decisions.

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<sup>30</sup> City of San Leandro. 2022. Code Enforcement Process. <https://www.sanleandro.org/282/Enforcement-Process>

<sup>31</sup> City of San Leandro. 2017. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Available: <https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=28342>. Accessed October 27, 2021

### 3.3.2 Earthquakes and Seismic Activity

San Leandro is located in a seismically active area. The eastern edge of San Leandro is crossed by the Hayward Fault which creates the potential for serious and widespread damage. In 2008, the US Geological Survey estimated that there is a 63 percent chance that a magnitude 6.7 or greater quake will strike the Bay Area region in the next 30 years, and that there is a 31 percent chance that this quake would occur on the Hayward Fault. Major earthquakes may also occur on the San Andreas Fault and the Calaveras Fault which are 15 miles west and 10 miles east of San Leandro, respectively.<sup>32</sup>

Ground shaking and liquefaction hazards exist throughout the city and range from high to very severe. Earthquake hazard maps prepared by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) indicate that a large Hayward Fault quake would trigger very strong shaking throughout the city and a high risk of liquefaction in the Marina Faire/Mulford Gardens and Washington Manor/Bonaire neighborhoods.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 2001 to 2815, the California Geological Survey has designated the area immediately adjacent to the Hayward Fault as a Alquist-Priolo earthquake fault zone. This zone overlaps with single-family residential zoned parcels. Before any development may occur in the Alquist-Priolo earthquake fault zone, geologic studies are required to determine the precise location of active fault traces and feasibility of construction. Structures must be set back at least 50 feet from any fault trace and must be engineered to reduce the potential for earthquake damage. The CBC contains specific requirements for structural design, foundations, grading, and seismic loads to reduce the potential for quake damage. More expensive construction methods are required to reduce the risk of earthquake damage, particularly in multi-story buildings.<sup>33</sup> The lengthened permitting process and construction requirements may constrain the development of housing but necessary to ensure building safety.

San Leandro has many buildings that predate modern building codes and may be susceptible to earthquake damage. The City has implemented a decades-long program to retrofit unreinforced masonry buildings, most of which were located in and around Downtown. The City also focuses on seismically strengthening soft-story buildings, concrete tilt-up structures, and older single-family homes. Soft-story buildings are structures that have a weaker first floor and are unable to carry the weight of the stories above during an earthquake. Soft-story buildings typically have large openings in the perimeter walls of the first floor, such as garages, parking beneath the second floor, or large windows.<sup>34</sup> The City will explore the creation of a formal program to retrofit soft-story multi-family buildings in San Leandro to preserve existing housing stock, as specified in Program 2 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

### 3.3.3 Landslides and Erosion

Excessive erosion can contribute to landslides, siltation of streams, undermining of foundations, and ultimately the loss of structures. San Leandro has experienced destructive landslides including a 1998 event that required the relocation of two homes and threatened five others. The San Leandro

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<sup>32</sup> City of San Leandro Environmental Hazards Element. 2016. Available: <https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=26256>. Accessed October 28, 2021

<sup>33</sup> City of San Leandro Housing Element. 2015. Available: <https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=5207>. Accessed October 28, 2021

<sup>34</sup> Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety. Available: <https://www.ladbs.org/services/core-services/plan-check-permit/plan-check-permit-special-assistance/mandatory-retrofit-programs/>. Accessed October 27, 2021

Hills are currently experiencing erosion which is due to the wearing away of the soil mantle by running water, wind, or geologic forces.<sup>35</sup>

Earthquake hazard maps produced by ABAG indicate that a large Hayward Fault quake would trigger very strong shaking throughout San Leandro and a high risk of liquefaction in the Washington Manor and Bonaire neighborhoods.<sup>36</sup> The City of San Leandro is located within an area identified by the California Geologic Survey, California Department of Conservation as having moderate susceptibility and therefore is in a Zone of Required Investigation for liquefaction potential.

According to the Environmental Hazards Element of the 2035 General Plan (2016), landslide risk is low throughout most of San Leandro. Although localized areas of instability exist throughout the San Leandro Hills, new housing development is limited in that area. Therefore, landslide risk does not constrain housing development. To counter these factors, San Leandro has enforced grading and erosion control ordinances to reduce these hazards. Maintenance programs along San Leandro Creek also reduce the threat of erosion.

### 3.3.4 Wildfire

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (CALFIRE) has designated the eastern edges of the Bay-O-Vista neighborhood and the Daniels Drive area of San Leandro as a “Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.”<sup>37</sup> The city contains and is adjacent to thousands of acres of potentially flammable coastal scrub and forested open space, located in and near the Lake Chabot Regional Park. CalFire designated lands in city limits as lands in the Local Responsibility Area.

The Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) is responsible for wildfire prevention activities in the city. The ACFD works with property owners to maintain defensible space around homes and to require the removal of flammable vegetation and combustible litter. The California Fire Code specifies additional requirements that are enforced by the City’s Building Department. The City also requires fire-resistant roofing materials in new construction and major remodeling projects. The area designated as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone is a small percent of the city’s total area and does not constrain housing development. The additional costs of building and maintaining housing in high fire danger areas are necessary to protect the safety of residents and property.

### 3.3.5 Flooding and Sea Level Rise

The flooding hazards in San Leandro consist of overbank flooding of creeks and drainage canals, dam failure, tsunamis, and rising sea levels. Maps published by FEMA indicate that 100-year flood zones lie adjacent to San Leandro near San Leandro Creek, San Lorenzo Creek, and the Estudillo Canal; land adjacent to flood control channels in vicinity of Bayfair Center Mall and Bonaire Park; and coastal areas surrounding Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline, the San Leandro Shoreline Park, and Heron Bay.<sup>38</sup>

Other flood hazards, including coastal flooding and ponding, have also been mapped in the city. Because some properties lie within the 100-year flood zone, flood insurance is required for federally insured mortgage loans. Insurance also may be required by other mortgage lenders. In addition, San Leandro’s Flood Plain Management Ordinance requires that new construction, additions, and major home improvement projects be raised at least one foot above the base flood elevation. These

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<sup>35</sup> Ibid.

<sup>36</sup> City of San Leandro General Plan. 2016.

<sup>37</sup> Ibid.

<sup>38</sup> City of San Leandro Environmental Hazards Element. 2016. Available: <https://www.sanleandro.org/depts/cd/plan/genplan/default.asp>. Accessed October 28, 2021

alterations can be a significant expense for residential development in these areas. FEMA regulations also require that a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis precede any development in the flood plain and demonstrate that the development does not cause any increase in flood hazards elsewhere. As of 2016, the Alameda County Public Works Agency and the City of San Leandro removed approximately 1,000 properties in western San Leandro from the 100-year flood plain designation. Moving these properties required constructing sea walls in locations such as the west edge of Mission Bay Mobile Home Park and raising bank heights along the Estudillo Canal below Wicks Boulevard.

Another flood hazard is dam failure. The California Office of Emergency Services determined that the failure of the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) dams on San Leandro Creek would significantly impact San Leandro. The Upper San Leandro Reservoir Dam was built in 1977, and the Lake Chabot Dam was built in 1892. Both dams are inspected on an annual basis. Although dam failure is unlikely, fast-moving water could cause substantial damage in the northern part of San Leandro and would flood most of the city. Tsunamis are not identified as a major risk to San Leandro.

The City of San Leandro abides by the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program which has flood damage prevention regulations that affect how homeowners and developers remodel, renovate, or add on to property. These added requirements may increase the costs of developing homes, potentially constraining future housing development or improvement.

Global sea-level rise has been accelerating and poses a risk to the western side of San Leandro. In the 2035 General Plan, the City of San Leandro adopted a sea level rise scenario of 55 inches by 2100, which was estimated in the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission report *Living with a Rising Bay*.<sup>39</sup> The report found that flooding associated with sea level rise will first affect marshlands and eventually threaten property and assets in southwestern San Leandro, reaching the neighborhoods east of Wicks Boulevard.

In San Leandro, the assets most at risk from sea level rise include transportation assets, powerlines, cultural amenities along the shoreline, and neighborhoods, parks, and schools in the southwestern portion of the city. While the Downtown and area surrounding the San Leandro BART station remain outside of the projected boundaries of sea level rise, the compounding effects of sea level rise could impede access to the city via I-880 and significantly impact San Leandro residents that live west of the freeway.<sup>40</sup> City of San Leandro participates in several regional collaboratives to address sea level rise and climate equity, including the San Leandro Bay/Alameda-Oakland Estuary Adaptation Working Group, Bay Climate Adaptation Network, and BayAdopt. The City's Climate Action Plan, adopted in 2021, has created several adaptation strategies, and the City is currently updating its Environmental Hazards Element with policies to improve community resilience to sea level rise.

### 3.3.6 Environmental Hazards due to Contamination

Historic and present activities such as manufacturing, plating, cleaning, refining, and finishing frequently involve chemicals that are considered hazardous that are accidentally released into the environment. These activities have resulted in a high level of toxins in the ground of some sites.

The city also has older buildings with asbestos, lead paint, and other materials that are potentially hazardous if disturbed. Lead-based paint was widely used before it was banned in 1978. It does not

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<sup>39</sup> City of San Leandro Climate Hazard Assessment. 2017. Available: <https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=27831>. Accessed October 28, 2021

<sup>40</sup> *ibid.*

pose a threat if left undisturbed, but deterioration or disruption can result in exposure, which in turn can cause damage to the brain and nervous system. Friable asbestos also may be present in older buildings. If asbestos fibers become airborne during demolition or remodeling, they can contribute to lung disease and other ailments. Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) represent another potential threat—these materials were commonly used in electrical equipment prior to 1979. The potential presence of these substances may require special procedures when remodeling or demolishing older buildings.

The City ensures that the necessary steps are taken to clean up residual hazardous wastes on any contaminated sites proposed for redevelopment or reuse. Soil evaluations are required as needed to ensure that risks are assessed, and appropriate remediation is provided. Developing on these sites can involve costs to remediate contaminated soil or groundwater or demolish buildings containing hazardous materials. Remediation of hazardous material that requires removal can result in additional costs that may pose a constraint on development. The remediation cost would typically be on the developer to address the clean-up.

### 3.3.7 Aviation Hazards

The Oakland International Airport and the Hayward Airport are located in close proximity to San Leandro. The Hayward Airport is located approximately 2.5 miles south of the city. The Oakland International Airport is located approximately 600 feet north of the San Leandro border.

The San Leandro Zoning Code Section 4.04.352 identifies restrictions for development based on proximity from an airport runway, ensuring compatibility with the airport safety zones established for Metropolitan Oakland International Airport by the Alameda County Airport Land Use Commission and set forth in the Airport Land Use Policy Plan. Section 4.04.352 sets forth the following provisions:

- Residential development is not a permitted use within 1,400 feet from the end of a runway.
- New uses shall not be residential within 1,400 feet to 5,300 feet from the end of a runway.

Airport safety zones are not considered a constraint due to the relatively minor amount of land use covered under these zones.

## 3.4 Infrastructure Constraints

Infrastructure concerns that could constrain new residential construction are the cost, availability, and accessibility of adequate infrastructure for utilities and service systems such as street upgrades, water and sewer connections, and energy connections. All utilities are required to serve and support residential development. In most cases, these improvements are dedicated to the City, which is then responsible for their maintenance. The cost of these facilities is generally borne by developers, thereby increasing the cost of new construction. San Leandro's infrastructure is aging and requires regular repair and improvement.<sup>41</sup>

### Water

Water service to San Leandro is provided by EBMUD, a publicly-owned utility serving a 332 square mile area in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. San Leandro comprises 6.6 percent of EBMUD's

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<sup>41</sup> City of San Leandro Potential Constraints to Housing Production. 2015. Available: <https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=25633>. Accessed October 28, 2021

customer base and about 5 percent of its water demand. About 90 percent of the EBMUD water supply originates in the Mokelumne River watershed, which is fed primarily from the melting snowpack of the Sierra Nevada. The remaining 10 percent comes from protected watershed lands and reservoirs in the East Bay Hills. There are also about 800 private wells in San Leandro, many of which were originally used for agriculture. Most of these wells are dormant, and those that are still active are used for landscape irrigation and industry.<sup>42</sup>

Long-range water supply and demand management plans are included in EBMUD's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). The UWMP includes provisions for water rationing during drought periods, as well as aggressive measures for conservation and wastewater recycling. The UWMP also addresses system maintenance and replacement, including projects to protect the reliability of the water supply in the event of an earthquake or fire, including a seismic improvement project to strengthen the Lake Chabot Dam. The City of San Leandro and EBMUD jointly implement water conservation and efficiency programs.<sup>43</sup>

Residents of Alameda County and San Leandro are presently experiencing an Exceptional Drought.<sup>44</sup> The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) defines Exceptional Drought as the following:

- Fields are left fallow; orchards are removed; vegetable yields are low
- Honey harvest is small
- Fire season is very costly; number of fires and area burned are extensive
- Fish rescue and relocation begins; pine beetle infestation occurs
- Forest mortality is high; wetlands dry up
- Survival of native plants and animals is low
- Fewer wildflowers bloom
- Wildlife death is widespread
- Algae blooms

This report indicates that water supply in the Bay Area region is severely constrained and limited. According to the San Leandro Climate Action Plan, in an early century drought (2023 to 2042), the city could experience a drop in average precipitation from an average of 19.0 inches per year to an average of 16.7 inches per year, which would lower baseflows in streams from an average of 4.9 inches per day to 3.7 inches per day.<sup>45</sup>

EBMUD adopted a Water Conservation Strategic Plan which compares the total water supply sources available to EBMUD with the long-term total projected water use over the next 30 years, in five-year increments, for a normal water year, a single dry water year, and a drought lasting five consecutive years. As there is significant uncertainty in forecasting into the future, EBMUD considers a variety of scenarios in its long-term planning. Residential demand in the EBMUD service area since July 2014 is significantly less than the assumed based on the UWMP. Although current actual demand is lower than estimated demand in the UWMP due to the recent multi-year drought

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<sup>42</sup> City of San Leandro Community Services and Facilities Element. 2016. Available: <https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=26258>. Accessed October 28, 2021

<sup>43</sup> City of San Leandro Community Services and Facilities Element. 2016. Available: <https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=26258>. Accessed October 31, 2021

<sup>44</sup> National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. National Integrated Drought Information System. 2021. Available: <https://www.drought.gov/states/california/county/alameda>. Accessed October 28, 2021

<sup>45</sup> CalAdapt Extended Drought Scenarios. 2021. Available: <https://cal-adapt.org/tools/extended-drought/>. Accessed October 28, 2021

and the downturn in the economy, the UWMP estimate reflects a reasonable expectation for growth over the long term and water demand to year 2035.<sup>46</sup>

Pursuant to California Water Code Sections 10610 to 10657, EBMUD adopted a Water Shortage Contingency Plan in June 2021, which models a range of scenarios and their impact on water supply and demand and provides a framework to help address potential water shortages through 2050. The “base condition” represents EBMUD’s current operations and assumptions, including population growth numbers based upon Plan Bay Area projections. All except the five-year drought scenario shows a need for water in the future, but the magnitude of that need varies. Under the “base condition,” EBMUD is projected to meet customer demand through the year 2050 during normal years. However, during multi-year droughts, EBMUD will set mandatory rationing between 10-15 percent and need to obtain supplies to meet customer demands. The “high water demand scenario,” which was developed using predictions about changes in land use, climate, and existing customer water demands, shows a more rapid need for additional water. The potential need for additional water sources indicates that water supply may be a constraint to future housing development. The 2040 Water Supply Management Plan identifies the following methods for reaching water needs: conservation, use of recycled water, water transfers, Bayside Groundwater Project Phase 2, Sacramento Groundwater Banking Exchange, and regional desalination. Using these strategies, EBMUD predicts an ability to meet the projected water needs of the region.<sup>47</sup>

Pursuant to Senate Bill 1087 (2006), EBMUD’s Board of Directors approved Policy 3.07 which ensures that priority for new water service connections is given to proposed developments that include housing units affordable to lower income households. Policy 3.07 also states that EBMUD cannot deny an application for services to a proposed development that includes affordable housing unless certain specific conditions are met which could include a water shortage emergency condition, or if EBMUD is subject to a compliance order by the Department of Public Health that prohibits new water connections. Based on the requirement to provide priority to developments that include housing units affordable to lower income households, Policy 3.07 assures that the portion of overall water demands for lower-income households, as provided in the UWMP, can be met.

Policies in the City’s General Plan, such as Policy CSF-6.6, Reclaimed Water System, would continue to reduce the need for fresh water demand. Policy CSF-6.6 directs the City to continue the expansion of the reclaimed water system, and the delivery of high-quality reclaimed water for landscaping, industrial use, and other non-potable applications as they become financially feasible. The policy also directs the City to employ advanced technology so that reclaimed water can eventually be made available to all households.

## Wastewater

Two different sanitary sewer systems serve San Leandro. About two-thirds of the city, including most of northern and central San Leandro, is served by the City-owned and operated San Leandro Water Pollution Control Plant. The remainder of the city, including Washington Manor and most of southeastern San Leandro, is served by the Oro Loma Sanitary District. The Oro Loma District also includes unincorporated Alameda County, encompassing Ashland, Cherryland, and San Lorenzo.

Most housing development would be infill development, which may allow existing infrastructure to be preserved in place and reduce costs for developers compared to vacant lot development.

<sup>46</sup> <https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=26286>

<sup>47</sup> EBMUD 2020. Available: file:///C:/Users/acobb/Downloads/wsmmp-2040-revised-final-plan.pdf

However, extensions and/or replacement of wastewater infrastructure may need to be installed to service new development. Infrastructure extensions would be subject to compliance with applicable regulations and standard conditions for sewer construction projects, including City and/or Oro Loma permits or reviews for construction within public rights-of-way. Depending on the extensiveness of improvements, these regulations could increase permitting costs and timelines for new housing developments.

San Leandro General Plan policies ensure that development is not approved until it can be demonstrated that adequate wastewater collection capacity exists or until a financial commitment to create such capacity has been secured. If there is a lack of capacity, this could decrease the financial feasibility of a housing development.

### *City of San Leandro System*

Wastewater is delivered to the plant via a collection system comprised of 13 sewage lift stations and 130 miles of sanitary sewers ranging in diameter from 4 to 33 inches. It treats about 5 million gallons per day, with peak flows up to 23 million gallons per day during wet weather flow. Maximum dry weather flow capacity is 7.6 million gallons per day. The oldest sewers are located in the northeastern portion of the city from the Oakland city limits to Castro Street roughly between the Southern Pacific Railroad and MacArthur Boulevard. This portion includes the downtown area and the oldest residential areas of the city. Development in these areas would likely require sewer line improvements.<sup>48</sup>

In 2015, the City commissioned Sanitary Sewer Capacity Study and Master Plan. This plan defined 11 improvements to the sanitary sewer conveyance system to improve capacity. As resources have allowed, these projects have been included in the Capital Improvement Program. When a new project is proposed, information from the Capacity Study is used to determine if additional sewer capacity will be necessary to provide service to the development. If additional capacity is required, the City may use the project's connection/capacity fee to increase capacity. Although the City does not currently have a formal policy to prioritize sewer service for development that includes housing affordable to lower-income households, in practice there have not been any issues given available capacity. Written procedures will be adopted pursuant to Government Code Section 65589.7 as described in Program 10 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

In addition to improvements defined in the Capacity Study, the City regularly replaces aging components of its wastewater collection and transmission system through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP process requires continuing improvements including collection system capacity upgrades, correcting structural problems, and modifications to pump/lift stations and the treatment plant.

A major rehabilitation of the plant was initiated in 2011 and completed in 2017. Replacement of aging equipment and installation of new components has resulted in increased efficiency, lower costs of emergency repairs and improvement to safety and reliability. The City is currently designing a multi-benefit treatment wetland to treat 20 percent of the City's treated effluent, projected to begin construction in 2024.<sup>49</sup> This project will reduce nutrients from the wastewater while improving the shoreline and increase habitat for native species.

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<sup>48</sup> City of San Leandro. 2016. San Leandro Environmental Hazards Element  
<https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=26256>

<sup>49</sup> City of San Leandro. 2021. [https://www.sanleandro.org/depts/pw/wpcp/projects/treatment\\_wetland.asp](https://www.sanleandro.org/depts/pw/wpcp/projects/treatment_wetland.asp)

### *Oro Loma Sanitary District*

The Oro Loma Sanitary District provides wastewater collection and treatment services for a 13-square-mile service area. Approximately 20 percent of the Oro Loma Sanitary District’s customers are located within the City. The Oro Loma Sanitary District/Castro Valley Sanitary District Water Pollution Control Plant, just south of the San Leandro city limits, is jointly owned by the Oro Loma and Castro Valley Sanitary Districts. It has an average dry weather flow of 12.2 million gallons per day, with a design flow of 20 million gallons per day. Wet weather flows may occasionally exceed design capacity due to infiltration and inflow along the collection system. In the past 20 years, there have been no stoppages or overflows caused by system deterioration or pipe collapse on the gravity system. The district’s Pipeline Program is aligned to adapt to climate change, which estimates lower overall precipitation but more intense periods of rainfall. Developers are required to hire independent engineers to conduct hydraulic capacity studies for residential developments of 10 units or more. This requirement adds cost to housing development but is necessary to ensure wastewater system capacity.<sup>50</sup> The City will coordinate with the Oro Loma Sanitary District regarding written procedures to prioritize developments that include housing affordable to lower-income households pursuant to Government Code Section 65589.7 as described in Program 10 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

### **Storm Drainage**

The City of San Leandro Department of Public Works owns and maintains 175 miles of storm drainage conduits. The City’s storm drain system feeds into a more extensive system owned and operated by the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. This system includes the lower reaches of San Leandro and San Lorenzo Creeks and several channels extending into San Leandro neighborhoods west of I-880.<sup>51</sup>

New development or redevelopment projects are required to construct adequately sized storm drainage systems to convey on-site stormwater runoff to existing storm drain facilities. The City of San Leandro requires as a standard condition of approval that developers verify that on-site and off-site drainage facilities can accommodate increased stormwater flows. In addition to building and extending on-site storm drainage infrastructure, project applicants are required to pay for improvements to the storm drain system, if necessary, to accommodate increased flows from the development.

## 3.5 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

In 2018, the California State Legislature passed Assembly Bill (AB) 686 to expand upon the fair housing requirements and protections outlined in the Fair Employment and Housing Act. The law requires all State and local public agencies to facilitate deliberate action to explicitly address, combat, and relieve disparities resulting from past patterns of segregation to foster more inclusive communities. AB 686 created new requirements that apply to all housing elements due for revision on or after January 1, 2021. The passage of AB 686 protects the requirement to affirmatively further fair housing within State law.

AB 686 defined “affirmatively further fair housing” to mean “taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive

<sup>50</sup> Oro Loma Sanitary District. 2019. Sewer System Management Program. <https://oroloma.org/wp-content/uploads/SSMP-Final-.pdf>

<sup>51</sup> San Leandro Environmental Hazards Element <https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=26256>

communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics.” Chapter 5 of the Housing Element contains the full AFFH analysis for San Leandro, including a review of fair housing issues; housing access and mobility for minority, low-income, and special needs groups; and socioeconomic differences among neighborhoods. The following is a summary of the AFFH analysis:

### **Race, Ethnicity, and Income**

Despite a historic pattern of exclusion of non-white populations from housing access, San Leandro is now an ethnically diverse city with no single predominant ethnic group. However, white residents are slightly more prevalent in northeastern San Leandro, Hispanic/Latino residents are slightly more prevalent in north-central and northwestern San Leandro, and Asian American residents are slightly more prevalent in southern central and southwestern San Leandro.

- San Leandro does not contain any racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty according to the definition from HUD.
- The northwestern area of San Leandro (in the Davis West, Eastshore, and Downtown neighborhoods) has lower economic outcome scores and a higher share of lower and moderate income (LMI) populations. LMI areas tend to have higher degrees of single-parent, female-headed households, and persons with disabilities than other areas of the city.
- Similar to trends in other areas of Alameda County, areas of San Leandro with higher median incomes are associated with a larger proportion of white residents compared to those with lower median incomes. The northeastern area of the city (between East 14<sup>th</sup> Street and I-580, and east of I-580) has a higher median annual income (above \$87,100) and sizeable predominance of white residents.

### **Opportunity and Resources**

- Approximately 74 percent of San Leandro residents live in areas designated by HCD/California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) as “low resource” or “high segregation and poverty,” and 26 percent residents live in areas designated “moderate resource.” San Leandro does not have any areas designated “high resource.” Higher resource designations signify places that can better support positive economic, educational, and health outcomes for low-income families.
- San Leandro residents who earned an income below the poverty level have lower environmental health, labor market, and school proficiency compared to the total population.
- All areas of the city have less positive educational outcomes according to TCAC opportunity indicators, which take into account math and reading proficiency scores, high school graduation rates, and student poverty rates.

### **Disability**

- Residents with a disability have been moderately segregated in the city, likely due to the need to live near transit and medical services, income restrictions, and other issues related to housing access. The largest concentration of residents who reported living with one or more disabilities (between 20 and 30 percent of the residents in that area) is in the neighborhood located south of Downtown San Leandro and north of 139<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between East 14<sup>th</sup> Street and San Leandro Boulevard.

## Housing Discrimination

- According to the 2015-2019 American Community Survey, San Leandro had a slightly higher ratio of fair housing discrimination cases relative to its population compared to Alameda County as a whole.
- In Alameda County, disability, race, and familial status are the most common bases of housing discrimination complaints forwarded to the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing and the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

## Housing Access and Mobility

- Housing affordability is a concern in San Leandro. In most of the city, at least 40 percent of residents who rent their homes are overpaying (spending at least 30 percent of income on housing costs). In some areas, particularly in central San Leandro, at least 60 percent of residents who rent are overpaying.
- African American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian and Alaska Native residents are underrepresented in mortgage applications and mortgage loan acceptance rates.
- Most areas of San Leandro are considered vulnerable to displacement, and community residents identified displacement and affordability for low-income and minority (non-white) households as a concern.
- Community members identified lack of affordable housing and short-term and long-term shelters for vulnerable and special needs populations, including residents experiencing homelessness and victims of domestic violence.

## Fair Housing Issues and Contributing Factors

The following fair housing issues and contributing factors were identified:

- Fair housing enforcement and outreach:
  - Lack of resources for fair housing agencies and organizations
  - Lack of local public fair housing enforcement
  - Access to financial services and education
- Lack of affordable housing, residents vulnerable to displacement, and socio-economic segregation, particularly concentrated in the central and northwestern areas of the city:
  - Location, type, and supply of affordable housing
  - Restrictive land use and zoning laws
  - Displacement of residents due to economic pressures
  - Access to publicly supported housing for persons with disabilities; lack of affordable, integrated housing for individuals who need supportive services
  - Lack of public investments in specific neighborhoods, including services or amenities

The City commits to meaningful actions to address identified AFFH issues, which are included in the goals, policies, and programs outlined in Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

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## 4 Housing Resources

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State law requires that every housing element include an inventory of land suitable and available for residential development to meet the locality's regional housing need by income level. This chapter documents the methodology and results of the housing Sites Inventory analysis conducted to demonstrate the City of San Leandro's ability to satisfy its share of the regional housing need. Infrastructure, services, and financial and administrative resources that are available for the development, rehabilitation, and preservation of housing in San Leandro are also discussed in this chapter.

### 4.1 Future Housing Needs

State law requires every community to undertake all necessary actions to encourage, promote, and facilitate the development of housing to accommodate regional housing needs.<sup>1</sup> A jurisdiction must demonstrate in the Housing Element that it has an adequate supply of suitable land to accommodate its share of the region's projected growth, including housing at all income levels. This section assesses the adequacy of San Leandro's land inventory in meeting future housing needs.

#### 4.1.1 Regional Housing Needs Assessment Requirement

This update of the City's Housing Element covers the planning period of January 2023 through January 2031 (called the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element update). Each jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need is called the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). Councils of governments, including the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), are responsible for developing a methodology for allocating the regional determination to each city and county in its region. This methodology must align with State objectives, including but not limited to:

- Promoting infill, equity, and environmental protection
- Ensuring jobs-housing balance
- Affirmatively furthering fair housing

The 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle RHNA is based on population projections, income distribution, and access to jobs. ABAG released its Draft RHNA allocations to each jurisdiction in the region in May 2021 and Final RHNA allocations were determined in November 2021 after considering appeals. Each jurisdiction must revise the Housing Element of its general plan and update zoning ordinances to accommodate its portion of the region's housing need.

San Leandro must identify adequate land with appropriate zoning and development standards to accommodate its RHNA, which is 3,855 housing units for the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle. As defined by the U.S. Census, a housing unit is a house, an apartment, a group of rooms, or a single room occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters. Residential construction that cannot be counted toward the City's RHNA allocation include dormitories, bunkhouses, and barracks; quarters in predominantly transient hotels and motels (except those occupied by persons who consider the hotel their usual

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<sup>1</sup> Government Code section 65100 – 65763, Article 10.6. Housing Elements

place of residence), quarters in institutions, general hospitals, and military installations (except those occupied by staff members or resident employees who have separate living quarters).<sup>2</sup>

The RHNA methodology used weighting of indicators such as opportunity access and job proximity to allocate housing units by different income categories to meet the State mandate to reduce over-concentration of lower income households in historically lower-income communities in the region. The RHNA for each jurisdiction is distributed into four income categories based on the Area Median Income (AMI)<sup>3</sup>:

- Very low-income (less than 50 percent of AMI)
- Low-income (50-80 percent of AMI)
- Moderate-income (80-120 percent of AMI)
- Above-moderate income (more than 120 percent of the AMI)

The RHNA does not project the need for extremely low-income units, but State law (AB 2634, 2006-Lieber) requires that the City project its extremely low-income housing needs based on Census income distribution data or assume 50 percent of the very low-income units required by the RHNA as extremely low-income units. The City’s very low-income requirement is 862 units. Therefore, the City’s RHNA allocation of 862 very low-income units was distributed as 431 extremely low (50 percent of the 862 very low-income units required by the RHNA) and 431 very low-income units. However, for purposes of identifying adequate sites for the RHNA allocation, State law does not mandate the separate accounting for the extremely low-income category.

As shown below in Table 4.1, 46.7 percent of San Leandro’s RHNA is allocated to housing units affordable to above-moderate income households, 18.1 percent for moderate-income households, 12.8 percent for low-income households, and 22.4 percent for very low-income households (including 11.2% for extremely low-income).

**Table 4.1 San Leandro Regional Housing Needs Requirement Allocation**

<b>Income Category (Percent of Alameda County Area Median Income [AMI])</b>	<b>Number of Units</b>	<b>Percent of Total Units</b>
Extremely Low Income (15-30% AMI)	431	11.2%
Very Low-Income (30-50% AMI)	431	11.2%
Low Income (50-80% AMI)	495	12.8%
Moderate Income (80-120% AMI)	696	18.1%
Above Moderate Income (>120% AMI)	1,802	46.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,855</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## 4.2 Meeting the RHNA

Jurisdictions can use planned and approved projects, estimated accessory dwelling unit (ADU) production, and vacant and underutilized sites to accommodate the RHNA. Each of these topics are addressed below.

<sup>2</sup> HCD. Housing Element Site Inventory Guidebook Government Code Section 65583.2. June 2020. [https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/docs/sites\\_inventory\\_memo\\_final06102020.pdf](https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/docs/sites_inventory_memo_final06102020.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> The Area Median Income of Alameda County is \$125,600 for a household of four people.

### 4.2.1 Planned and Approved Projects

Housing units that have received their planning entitlements or that have secured their building permits but have not yet completed construction (“pipeline projects”) can be used in the Opportunity Sites Inventory towards meeting the City’s RHNA for the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element. These units can count towards the RHNA based on their estimated affordability levels when they were approved or permitted. “Pipeline Projects” can be credited towards the City’s 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle RHNA goals only if the City can demonstrate that the units will be completed (i.e.: “finalized” building permit or that have received their Certificate of Occupancy) in the RHNA “Planning Period” that runs from June 30, 2022 to December 31, 2030. Affordability (the income category in which the units are counted) is based on the actual or projected sale prices or rent levels, based on each project’s Inclusionary Housing Plan, which is reviewed at the entitlements stage. All units identified as low- and moderate-income are required to record Inclusionary Housing Agreements (resale restrictions, deeds of trust, rights of first refusal) on the title of the property or other accepted mechanisms under State law that establishes affordability of the units.

Multifamily or single-family developments that use density bonuses, the inclusionary housing ordinance, or public subsidies and have a regulatory agreement recorded on the property title that restrict rents or sales prices to below-market rate prices can be counted as accommodating the construction of housing affordable to households in the various income categories identified in Table 4.1 above. The City may conduct an alternative method to count housing units constructed to affordability levels below 120 percent AMI if it can produce a market study with a methodology acceptable to CA Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) (Government Code Section 65583.1(d)). Table 4.2 identifies the approved or pending projects that are credited towards meeting the City’s RHNA. The City can count 2,535 housing units towards the RHNA with planned and approved projects that are on track to be completed by December 31, 2030 based on current building permit status and direct conversations with project proponents. The list of pipeline projects in Table 4.2 is not an exhaustive list of housing entitlements. More than 500 pipeline housing units were excluded from the list due to uncertainty on timing. Community Development staff monitor the pipeline regularly and conduct frequent discussions with project proponents to check in on the status of approved development projects and proactively work to address any internal processing delays as well as advocate for timely processing by outside agencies if issues arise.

Recognizing the importance of the pipeline projects in addressing the statewide housing crisis and meeting San Leandro’s RHNA, the City Council adopted Ordinance 2022-013 on September 19, 2022, which automatically extended all entitlements issued for residential projects between January 1, 2019 and June 30, 2022 for an additional two years “in order to allow such projects to proceed and prevent the expiration of entitlements for critically needed housing units.” The two-year extension addresses pandemic-related delays in the development pipeline preventing projects from progressing into construction. The Sites Inventory includes a buffer of 115% of the Remaining RHNA, which will help account for any potential drop out of pipeline projects. Program 5 in Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*, commits the City to maintaining adequate sites to meet the RHNA at all times during the planning period.

The locations of planned and approved projects that are on track to be completed by December 31, 2030 based on current building permit status and direct conversations with project proponents are symbolized with the corresponding map identification numbers on Figure 4.1.

Table 4.2 Planned, Approved, and Pending Projects

Map Identification Number	Project Name	Existing Use	Zoning District	Lot Size (acre)	Very Low-Income Units	Low-Income Units	Moderate-Income Units	Above Moderate-Income Units	Total Units	Percent of Maximum Allowable Units Achieved	Status
1	915 Antonio St (and 844 Alvarado St, related)	Music conservatory	DA-4(S)	5.72	0	0	0	687	687	120%	Approved 3/7/19
2	1188 East 14th Street	CVS Retail and City-owned parking lot	DA-1(S)	1.60	0	0	10	186	196	122%	Approved 7/6/21
3	1388 Bancroft Ave.	Two older medical professional office buildings	P	1.27	0	0	4	38	42	136%	Approved 9/21/20
4	110 East 14th Street.	Former furniture warehouse and commercial building	NA-2	1.12	20	200	0	1	221	502%	Approved 10/15/20
5	903 Manor Blvd. (Maple Lane)	Bowling Center	CC	2.30	2	0	4	33	39	71%	Approved 9/8/20
6	15693 E. 14th St.	Vacant parking lot	C-RM (in B-TOD Specific Plan Area)	3.60	48	206	0	243	497	577% <sup>1</sup>	Approved 8/3/21
7	1447 Scenic view	Vacant	RS(VP)	0.31	0	0	0	1	1	100%	Approved 12/15/20
8	874 Lewelling	Single-family home	RM-3000(PD)	0.47	0	0	0	6	6	43%	Approved 11/4/19
9	2436 Washington Ave	Office Building	RM-1800	2.83	0	7	0	40	47	95%	Approved 12/5/2011
10	342 Marina	Single-family home	RM-1800	0.27	0	0	0	6	6	95%	Approved 10/15/18
11	Town Hall Square	Bank, Office Building, and Parking Lot	DA-1(S)	1.2	13	0	0	167	180	150%	In Planning Review

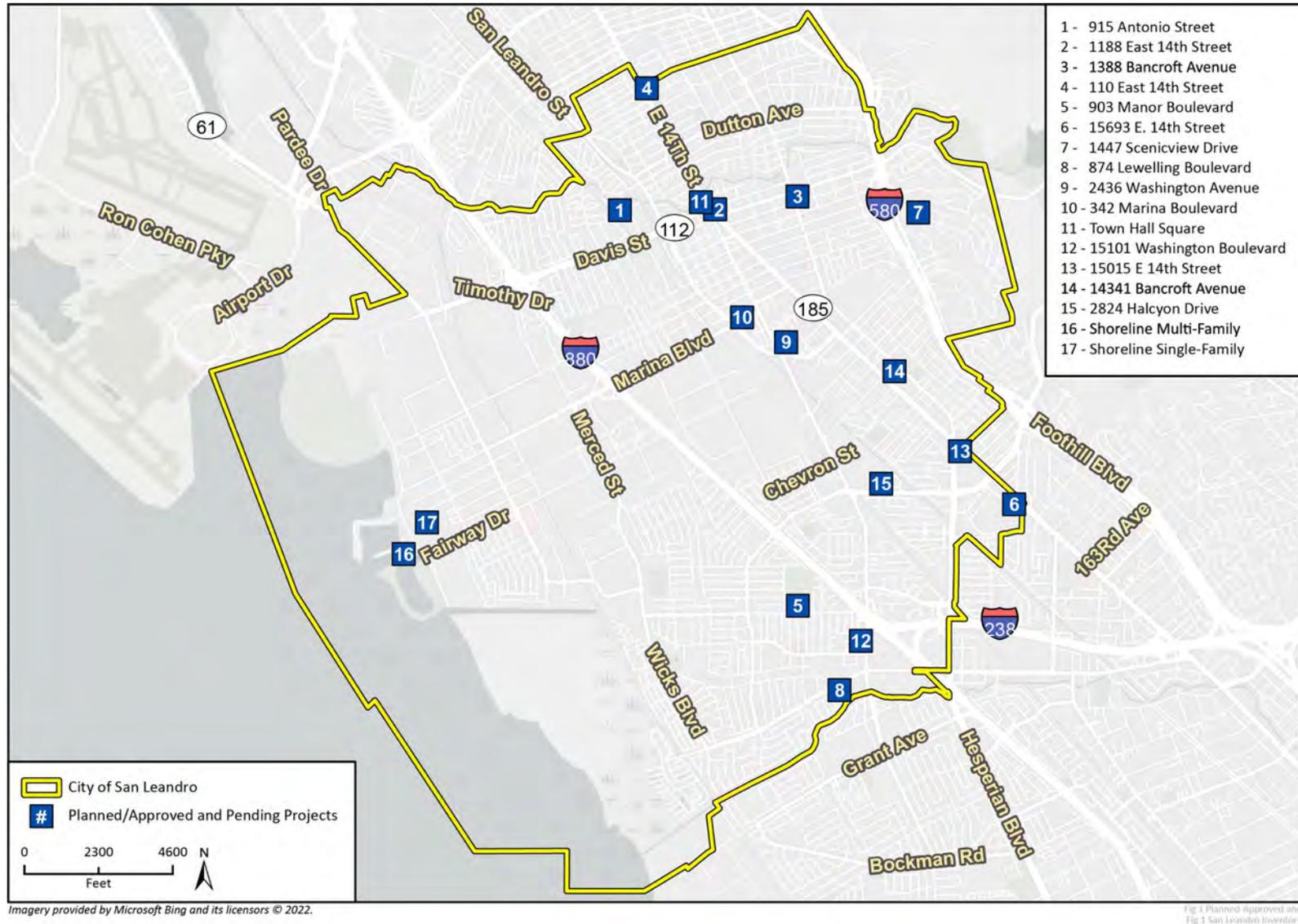
Map Identification Number	Project Name	Existing Use	Zoning District	Lot Size (acre)	Very Low-Income Units	Low-Income Units	Moderate-Income Units	Above Moderate-Income Units	Total Units	Percent of Maximum Allowable Units Achieved	Status
12	15101 Washington	Vacant	RM-1800	1.00	72	0	0	0	72	252%	Approved 4/25/2022
13	15015 E 14th Street	Vacant	B-TOD	0.31	0	0	0	10	10	100%	In Planning review
14	14341 Bancroft Ave.	Single Family Home	IP/RS split zoned	0.98	0	1	2	19	22	85%	In Planning review
15	2824 Halcyon Dr	Single Family Home	IP/RS split zoned	2.4	0	1	2	15	18	87%	Approved 5/2/2022
16	Shoreline Multi-Family	Parking lot and storage	RM-1800 (PD)	6.3	0	0	0	285	285	201%	Approved 6/21/2022
17	Shoreline Single-Family	Golf course.	RM-2000 (PD)	16.26	0	0	8	198	206	56%	Approved 6/21/2022
<b>Total Units</b>					<b>155</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>2,535</b>	<b>138%<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average</b>

**Definitions**

<sup>1</sup> The project at 15693 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street is an SB35 project that was permitted when the B-TOD site was still zoned for a regional mall and is not included in the calculation for percent of maximum allowable units achieved.

B-TOD – Bay Fair Transit Oriented Development	CS – Commercial Services	NA – North Area	RS – Residential Single-Family
CC – Commercial Community	DA – Downtown Area	P – Professional Office	SA – South Area
	IP – Industrial Park	RM – Residential Multi-Family	VP – View Preservation

Figure 4.1 Planned or Approved Projects



## 4.2.2 Accessory Dwelling Units

State law defines an ADU as an attached or detached residential dwelling unit that contains permanent places for living, sleeping, and cooking. In San Leandro, an ADU can be a maximum of 800 square feet to 1,200 square feet depending on the number of bedrooms and size of the main dwelling unit. A Junior ADU (JADU) is a unit that is contained within the habitable floor area of a single-family residence and may share a bathroom with the primary residence. The maximum size of a JADU is 500 square feet for single-family use and 1,200 square feet for multifamily use. Short-term rentals of 30 days or less are prohibited. Owner occupancy is not required in the ADU, JADU, or primary residence. The unit cannot be sold separately from the primary unit(s).<sup>4</sup> ADUs may provide an affordable housing option for family members of the primary resident(s), students, seniors, in-home health care providers, persons with disabilities, young professionals, or others.

The City of San Leandro issued building permits for 27 new ADUs in 2019, 20 in 2020 and 45 in 2021. In 2020, San Leandro amended its Zoning Code to align with state law by allowing the creation of ADUs and/or JADUs through ministerial review.<sup>5</sup> The average number of ADUs permitted from 2019 to 2021 was 30.7; therefore, the City assumes that a total of 245 ADUs will be developed between 2023 and 2031 (approximately 31 for each year of the planning period). According to a 2021 ADU Affordability Report published by ABAG, it is assumed that the 245 ADUs will have the following affordability distribution<sup>6</sup>:

- 30 percent very low-income households (73 units)
- 30 percent low-income households (73 units)
- 30 percent moderate-income households (74 units)
- 10 percent above moderate-income households (25 units)

## 4.2.3 Planning for Remaining RHNA

After subtracting the anticipated units from planned and approved projects and estimated ADUs, the City must demonstrate its ability to meet the remaining RHNA through the identification of specific parcels or sites. Table 4.3 shows the remaining RHNA by income level after accounting for planned and approved projects and estimated ADUs.

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<sup>4</sup> City of San Leandro Accessory Dwelling Unit Info Sheet. Available: <https://www.sanleandro.org/DocumentCenter/View/1403/Accessory-Dwelling-Unit-ADU-PDF>

<sup>5</sup> Government Code Sections 65852.1, 65852.2, and 65852.22 et seq.

<sup>6</sup> ADU Affordability Report, Association of Bay Area Governments, 2021

**Table 4.3 Remaining RHNA**

<b>Income Category (Percent of Alameda County Area Median Income [AMI])</b>	<b>Units Pending, Approved, or Under Construction</b>	<b>Estimated ADUs</b>	<b>Total Units from Pending Projects and ADUs</b>	<b>RHNA Allocation</b>	<b>Remaining RHNA Needed</b>
Extremely Low and Very Low Income (<50% AMI)	155	73	228	862	634
Low Income (50-80% AMI)	415	73	488	495	7
Moderate Income (80-120% AMI)	30	74	104	696	592
Above Moderate Income (>120% AMI)	1,935	25	1,960	1,802	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,535</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>2,780</b>	<b>3,855</b>	<b>1,233</b>

**Definitions**

ADU – Accessory Dwelling Unit

RHNA – Regional Housing Needs Allocation

The City will meet its remaining RHNA requirement through a list of housing opportunity locations. Government Code Section 65583(a)(3) requires local governments to prepare an inventory of land suitable for residential development, including vacant sites and sites having the potential for redevelopment, and an analysis of the relationship of zoning and public facilities and services to these sites. The inventory of land suitable for residential development shall be used to identify sites that can be developed for housing within the planning period (Section 65583.2). This inventory of suitable land, called the Sites Inventory, contains sites that could have the potential for new residential development within the housing element planning period (2023 to 2031). The Sites Inventory must include the following:

- A parcel-specific listing of sites, using assessor parcel numbers (APNs).
- The general plan land use designation and zoning district of sites
- Parcel size, which can be a key factor in determining development viability, capacity and affordability.
- A map showing the location of sites.
- A description of existing uses on any non-vacant sites.
- A description of whether the parcel has available or planned and accessible infrastructure.
- The income category (above moderate-, moderate-, or lower-income) that the site is expected to accommodate based on the allowed density (see below).
- Whether the parcel was identified in a previous housing element Sites Inventory.

This section outlines the methodology used to identify the key information in the Sites Inventory. A detailed, parcel-specific Sites Inventory is provided in Table 4.9. Table 4.4 demonstrates the City’s capacity to address the remaining RHNA under current and amended zoning standards. Current zoning provides for adequate sites to fully meet the City’s RHNA for all income categories. Although San Leandro has no shortfall of sites, the City is concurrently amending the General Plan and Zoning Code to align development standards to accommodate mid- to high-rise multi-family or mixed-use development in the City’s Priority Development Areas. The amendments will also achieve a greater buffer, which was noted as a priority at community outreach sessions.

Table 4.4 Addressing Remaining RHNA

Income Category (Percent of Alameda County Area Median Income [AMI])	Remaining RHNA Needed	Current Sites Inventory Capacity	Amended Sites Inventory Capacity
Low- and Very-Low Income (<80% AMI)	641	653 (104%)	814 (127%)
Moderate Income (80-120% AMI)	592	671 (113%)	788 (133%)
Above Moderate Income (>120% AMI)	0	933	1052
<b>Total (% Buffer)</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>2,257 (183%)</b>	<b>2,654 (215%)</b>
<b>Definitions</b>			
RHNA – Regional Housing Needs Allocation			

## Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Updates

The City's 2035 General Plan (adopted in 2016) envisions most development in the city to occur in the transit-oriented Priority Development Areas, including Downtown San Leandro, the Bay Fair BART station area, and along East 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Development in these areas is intended to have an urban character, with apartments, condominiums, and mixed-use development. Most sites in the Sites Inventory are located in Priority Development Areas consistent with the City's 2035 General Plan and vision for the development of these areas.

Chapter 3, *Housing Constraints*, identified the density, height limitations, and floor area ratio (FAR) standards in those areas as more conducive to townhome development than mid- to high-rise multi-family or mixed-use development, thus posing a constraint to the development of residential buildings beyond two or three stories. In order to address this constraint, the City is updating the Zoning Ordinance concurrently with the Housing Element update to increase allowable FAR and density in certain land use designations and zoning districts. The City is proposing to increase the allowable densities in the San Leandro General Plan in the Downtown Mixed Use District and Transit Oriented Mixed Use District land use designations. The City is proposing to increase the allowable FAR in the Corridor Mixed Use land use designation.

Correspondingly, the allowable density would also be increased in the following zoning districts:

- DA-1, DA-2, DA-3, DA-4 (Downtown Areas 1, 2, 3, and 4)
- SA-1, SA-2, SA-3 (South Area 1, 2, and 3 District)

The maximum height limit would also be raised in the DA-2, SA-1, SA-2, and SA-3 zoning districts accordingly so that the development standards are compatible for mid-rise construction.

## Development Trends

To support the Sites Inventory and justify the ability of market rate and affordable development to occur in San Leandro, this analysis compares the proposed allowable density, FAR, and building heights in San Leandro's Priority Development Areas to development standards in similar areas in the City of Hayward. The City of Hayward was selected for comparison due to its similarity with San Leandro in location, size, and development patterns. East 14<sup>th</sup> Street in San Leandro continues into Hayward as Mission Boulevard, the main commercial corridor in the city. Downtown Hayward and the Mission Boulevard Corridor are areas identified by the City of Hayward as priority areas for residential and mixed-use development, similar to the Downtown, East 14<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor, and BTOD areas in San Leandro. Development of mid-rise and mixed-use projects has occurred in these

areas of Hayward in the 5<sup>th</sup> housing cycle. Some of these projects are discussed in detail in Appendix D, *Development Analysis*.

In Hayward, the Mission Boulevard Corridor’s existing uses and development patterns are similar to those near San Leandro’s East 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Anchored by Downtown Hayward to the north and the South Hayward BART Station to the south, development along the Mission Boulevard corridor is characterized by large-scale commercial and light industrial uses including auto dealerships, auto repair and accessory businesses, single-tenant commercial buildings, and pockets of single-family homes. Since 2010, multiple large-scale residential projects have contributed to a mix of housing types along the corridor including affordable and market-rate townhomes and midrise apartment buildings.

The tables below outline the proposed changes to density, FAR, and building heights in San Leandro followed by a comparison to the development standards in Hayward’s high-density areas. Updates to the land use and zoning districts will allow for density ranges and FAR that are similar to, or higher than, than those allowed in high density areas in Hayward.

Table 4.5 shows the proposed allowable FAR in the General Plan land use designations in Priority Development Areas in San Leandro. The proposed maximum allowable FAR in these districts ranges from 2.5 to 5.0, higher than the range of 0.8 to 2.75 in comparable land use designations in Hayward (0.8 FAR in the High-Density Residential District, 2.0 FAR in the Sustainable Mixed-Use District, and 2.75 FAR in the Transit Overlay Zones<sup>7</sup>, with an average FAR of 1.9). The proposed average FAR in the San Leandro land use designations is 3.8, higher than the average FAR of 1.9 in comparable Hayward districts.

**Table 4.5 Proposed FAR – San Leandro General Plan Land Use Designations**

Land Use Designation	Current FAR	Proposed FAR
Downtown Mixed Use	Maximum 3.5	Maximum 3.5
Transit-Oriented Mixed Use	Maximum 4.0, 5.0 adjacent to BART	Maximum 4.0, 5.0 adjacent to BART
Corridor Mixed Use	Maximum 1.5	Maximum 2.5 (increase of 1.0 FAR)
<b>Average</b>	<b>Maximum 3.5</b>	<b>Maximum 3.8</b>

FAR = Floor Area Ratio  
 BART = Bay Area Rapid Transit

Table 4.6 outlines the proposed allowable densities by land use designation in San Leandro, which will increase by 25 to 45 du/acre above current standards. The proposed average maximum dwelling units per acre (du/ac) by land use designation is 125, compared to 84.5 in Hayward.

<sup>7</sup> The Transit Overlay Zone is a zoning district in the Hayward Zoning Code; however, it is referenced in the FAR range listed for the Sustainable Mixed Use Land Use district in the General Plan.

**Table 4.6 Proposed Allowable Density by General Plan Land Use Designation in San Leandro**

Land Use Designation	Current Allowable Density Range (units/acre)	Proposed Allowable Density Range (units/acre)
Downtown Mixed Use	24-100	24-125 (increase of 25 du/acre)
Transit-Oriented Mixed Use	60-80	60-125 (increase of 45 du/acre)
Corridor Mixed Use	Residential density dictated by FAR	Residential density dictated by FAR

du/ac = dwelling units per acre

Table 4.7 shows the proposed allowable densities by zoning district in San Leandro’s Priority Development Areas. The proposed updates include an increase of 25 du/ac in the DA-1 and DA-4 zones, 35 du/ac to 85 du/ac in the D-2 zone (depending on proximity to transit), and 50 du/ac in the SA-1, SA-2, and SA-3 zones. The proposed maximum density by zoning district ranges from 85 to 125 du/ac. The allowable densities in zones in City of Hayward’s high-density areas range from 4.3 to 100 du/ac. The average proposed maximum density by zoning district in San Leandro is 110.8 du/ac compared to the average in Hayward which is 77 du/ac.<sup>8</sup> There are minimum residential densities in DA-1, DA-2, DA-3, DA-4, DA-6, SA-1, SA-2, SA-3 zoning districts and all three B-TOD Sub-Areas.

**Table 4.7 Proposed Allowable Density by Zoning District in San Leandro**

Zoning District	Current Maximum Density (du/a)	Proposed Maximum Density (du/a)
DA-1	100	125 (increase of 25 du/acre)
DA-2	40	85; or Within the General Plan Downtown Mixed Use land use category: 100 Within the General Plan Transit-Oriented Mixed Use land use category: 125 (increase of 45-85 du/acre)
DA-3	60	100; or Within the General Plan Transit-Oriented Mixed Use land use category: 125 (increase of 40-65 du/acre)
DA-4	100	125 (increase of 25 du/acre)
DA-6	N/A	N/A
NA-1, NA-2, P	24	24
SA-1, SA-2, SA-3	35	85 (increase of 50 du/acre)

DA = Downtown Area  
 NA = North Area  
 SA = South Area  
 du/ac = dwelling units per acre

<sup>8</sup> Some zones in Hayward rely on the Downtown Hayward Design Plan instead of providing a maximum du/ac in the Zoning Ordinance, and these zones were not included in the calculation. Calculations are approximate.

Table 4.8 shows the proposed minimum and maximum building height by zoning district in the priority development areas of San Leandro. The maximum heights will range from 30 feet to no maximum limit, similar to the City of Hayward’s maximum heights in high-density areas, which range from 35 to 124 feet. Site test fits analysis conducted by the City found that height limits in these zones were generally sufficient to accommodate intended development types.

**Table 4.8 Proposed Allowable Height Amendments**

Residential and Mixed-Use Residential Development			
Zoning District	Minimum (feet)	Current Maximum (feet)	Proposed Maximum (feet) <sup>1</sup>
CC	None	50	50
CN, NA-1, NA-2	None	50	50
CR, CS	None	None	None
DA-1	None /24	75	75
DA-2	None /24	50	65
DA-3	None	50	50
DA-4	None	60-75	75
DA-6	None	75	None
P	None	30	30
SA-1, SA-2, SA-3	24	50	65

<sup>1</sup> Base height limit. Does not include parapets, rooftop amenities, stair access, elevator towers, and other such structures.

- CC = Commercial Community
- CN = Commercial Neighborhood
- P = Professional Office
- CR = Commercial Recreation
- CS = Commercial Services
- DA = Downtown Area
- NA = North Area
- SA = South Area

## Site Selection

Land suitable for residential development must be appropriate and available for residential use in the planning period. Other characteristics to consider when evaluating the appropriateness of sites include physical features (e.g., susceptibility to flooding, slope instability, or erosion) and location (proximity to transit, job centers, and public or community services). Sites used in the inventory can be a parcel or group of parcels, such as:

- Vacant sites zoned for residential use
- Vacant sites zoned for nonresidential use that allow residential development
- Residentially zoned sites that are capable of being developed at a higher density (nonvacant sites, including underutilized sites)
- Sites owned or leased by a local government
- Sites zoned for nonresidential use that can be redeveloped for residential use and a program is included to rezone the site to permit residential use

## Suitability of Nonvacant (Redevelopment) Sites

As part of the Alameda County Housing Collaborative discussion series conducted in November 2021, housing developers in Alameda County indicated that underutilized nonvacant sites currently occupied by a single-tenant retail or office use are ideal for redevelopment. These sites usually have existing utility connections, and single ownership and tenancy reduces the potential complexity of a change in ownership or use. This developer feedback was considered during the site selection process.

To identify potential sites for additional development, geospatial data was used to identify vacant and underutilized properties in the city. Nonvacant parcels were chosen as sites likely to be redeveloped during the planning period based on the following factors:

- **Improvement-to-land Value Ratio.** A parcel's improvement-to-land value ratio can identify properties that are potentially underutilized. Non-vacant sites in the development pipeline have Improvement-to-land value ratios between 0 and 10.29 with an average improvement to land value ratio of 1.28. A ratio of less than 1.0 indicates that the real estate market values the land itself more highly than the structures built on that land. These underutilized parcels present opportunities for property owners and developers to invest in improvements that increase the overall value of the property. It should be noted that the improvement-to-land value ratio of a property does not necessarily consider development standards or environmental constraints that may impact the feasibility of redevelopment on the site.
- **Existing Use Versus Zoned Use.** A comparison of a site's current use to the use for which it is zoned can also help identify underutilized properties. For example, a parcel currently occupied by a parking lot which is zoned for high-density residential or mixed-use development presents an opportunity for the property owner to convert the property to a higher-value use.
- **Age of Structure.** The age of a structure may help determine the likelihood of redevelopment during the planning period. New construction on the site may indicate that it is unlikely that a property owner would invest in additional improvements or redevelop the site. A structure that was built 30 years ago or more has a higher likelihood of needing rehabilitation. Structures on non-vacant sites in the sites inventory range from the mid-1940s through the late 1980s, which is generally consistent with trends observed on sites in the development pipeline.
- **Floor Area Ratio.** A low floor area ratio (less than 1.0) indicates underutilization of a site, especially in areas zoned for high density. Any potential development on parcels with higher floor area ratio buildings may incur higher land acquisition and demolition costs. Non-vacant sites in the development pipeline average a floor area ratio of 0.35. Non-vacant sites in the sites inventory have floor area ratios ranging from 0.07 to 0.40 with an average floor area ratio of 0.16.
- **Ownership Patterns.** In cases where site consolidation (i.e., merging of parcels) is required for redevelopment, properties owned by a single entity are simpler to consolidate and/or redevelop. Similarly, when land is publicly owned, the City can directly facilitate affordable housing.

## Environmental Considerations

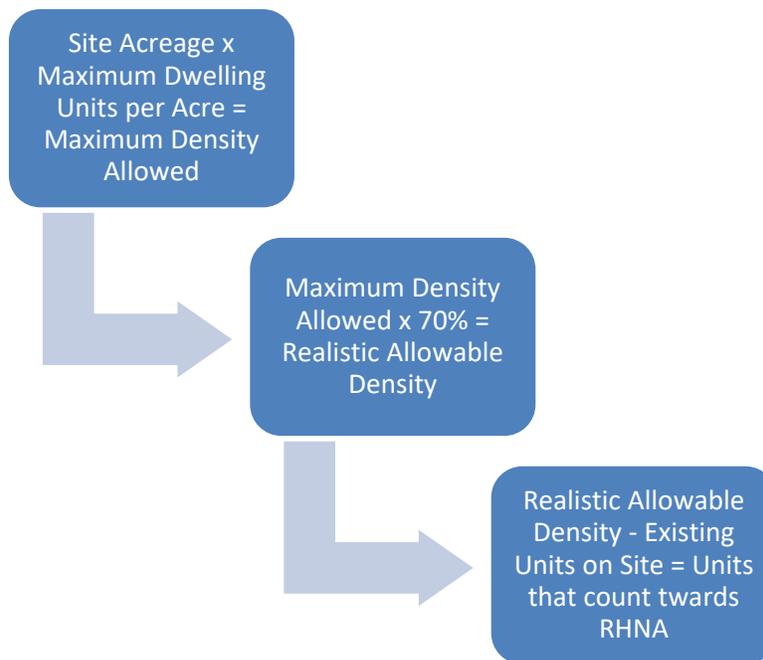
Fire Hazard Severity Zones, identified by CalFire, designate the range of fire hazard based on three key factors: fuel, slope, and weather. These zones have varying degrees of fire hazard (i.e., moderate, high, and very high), based on physical conditions that create a likelihood that an area will burn over a 30- to 50-year period. In San Leandro, sites that fall within the Very High Fire Hazard

Safety Zone were not excluded from the available Sites Inventory, but these areas are noted as they may contribute additional costs for design considerations and buffer lands.

## Realistic Development Capacity

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65583.2(c), the City is required to calculate the realistic number of units (or, realistic development capacity) of the sites identified. The number of units is calculated using the following methodology. Site acreage is multiplied by allowable du/ac, which is reduced to 70 percent to a realistic allowable density to provide a more conservative estimate of units likely to be developed. The number of existing units on the site is subtracted to provide a net unit count that can be applied towards the RHNA. There are no sites with existing residential units in San Leandro's Sites Inventory.

Realistic capacity for sites located in zoning districts that are concurrently being amended is reflected as 70 percent of the amended density. Where there is no maximum density in a given zoning district (B-TOD and DA-6), 125 du/ac is conservatively used in lieu of a maximum density and 87.5 du/ac (70 percent of maximum) is used to calculate realistic capacity even though observed densities are significantly higher.



## Suitable Sites for Affordable Housing

State law requires that jurisdictions demonstrate in the Housing Element that there are adequate sites to accommodate that jurisdiction's share of the regional growth. According to HCD, the following density standards are used for estimating the appropriateness for household income affordability in a metropolitan area such as Alameda County:

- A density standard of 0 to 14 units per acre (primarily for single-family homes) is assumed to facilitate the development of housing in the above moderate-income category.
- A density standard of 15 to 29 units per acre (primarily for medium-density multi-family developments) would facilitate the development of housing in the moderate-income category.

- A density standard of 30 or more units per acre (primarily for higher-density multi-family developments) would facilitate the development of housing in the low- and very low-income category.

In addition to default density standards, HCD established that parcels intended to support the development of units appropriate for lower-income households should be between 0.5 and 10 acres. Parcels smaller than 0.5 acres, even when zoned for high densities, may not facilitate the scale of development required to access the competitive funding resources that facilitate affordable housing projects. Conversely, affordable housing developers may be unable to finance the scale of project necessitated by parcels greater than 10 acres. The average parcel acreage in the Sites Inventory is 0.73. Some parcels that are less than 0.5 acres are adjacent to other parcels in the City's inventory, allowing for the possibility of lot consolidations. The City will provide technical assistance for lot consolidations for housing developments (Program 5 in Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*), with priority for developments that support low- and moderate-income housing.

### Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

The California legislature adopted AB 686 (2018, Santiago) in 2018 to expand upon the fair housing requirements and protections outlined in the Fair Employment and Housing Act. The law:

- Requires all state and local public agencies to facilitate deliberate action to explicitly address, combat, and relieve disparities resulting from past patterns of segregation to foster more inclusive communities.
- Creates new requirements that apply to all housing elements due for revision on or after January 1, 2021.<sup>9</sup>

For purposes of evaluating the appropriateness of the Sites Inventory through the lens of the City's obligation to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH), HCD suggests a geo-spatial analysis using a series of indicators that consider patterns and degrees of integration and segregation of households based on racial and ethnic, income, and disability; areas at risk of displacement; environmental health concerns; and other factors. As described in the analysis in Chapter 5, *Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing*, the City's Sites Inventory will not exacerbate conditions of economic or racial/ethnic segregation, nor displace existing populations. Conversely, the Sites Inventory would accommodate opportunities for distribution of households of low-, moderate-, and above moderate-income levels across the city, and provide opportunities for mixed-income developments on several large sites. The City will also implement housing programs to increase housing opportunities and promote housing and neighborhood equity, as outlined in Section 6, *Housing Plan*.

### Sites Inventory Buffer

To ensure that sufficient capacity exists in the Sites Inventory to accommodate the RHNA throughout the planning period, it is recommended jurisdictions create a buffer in the housing element inventory by including least 20 percent more capacity than required for lower- and moderate-income units. The Sites Inventory has a buffer of 27 percent for lower-income units and 33 percent for moderate-income units.

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<sup>9</sup> HCD. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing in California. <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/affh/index.shtml>

Jurisdictions can also create a buffer by projecting site capacity at less than the maximum density to allow for some reductions in density at a project level. The Sites Inventory includes a projection of densities at 70 percent of the maximum du/ac, which is a highly conservative estimate. Sites located in zoning districts that are being concurrently amended to allow higher density development are calculated at 70 percent of the amended density. As shown in Table 4.2, most of the recent permitted or constructed residential developments in the city have achieved an average of 165 percent of the maximum dwelling units per acre. There are minimum residential densities in all mixed use zoning districts. By projecting densities lower than recent patterns, the City has accounted for the potential for sites to be developed with fewer residential units than anticipated.

Including a high buffer was expressed as a community priority and is particularly important due to the possibility that development or redevelopment in commercial and mixed-use zones could potentially be developed with 100 percent commercial uses. The following zones with units in the Sites Inventory allow for multi-use development:

- Commercial Community (CC)
- Downtown Area 1 (DA-1) – Retail Mixed Use
- Downtown Area 6 (DA-6) – Offices and Mixed Use
- South Area 1 (SA-1)
- South Area 2 (SA-2)
- South Area 3 (SA-3)
- B-TOD District

There is no minimum residential density for most districts, except for larger parcels in the DA districts and the SA district. However, as discussed in *Chapter 3: Housing Constraints*, an analysis of development trends from 2011 to 2021 shows an upward trend of the percent of projects in mixed use zones that included residential uses as opposed to those which did not. Since 2011, 14 out of 18 projects in mixed use zones had a residential component, or 78 percent. This trend increased in recent years. Since 2017, 82 percent of developments included residential uses and only 18 percent did not. The overall buffer for the Sites Inventory (115 percent) and buffer for low-income and moderate-income units (27 and 33 percent, respectively) surpass the 18 percent gap, meaning the RHNA buffer compensates for the possibility of 100 percent commercial developments.

Additionally, the Multi-Family Development Standards project, which was initiated in 2020, reduced constraints to developing residential in Mixed Use zones and encouraging residential development. Zoning Code amendments modified the front setback requirements in the DA districts to remove subjective standards and provide objective standards. These standards reference the street sections of the applicable street type while ensuring adequate building setbacks to accommodate the planned street, sidewalk, and public amenity improvements. In a roundtable discussion hosted by the Alameda County Housing Collaborative on November 29, 2021, housing developers noted that ground-floor retail in mixed use developments faces funding and logistical challenges, and that flexibility of ground-floor use increases the development potential of a mixed use project.<sup>10</sup> In order to address this constraint, the Multi-Family Development Standards Project made multi-family housing more widely permitted by right in Priority Development Areas and created a path for 100 percent multi-family projects in specified locations of the downtown that previously required ground-floor commercial through a Conditional Use Permit process, thereby increasing the flexibility

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<sup>10</sup> Alameda County Collaborative, 2021. Available at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XYrwZxd3Re0VFWGz119bj8uqS9VdUN4H/view>

of potential development options in mixed use zones. The City will also facilitate infill residential development in Priority Development Areas as outlined in Program 8 in Section 6, *Housing Plan*.

### 4.3 Adequacy of Residential Sites Inventory in Meeting RHNA

Table 4.9 outlines details about the sites selected for the Sites Inventory, which is mapped in Figure 4.2. The Sites Inventory includes 2,654 units on 19 sites. There are 814 lower income units, 788 moderate-income units, and 1,052 above moderate-income units. None of the small sites (sites less than 0.5-acre) in the Sites Inventory are used to accommodate lower-income housing.

The sites in the inventory were selected based upon the following criteria, which were informed by analysis of San Leandro’s development pipeline (Planned, Approved, and Pending Projects):

1. **Underutilization:** If the current use of a site does not utilize the site’s maximum potential, such as a large and underused parking lot, this is an indicator that a property owner could increase the overall value of a property by redeveloping. Underutilized parcels may be opportunities for property owners and developers to invest in further improvements that increase the overall value of the property. This criterion can be identified by assessing the maximum density allowed on the site after rezoning and by evaluating the floor area ratio of opportunity sites as compared to sites in the development pipeline. Non-vacant sites in the development pipeline average a floor area ratio of 0.35. Non-vacant sites in the sites inventory have floor area ratios ranging from 0.07 to 0.40 with an average floor area ratio of 0.16.
2. **Improvement-to-land value ratio:** A parcel’s improvement-to-land value ratio can identify properties that are potentially underutilized. Non-vacant sites in the development pipeline have value ratios between 0 and 10.29 with an average value ratio of 1.28. A value ratio of less than 1.0 indicates that the real estate market values the land itself more highly than what is currently built on that land. These underutilized parcels represent opportunities for property owners and developers to invest in further improvements that increase the overall value of the property. It should be noted that the improvement-to-land value ratio of a property does not necessarily consider development standards or environmental constraints that may impact the feasibility of redevelopment on the site.
3. **Age of structure:** The age of a structure identifies sites that may be likely to develop. Structures over 30 years of age may no longer suit the needs of the uses on the site or may need improvements due to deterioration. Structures built over 30 years ago are indicated below in Table 4.9 in the “Year Built” column. Structures on non-vacant sites in the sites inventory range from the mid-1940s through the late 1980s, which is generally consistent with trends observed on sites in the development pipeline.
4. **Expressed interest in development:** Developer or property owner interest in constructing housing on a particular site is a useful indicator that there is feasible development potential on a parcel.

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Table 4.9 Sites Inventory

Sites Inventory ID	Site Group	City Site Address or Street	Assessor's Parcel Number	Size (Acres)	Existing Use/Vacancy	Structure Age	Current Improvement to Land Value Ratio	Current Floor Area Ratio	Current General Plan	Current Zoning	Current Min. Density	Current Max. Density	Amended Max. Density	Current Realistic Capacity				Amended Realistic Capacity				Used in Prior Housing Element	Developer Interest	TCAC Opportunity Category	Criteria Met
														Lower Income	Moderate Income	Above Moderate Income	Total Units	Lower Income	Moderate Income	Above Moderate Income	Total Units				
1		13489 E 14TH ST	077D-1405-001-01	0.29	Vacant	-	0.00	0.07	MUC	SA-2	18	35	85	0	0	7	7	0	0	12	12	Used in Two Consecutive Prior Housing Elements - Vacant	Developer interest in site	Low Resource	1, 2, 4
2		13940 E 14TH ST	077E-1548-001-06	0.67	Vacant	-	0.00	0.00	MUC	SA-1	18	35	85	5	6	6	17	12	14	14	40	Used in Two Consecutive Prior Housing Elements - Vacant	Developer interest in neighborhood	Low Resource	1, 2
3		14583 E 14TH ST	077D-1460-001-00	1.36	Misc. Commercial Uses	1944	0.37	0.20	MUC/RM	RD/SA-1	18	35	85	33	0	0	33	35	0	0	35	Used in Prior Housing Element – Non-Vacant	Developer interest in neighborhood	Low Resource	1, 2, 3
4		15242 HESPERIAN BLVD	077D-1490-019-00	4.23*	BART parking lot	-	0.00	0.00	BTOD/PR	B-TOD	65	N/A	N/A	56	0	319	375	56	0	319	375	Used in Prior Housing Element – Non-Vacant	Property owner interest - TOD Work Plan	Low Resource	1, 2
5		14263 E 14TH ST	077D-1432-040-01	0.72	Used car lot and auto storage	1935	0.28	0.12	MUC	SA-1	18	35	85	17	0	0	17	43	0	0	43	Used in Prior Housing Element – Non-Vacant	Developer interest in neighborhood	Low Resource	1, 2, 3
6		14830 E 14TH ST	077E-1593-013-08	1.00	Used car dealer	-	0.03	0.00	MUC	SA-3	18	35	85	23	2	0	25	59	5	0	64	Used in Prior Housing Element – Non-Vacant	Developer interest in neighborhood	Low Resource	1, 2
7		1805 WASHINGTON AVE	075-0008-003-03	0.52	Brake and wheel shop and surface parking	1941	0.99	0.32	MUD	DA-2	20	40	100	5	5	5	15	11	13	13	37	Used in Prior Housing Element – Non-Vacant	-	Low Resource	1, 2, 3
8	A	604 MACARTHUR BLVD	076-0319-014-02	0.76	Restaurant and surface parking	1959	0.31	0.28	MUC	CC	0	24	24	0	12	0	12	0	12	0	12	Used in Prior Housing Element – Non-Vacant	Property owner interest in site	Moderate Resource	1, 2, 3, 4
9	A	560 MACARTHUR BLVD	076-0319-025-01	0.46	Restaurant and surface parking	1954	0.17	0.10	MUC	CC	0	24	24	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	Used in Prior Housing Element – Non-Vacant	Property owner interest in site	Moderate Resource	1, 2, 3, 4
10		14875 BANCROFT AVE	077E-1593-015-04	0.80	Misc. commercial uses	-	0.55	0.09	MUC	SA-3	18	35	85	7	7	7	21	14	16	16	46	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	Property owner interest in site/ On the market	Low Resource	1, 2, 4
11	B	1300 FAIRMONT DR	077D-1495-021-00	5.78	Shopping center and surface parking	1981	0.82	0.24	BTOD	B-TOD	60	N/A	N/A	152	177	177	506	152	177	177	506	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	Property owner / developer interest in site	Low Resource	1, 2, 3, 4
12	B	1330 FAIRMONT DR	077D-1495-018-00	0.97	Shopping center and surface parking	1980	1.68	0.22	BTOD	B-TOD	60	N/A	N/A	26	30	30	86	26	30	30	86	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	Property owner / developer interest in site	Low Resource	1, 3, 4
13	B	E 14TH ST	077D-1495-022-00	3.07	Shopping center and surface parking	1980	1.71	0.19	BTOD	B-TOD	60	N/A	N/A	80	94	94	268	80	94	94	268	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	Property owner / developer interest in site	Low Resource	1, 3, 4
14	B	15251 E 14TH ST	077D-1495-015-00	0.50	Shopping center and surface parking	1986	2.90	0.27	BTOD	B-TOD	60	N/A	N/A	0	43	0	43	0	43	0	43	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	Property owner / developer interest in site	Low Resource	1, 3, 4
15		15555 E 14TH ST	077D-1490-030-00	4.78*	Bayfair Center Mall and surface parking	1970	0.82	0.40	BTOD	B-TOD	65	N/A	N/A	125	146	146	417	125	146	146	417	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	Property owner interest in site	Low Resource	1, 2, 3, 4
16		600 CASTRO ST	075-0067-001-06	0.83	Warehouse and surface parking	1973	0.57	0.22	MUTOD	DA-2	20	40	125	8	8	8	24	22	25	25	72	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	-	Low Resource	1, 2, 3
17	C	440 PERALTA AVE	075-0225-001-04	1.33	Warehouse and surface parking	-	0.25	0.42	MUTOD	DA-2	20	40	125	12	13	13	38	35	41	41	117	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	-	Low Resource	1, 2

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														Lower Income	Moderate Income	Above Moderate Income	Total Units	Lower Income	Moderate Income	Above Moderate Income	Total Units				
18	C	523 SAN LEANDRO BLVD	075-0225-001-03	0.88*	Auto body shop and surface parking	1962	0.14	0.10	MUTOD	DA-2	20	40	125	8	9	9	26	25	26	26	77	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	-	Low Resource	1, 2, 3
19		1565 ALVARADO ST	075-0047-014-00	4.55	Warehouse and surface parking	1988	2.34	0.37	MUTOD	DA-4/DA-6	60	100	125	96	112	112	320	119	139	139	397	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	Developer interest in site	Low Resource	1, 3, 4
<b>Total</b>				<b>33.50</b>										<b>653</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>2,257</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>2,654</b>				

\*Custom Area Assumptions – see Appendix B, Sites Inventory for more details on assumptions

B-TOD – Bay Fair Transit Oriented Development

RD – Residential Duplex

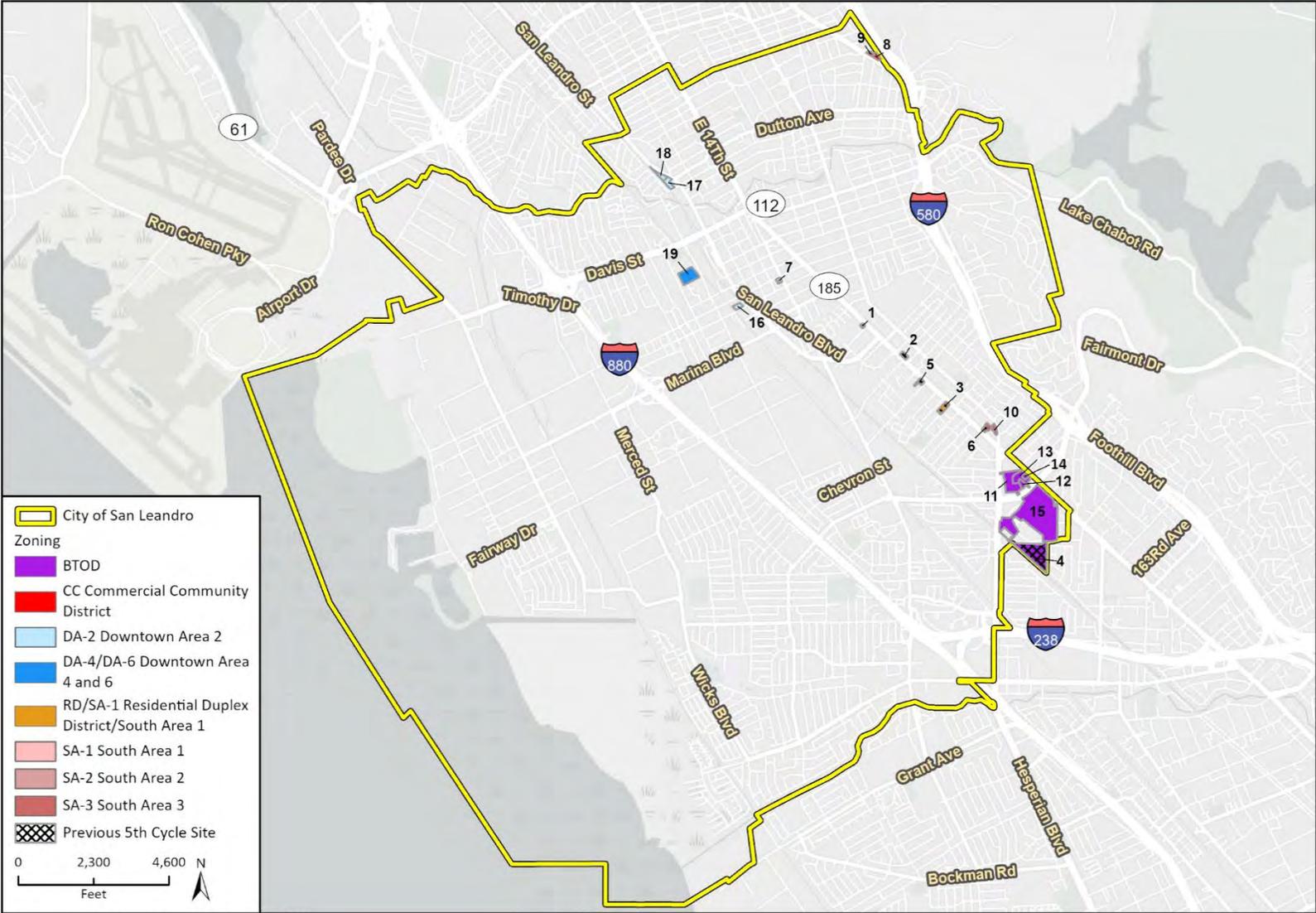
CC – Commercial Community

SA – South Area

DA – Downtown Area

du/ac = dwelling units per acre

Figure 4.2 Sites Inventory



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Fig. 1 San Leandro Inventory

The current uses of the identified sites are listed in Table 4.9 Two of the sites in the inventory are currently vacant. Nine of these sites have large parking lots. Additional uses include shopping centers; auto-oriented uses such as auto repair shops, auto storage, and used car dealerships; restaurants; and warehouses. Most nonvacant sites are considered underutilized because the zoning of each site allows for higher density development than the current uses, potentially indicating that the property owner could convert to a higher value use. Additionally, of the sites with a known date of development, the age of structure ranged from 34 to 77 years old. Older developments are more likely to be redeveloped than new developments because the building size and/or features no longer serve current or desired uses. Of the 19 developments, developers and/or property owners expressed interest in 10 sites as of August 2022. None of the sites currently have existing residential units.

### 4.3.1 Priority Development Areas

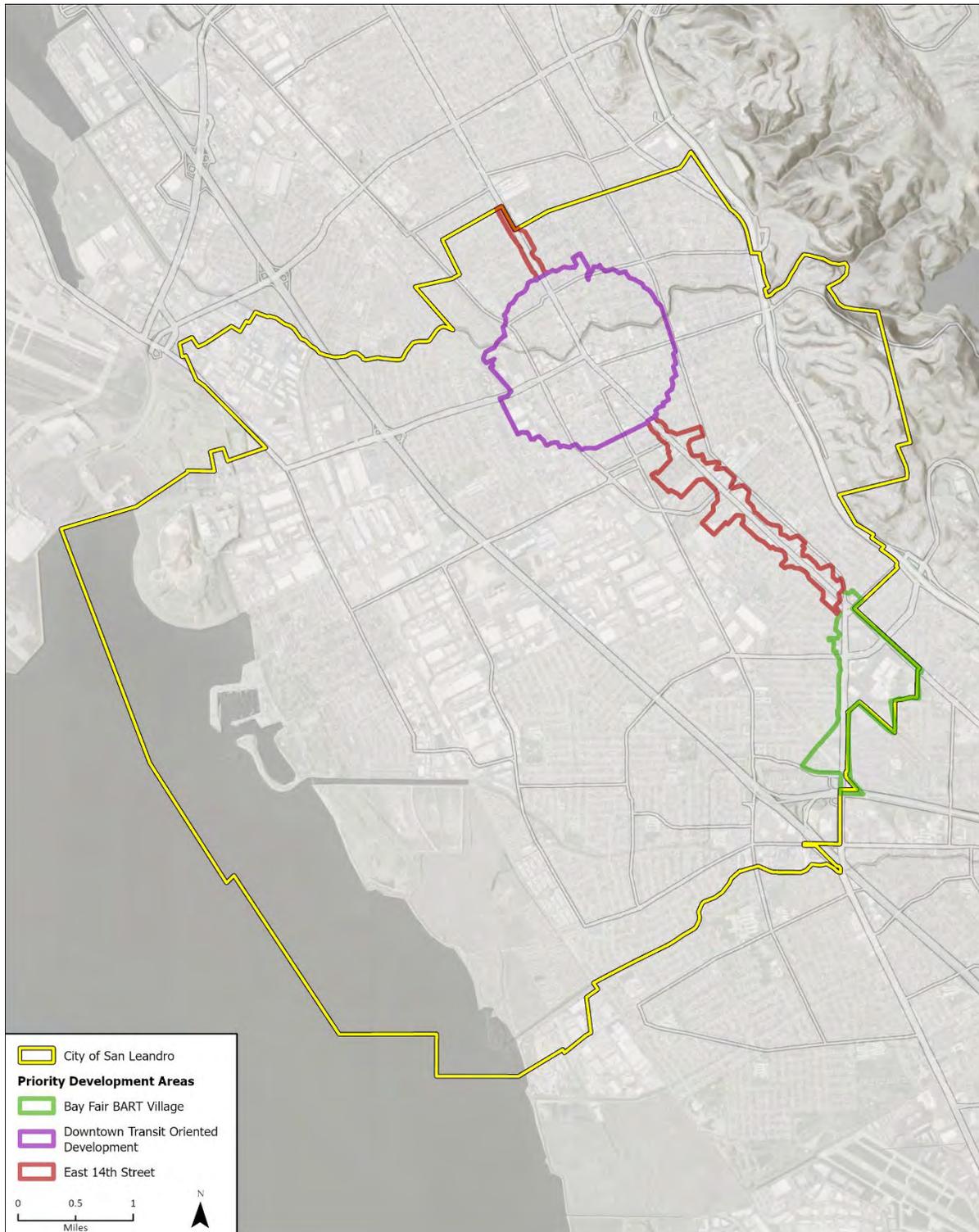
About 80 percent of new housing envisioned in San Leandro during the next 20 years is expected to be built within the Downtown Mixed Use, Corridor Mixed Use, Transit-Oriented Mixed Use, and Bay Fair Transit-Oriented Development land use designations. These areas, shown in Figure 4.3, are generally referred to as Downtown, the Bay Fair TOD, and the East 14th Street corridor. These areas are “Priority Development Areas,” a term used by regional agencies to identify locations approved for future higher density growth that are typically accessible by one or more transit services in close proximity to services, and targeted for more focused public funding (e.g., infrastructure, affordable housing, economic development). These areas are locations for transit-oriented development, generally within walking distance of high-quality public transit and commercial centers. The City of San Leandro made significant efforts during the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element planning periods to mitigate constraints to the development of housing, particularly in these areas. These three areas are primarily covered by the following long-range plans:

- Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan (adopted 2018)
- East 14<sup>th</sup> Street South Area Development Strategy (adopted 2004)
- Downtown Transit Oriented Development Strategy (adopted 2007)

To further support development in the Priority Development Areas, the City utilized State SB2 Planning Grants Program funding to develop objective design and development standards for multi-family residential and mixed-use development in order to provide greater predictability to developers and community members. The Multifamily Development Standards amendments were adopted in January 2022 and they included standardizing and streamlining the development review process in accordance with recent changes in state law. Concurrent with the Housing Element Update adoption, the City will amend the Zoning Code to further align development standards in the Priority Development Areas with intended development types through increase allowable density, floor area ratio, and building height, where appropriate.

The City continues to encourage growth in the Priority Development Areas. In 2021, construction was completed on the AC Transit Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) extension along East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, which increased transit connectivity in the downtown and northern portion of the city. Economic Development staff continue to promote available development sites through an updated Housing Opportunity Site list. City staff also work with private owners to assist with the development of key sites in the Priority Development Areas and continue to support the site assembly of both City-owned and private parcels to gain an economy of scale for a mixed-use development and to activate these important locations.

Figure 4.3 San Leandro Priority Development Areas



## Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan

The Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan was adopted in 2018, following an extensive community engagement and planning process. It is intended to transform the area around the Bay Fair BART station, including Bayfair Center, other shopping centers, and properties along Hesperian, East 14th, and other major arterials, into a dynamic new transit-oriented development area. It sets a vision for the Bay Fair area to become a walkable, transit-oriented community hub, with public gathering spaces and a mix of retail, neighborhood services, housing, and office space. To be consistent with this vision, in 2020 the City of San Leandro added the B-TOD Zoning District and new design and development regulations for the Bay Fair area, as recommended under the approved Specific Plan. The Bay Fair TOD Area is at the southeastern edge of the city, adjacent to unincorporated Alameda County to the east and south. The area is surrounded in most directions by single-family neighborhoods and further beyond, by three Interstate freeways (I-580, I-238, and I-880).

Housing is intended to be a central focus in future development in the Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan Area and the plan promotes a range of housing options and affordability levels to mitigate the risk of displacement for existing residents. The proximity to the Bay Fair BART Station and AC Transit bus lines makes the Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan Area well situated for residential development.

The General Plan established the Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan Area land use designation for the Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan Area, while the Specific Plan implementing the Bay Fair TOD Zoning District establish the details of land use, design, and development requirements for the area.



### *Vacant and Underutilized Properties in the Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan Area*

Housing opportunity sites identified in the Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan Area meet the criteria for density and size for development appropriate for lower-income households. Table 4.10 summarizes the assumed development potential of underutilized sites within the Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan Area (Figure 4.4).

All sites identified in the Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan Area are located within 0.25-mile from the Bay Fair BART station. Housing close to transit stations was identified as a need for low-income households based on input from stakeholder interviews conducted in January 2021 as part of the Housing Element Update (Appendix A). The Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan Area has current infrastructure that could support new development and redevelopment. All identified parcels are privately owned. The Sites Inventory identified 26 acres of vacant and underutilized land within the Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan Area that can accommodate a realistic development potential of 1,694 housing units, as shown in Figure 4.4.

### *Publicly Owned Sites*

Only one site on the Sites Inventory is publicly owned. The Bay Fair BART station property was identified as a housing site in the 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element and is included in the current Sites Inventory. The City of San Leandro has worked collaboratively with BART to plan for the conversion of surface parking lots into a vibrant TOD. As noted in Program 8 in Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*, the City is committed to formalizing its working relationship with BART through a MOU and is working to advance pre-development efforts on the BART property and surrounding Bay Fair TOD area by completing infrastructure phasing and financing recommendations to support redevelopment of these key sites. As part of this study, the City will further analyze barriers to redevelopment of the BART property, which include the need for ADA-compliant station access across jurisdictional boundaries (City of San Leandro and Unincorporated Alameda County), continued bus access, and an enhanced crossing of the Estudillo Canal that connects the BART property to the surrounding TOD area.

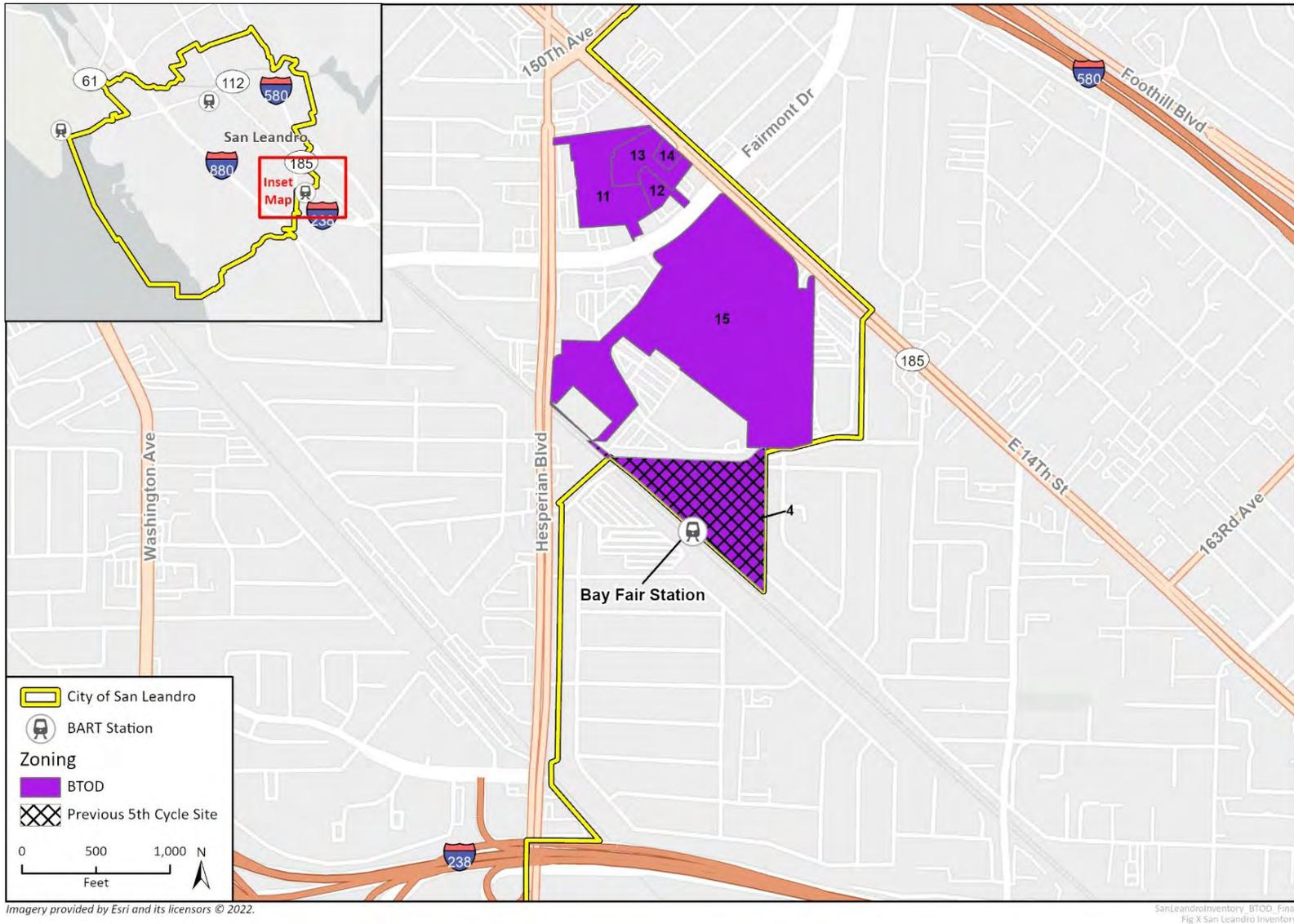
City and BART staff are currently working with a UC Berkeley graduate program class focused on public-private partnerships that is studying the Bay Fair BART site. The City successfully completed timely zoning amendments for BART-owned properties pursuant to AB2923 and is committed to making multi-modal improvements in the vicinity to enhance station access.

The Bay Fair BART site is included as a mid-term (5-10 year) station in the BART Transit-Oriented Development Program Work Plan. As noted in Program 8, the City will continue to advocate for reclassifying the Bay Fair station as a near term (0-5 year) station whenever opportunities arise throughout the 2023-2031 planning period.

The City is committed to supporting BART in acquiring sufficient funding and commitment to infrastructure for parking replacement and station access, and if necessary, will implement a locally led parking resource assessment and management plan for at least a ¼-mile radius around the station area.

Next steps for redevelopment of the BART property include entering into a MOU and working with BART on the preparation of a RFP for the site.

Figure 4.4 Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan Area Sites Inventory



**Table 4.10 Site Inventory Parcels in the Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan Area**

General Plan Land Use District	Acres	Number of Parcels	Maximum Allowed Density (du/ac)	Number of Existing Units on Parcel	Potential New Units
Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan Area	26	6	125 <sup>1</sup>	0	1,694

TOD – Transit Oriented Development

du/ac = dwelling units per acre

<sup>1</sup> Maximum allowed density is assumed for modelling purposes based on the FAR standards.

### East 14<sup>th</sup> Street South Area Corridor

East 14<sup>th</sup> Street is San Leandro’s “Main Street.” South of 150<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the east side of the street is in unincorporated Alameda County while the west side is in San Leandro. The County has completed a number of plans and streetscape improvement programs for the street as it passes through the unincorporated Ashland-Cherryland district. Within San Leandro city limits, the west side of the street includes vacant parcels to the north of the Bayfair Center on Bayfair Drive and East 14<sup>th</sup> Street with the potential for private development.

In 2004, the City adopted the South Area Development Strategy in response to concerns over the quality and quantity of new businesses along the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street corridor. Key goals of the Strategy include the transformation of the unbroken commercial ‘strip’ into a series of mixed- use districts, the creation of a more pedestrian-friendly environment on East 14<sup>th</sup>, and the accommodation of high-quality multi-family housing along the corridor.

Following adoption of the South Area Strategy, the City adopted three zoning districts (SA-1, SA-2, and SA-3) to implement the Plan. Each zone is tailored to emphasize a slightly different mix of uses. Concurrent with the Housing Element adoption, the City is amending the development standards in the SA Districts to help stimulate development interest.

Following the adoption of the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street South Area Corridor Design Guidelines in 2007, the Zoning Ordinance established the following zones:

- **SA-1:** The SA-1 zone allows for the most activity in terms of existing retail shopping and include several opportunity sites that could accommodate new development.
- **SA-2:** The intent of this zone is to promote opportunities for new infill residential, including multi-family residential uses that would be sensitive to the existing neighborhoods adjacent to properties fronting the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor. A mixture of residential, commercial, and community-oriented uses is encouraged in multi-story buildings.
- **SA-3:** The SA-3 zoning is located at the southern end of the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street South Area and provides opportunities for larger office, commercial, and multi-family residential development.

#### *Vacant and Underutilized Properties in the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street South Area Corridor*

All potential sites identified in East 14<sup>th</sup> Street South Area Corridor meet the criteria to count toward the City’s share of the RHNA for lower-income housing based on density and lot size. Table 4.11 summarizes the capacity of vacant and underutilized sites within the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street South Area and are shown in Figure 4.5 and Figure 4.6.

Figure 4.5 San Leandro Sites Inventory East 14<sup>th</sup> South Area Corridor

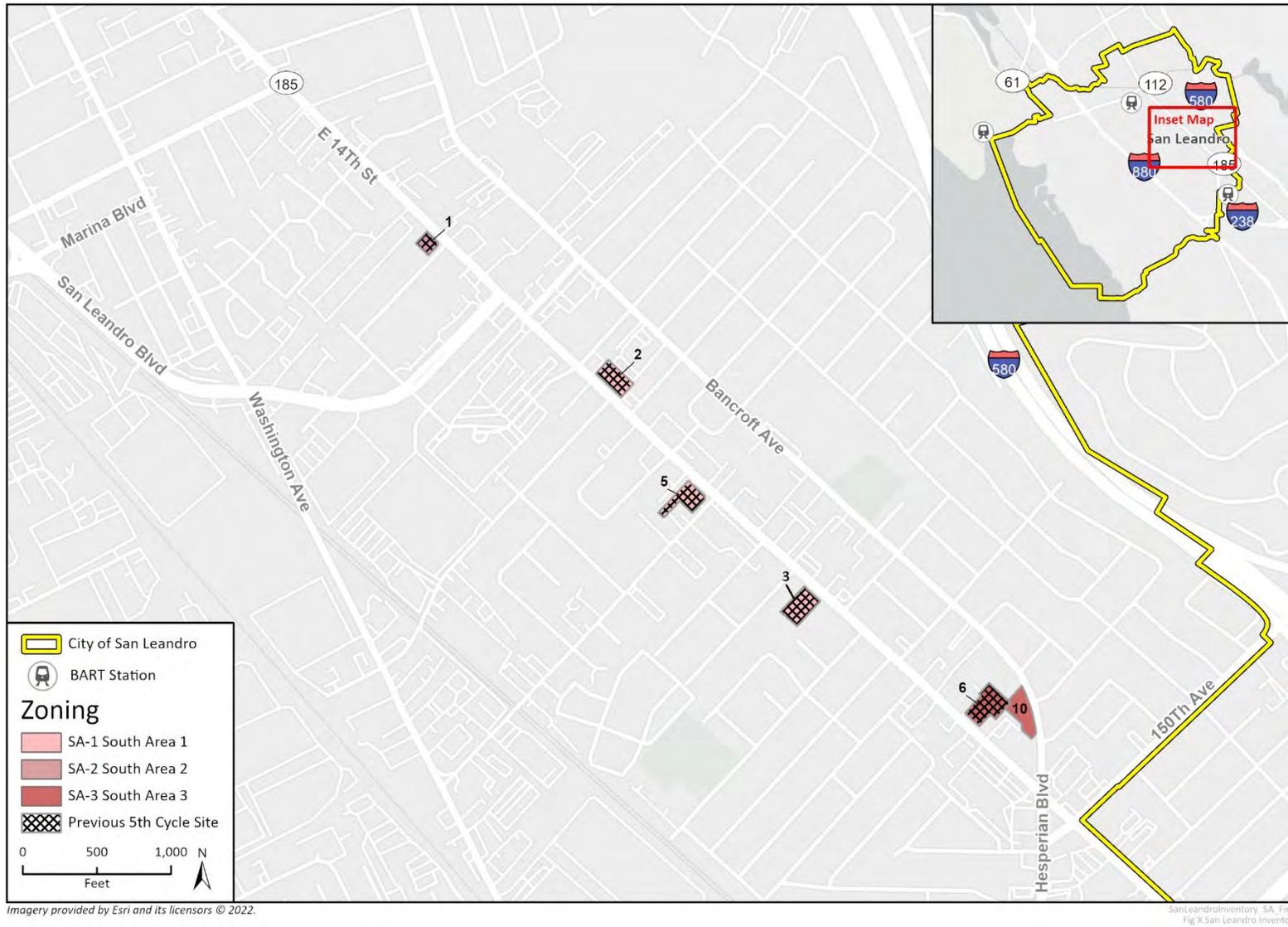
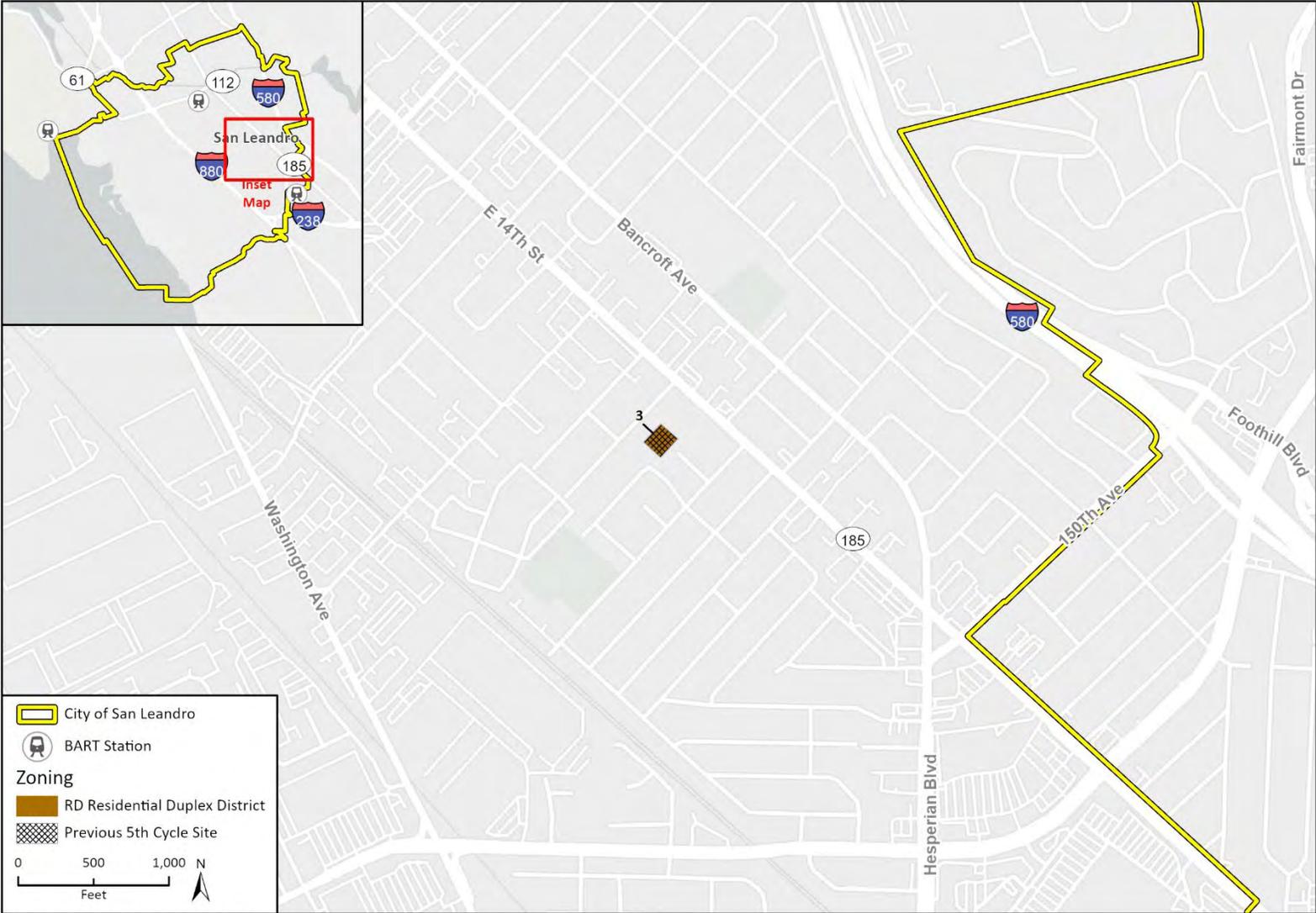


Figure 4.6 Sites Inventory, RD Zone



**Table 4.11 Site Inventory Parcels in the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street South Area Corridor**

General Plan Land Use District	Acres	Number of Parcels	Maximum Allowed Density (du/ac) <sup>1</sup>	Number of Existing Units on Parcels	Potential New Units
SA-1	2.75	2.5	85	0	72 <sup>2</sup>
SA-2	0.29	1	85	0	12
SA-3	1.8	2	85	0	111
RD	0.68	0.5	18	0	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>213</b>

<sup>1</sup> Density standards are based on the rezone discussed in *Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Update*

Site number three is split between the SA-1 zone and the RD zone. The parcel is split down the middle, with seventeen units listed under the SA-1 zone and 18 units listed under the RD zone.

**Definitions**

SA-1 – South Area - 1

SA-2 – South Area - 2

SA-3 – South Area – 3

RD – Residential Duplex District

du/ac = dwelling units per acre

## Downtown Transit Oriented Development Strategy Area

In 2007, the City adopted a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Strategy for a roughly 300-acre area including Downtown San Leandro and the BART Station vicinity. This area is projected to accommodate more than half of the city’s growth between 2015 and 2035.

The TOD Strategy establishes a land use framework, circulation system, and development guidelines addressing building design, heights, and streetscapes. The document also identifies the capital improvements, open spaces, and public amenities that should accompany private development.

Downtown Area Zoning Districts (DA-1, DA-2, DA-3, DA-4, and DA-6) and associated land use and development standards were adopted to implement the land use categories in the Downtown TOD Strategy:

- **DA-2, Multi-Use Infill:** Multi-Use Infill areas are located in clusters surrounding the downtown core. They currently contain a mix of uses and scales, including residential, office, retail, and service. Mixed use development is encouraged, particularly ground floor retail along East 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington Avenue.
- **DA-4, TOD Residential Mixed-Use:** TOD Residential Mixed-Use areas are located on major vehicular arterials with convenient access to BART and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), and in areas where increased height and density will not have significant impacts on adjacent low scale neighborhoods. The predominant use in these areas is residential, although small quantities of retail or office that serves the residents can be provided as a mixed-use component of a residential project.
- **DA-6, Office Mixed-Use:** Large footprint office development currently exists in the area around the San Leandro Boulevard and Davis Street intersection. This area is designed for office, residential, and ground floor retail uses.



*Vacant and Underutilized Properties in the Downtown TOD Strategy Area*

Twelve sites identified in this inventory are designated DA-2 – Multi Use Infill, DA-4 – Residential Mixed Use, and DA-6 – Office Mixed Use. All sites meet the criteria to count toward the City’s RHNA for lower-income housing based on density and lot size. Table 4.12 summarizes the capacity of vacant and underutilized sites within the Downtown TOD Strategy Area and are shown in Figure 4.7.

**Table 4.12 Site Inventory Parcels in the Downtown Area**

General Plan Land Use District	Total Acres	Number of Parcels	Maximum Allowed Density (du/ac) <sup>1</sup>	Number of Existing Units on Parcel	Potential New Units <sup>2</sup>
DA-2	3.56	4	125	0	301
DA-4/DA-6	4.55	8	125	0	398
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>699</b>

<sup>1</sup> Density standards are based on the rezone discussed in Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Update

<sup>2</sup> Potential units minus existing units

**Definitions**

DA-2 – Downtown Area 2 Multi-Use Infill

DA-4 – Downtown Area 4 TOD – Residential Mixed Use

DA-6 – Downtown Area 6 Office Mixed use

du/ac = dwelling units per acre

### 4.3.2 Additional Sites

Two sites in the Sites Inventory are located outside of designated Priority Development Areas. These parcels are adjacent to each other and have the same property owner, who has expressed interest in redevelopment (Figure 4.8).

**Table 4.13 Site Inventory Parcels in the East 14th Street South Area Corridor**

General Plan Land Use District	Acres	Number of Parcels	Maximum Allowed Density (du/ac)	Number of Existing Units on Parcels	Potential New Units
CC	1.22	2	24	0	19

**Definitions**

CC – Commercial Community

du/ac = dwelling units per acre

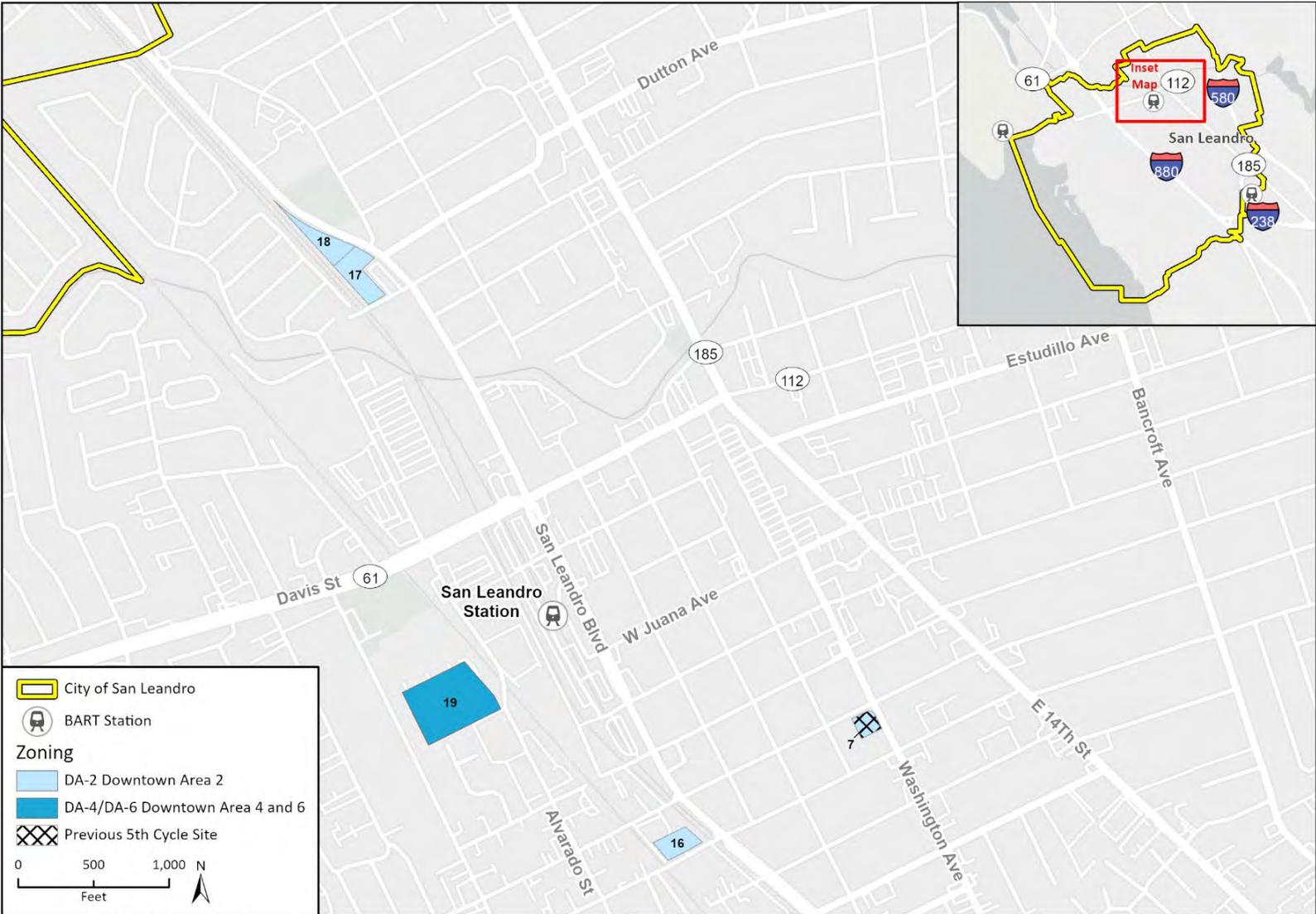
### 4.3.3 Recycling Trends

Redeveloping (or “recycling”) on non-vacant parcels is another way to achieve the State’s goal of alleviating California’s housing crisis. Many urban areas, including San Leandro, have a limited number of vacant parcels near transit, jobs, and amenities. By enhancing the land uses on non-vacant, underutilized properties (e.g.: underperforming commercial sites) mixed-use or residential development can jumpstart revitalization on aging commercial corridors. Nonvacant sites can also be easier and less costly to develop than vacant sites. According to a presentation by the Alameda County Collaborative (convened by ABAG) and a Developers Roundtable held in November 2021, real estate developers expressed a preference for reusing sites instead of proposing construction on vacant parcels because of the presence of existing utility connections. Other areas to consider with non-vacant parcels include: an analysis of existing structures on those sites (i.e.: how much demolition the site requires), and who is currently occupying the non-vacant site (i.e.: commercial office buildings or single-tenant commercial buildings are the easiest to redevelop).

#### Recycling Trends in Planned and Approved Projects

Planned and approved development projects in San Leandro that are counted towards the RHNA (listed in Table 4.2) are indicative of future development trends. Table 4.14 compares the density and lot size of nonvacant parcels in the Sites Inventory to planned and approved development projects. Sites included in the inventory of this Housing Element for the 6th cycle RHNA are very similar to the select projects described above in terms of size, existing conditions and uses. The range and averages of densities (du/ac) and percent density achieved in the San Leandro planned and approved projects is larger than those in the recycling trends noted in the prior section. Planned and approved projects were able to achieve a development potential above 100 percent due to density bonuses, which was conservatively not considered for estimations in the Sites Inventory. The nonvacant parcels in the Sites Inventory also have lower floor area ratios and similar uses to those of the planned and approved projects – auto-centric commercial uses, shopping centers, warehouses, and parking lots. Non-vacant sites in the development pipeline have improvement to land value ratios between 0 and 10.29 with an average ratio of 1.28 while the Sites Inventory has an average ratio of 0.73.

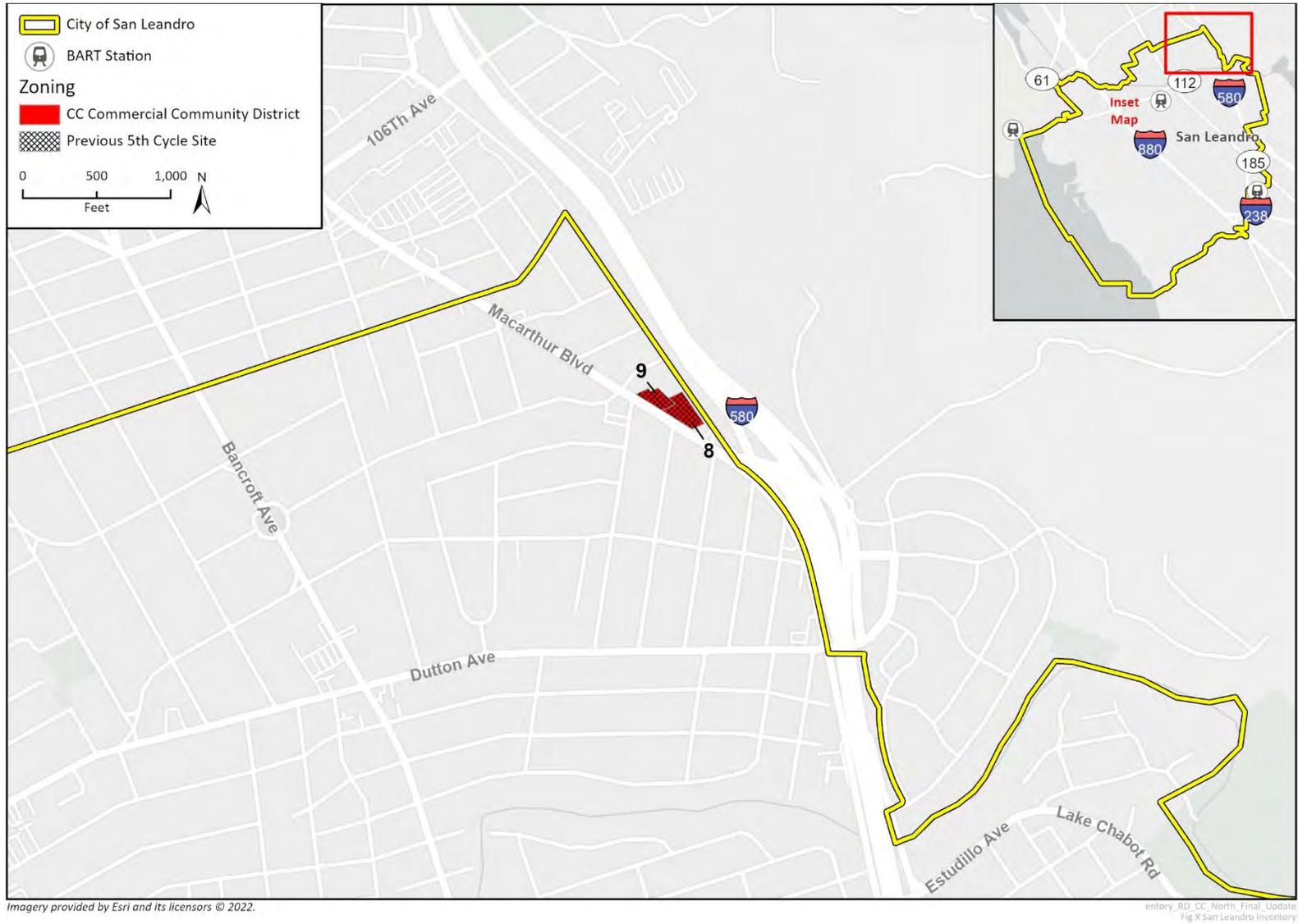
Figure 4.7 Sites Inventory Downtown Area



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Fig X San Leandro Inventory

Figure 4.8 Sites Inventory – Northeastern San Leandro



**Table 4.14 Planned and Approved Recycled Projects Compared to Sites Inventory**

	Density Range (du/ac)	Percent Density Achieved	Non-Vacant Sites Floor Area Ratio	Existing Uses
San Leandro Planned and Approved Projects	7.5-198 (average: 102.8)	43-577% (Average: 138%) <sup>1</sup>	Non-vacant sites planned or approved for redevelopment had a pre-project average floor area ratio of 0.35.	Music conservatory, shopping center, office building, bowling center, warehouse, single-family home, retail center, golf course
Sites Inventory	Assumed Realistic Allowable Density: 16.8-87.5 (average: 52.2)	Assumed 70%	Non-vacant sites in the sites inventory have existing floor area ratios ranging from 0.07 to 0.40 with an average floor area ratio of 0.16	Pottery store, auto storage, parking lot, used car lot, brake and wheel shop, restaurant, commercial uses, shopping center, warehouse, auto body shop

<sup>1</sup> Because the density achieved for site number 6 in Table 4.2 is an outlier, it is not included in the average. The development on that site was achieved through SB35 when the site was zoned for a regional mall.

## 4.4 Senate Bill 9

Senate Bill 9 (SB 9; Atkins-2021), requires local agencies to ministerially approve a housing development of up to two units in a single-family zone. Additionally, it requires a ministerial approval for an urban lot split in a single-family zone. The impact of this legislation on the potential to increase development of new units was analyzed by the University of California Berkeley Turner Center for Housing Innovation. The Turner Center estimated that there were 0.09 SB 9 net units per eligible lot in Alameda County. San Leandro has 18,600 single family parcels. Using the methodology applied by the Turner Center for Alameda County, there may be potential for 1,674 additional net units under SB 9.<sup>11</sup> Potential development under this legislation was not considered for purposes of meeting RHNA requirements, but SB 9 may facilitate the development of more infill housing. Under Program 14 in Section 6, *Housing Plan*, the City will initiate an amendment to the Zoning Code in compliance with SB 9 to address objective standards and lot split criteria.

## 4.5 Availability of Infrastructure and Services

The City is committed to several actions and expenditures to provide infrastructure and enhancements that support and facilitate new development. Infrastructure is the basic physical asset that allow the city to function, including streets, sewer and water lines, telecommunication lines, and park lands. The City’s budget ensures the continued maintenance and improvement of the City’s infrastructure. The ongoing Capital Improvement Project (CIP) program outlines the spending plan for infrastructure improvements and other specific large-scale capital purchases. Projects include major street and park improvements, building construction, and significant facility maintenance and upgrades. All the parcels in the Sites Inventory have existing infrastructure. Within one week of adoption, the City will provide a copy of the adopted 2023-2031 Housing Element to the East Bay Municipal Water District, City of San Leandro Water Pollution Control Division, and Oro Loma Sanitary District, pursuant to Government Code Section 65589.7.

<sup>11</sup> <https://turnercenter.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/SB-9-Brief-July-2021-Final.pdf>

## 4.5.1 Wastewater System

The City of San Leandro Water Pollution Control Division (SLWPC) is responsible for the regulation, collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater from all residential and commercial sources within the City's sewer service area, located in the northern two thirds of the City. Wastewater from the southern third of the City is collected and treated by the Oro Loma Sanitary District system. The SLWPC and Oro Loma plant both direct treated wastewater to a common outfall controlled by EBDA, a joint powers authority, which discharges treated effluent to the San Francisco Bay.

### City of San Leandro Water Pollution Control Division (SLWPC)

The SLWPC adopted a revised Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) in 2017. The SLWPC consists of approximately 130 miles of pipe, ranging from six to 42 inches in diameter, and 13 remote lift stations. The sewers in the city system range in age from new to over 70 years old. The oldest sewers are located in the northeastern portion of the City from the Oakland city limits to Castro Street roughly between the Southern Pacific Railroad and MacArthur Boulevard. This portion includes the downtown area and the oldest residential areas of the city. From 2011 to 2016, the total number of sanitary sewer overflows ranged from zero to four annually and total volume of spills ranged from 1,000 to 2,500 gallons. The SLWPCP has a maximum capacity of 9.7 million gallons per day.<sup>12</sup>

The Public Works Department operates and maintains the City's wastewater treatment facility and sewer collection system. The Operations and Maintenance Sections operate the Water Pollution Control Plant 24 hours a day, treating two billion gallons of wastewater annually.

The Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Enterprise Fund provides the funding for the regulation, collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater from all residential and commercial sources, including operation and maintenance of the Water Pollution Control Plant, 125 miles of sanitary sewer pipelines, 15 remote sewage pump stations, and the inspection and maintenance of the City's storm water collection system. The Environmental Services Enterprise Fund provides the funding for Wastewater Pretreatment operations.

### Oro Loma Sanitary District

The Oro Loma Sanitary District (OLSD) adopted a revised SSMP in 2019. The Oro Loma Sanitary District consists of 272 miles of public sewer, 32,000 building service connections, and 6,022 manholes. The average age of the collection system is 58 years. Stoppages and overflows have been on a steady decline since 1992 when the District focused its efforts on aggressive line cleaning, continuous video inspection, and dedicated funding to repair or replace every line defect which could result in a service interruption. In the past 20 years, there have been no stoppages or overflows caused by system deterioration or pipe collapse on the gravity system. The OLSD infrastructure has averaged less than one overflow per hundred miles of pipe per year over the last 10 years. From 2011 to 2016, the total number of sanitary sewer overflows ranged from one to five.<sup>13</sup> As of 2022, the OLSD is in the process of updating 40 miles of sewer infrastructure. The OLSD treatment plant has a permitted capacity of 20 million gallons per day.

Developers are required to hire independent engineers to conduct hydraulic capacity studies for residential developments of 10 units or more.

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<sup>12</sup> <https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=10881>

<sup>13</sup> <https://oroloma.org/wp-content/uploads/SSMP-Final-.pdf>

The combined capacity of the SLWPCP and the OLSD treatment plants is 29.7 million gallons per day. The 2035 San Leandro General Plan Environmental Impact Report conservatively assumed that 90 percent of increased water demand becomes wastewater. Using this same assumption, the development of housing units in the RHNA would generate 90 percent of the estimated 1.3 million gallons per day calculated in Section 4.5.2 below, or 1.2 million gallons per day of wastewater. The SLWCP and OLSD treatment plants have sufficient capacity to serve the development of housing units in the RHNA.

## 4.5.2 Potable Water System

Water service in San Leandro is provided by EBMUD, a publicly owned utility. Based on historical averages, about 90 percent of the EBMUD water supply originates from the Mokelumne River watershed, with the remaining ten percent coming from protected watershed lands and reservoirs in the East Bay Hills. During prolonged droughts, the Mokelumne River supply cannot meet EBMUD's projected customer demands. To address this issue, EBMUD has obtained and continues to seek supplemental supplies. For example, EBMUD has completed construction of the Freeport Regional Water Facility and the Bayside Groundwater Facility.

Long-range water supply and demand management plans are laid out in EBMUD's Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). The UWMP includes provisions for water rationing during drought periods, as well as aggressive measures for conservation and wastewater recycling. The UWMP also addresses system maintenance and replacement, including projects to protect the reliability of the water supply in the event of an earthquake or fire.

EBMUD adopted a Water Conservation Strategic Plan which compares the total water supply sources available to EBMUD with the long-term total projected water use over the next 30 years, in five-year increments, for a normal water year, a single dry water year, and a drought lasting five consecutive years. As there is significant uncertainty in forecasting into the future, EBMUD considers a variety of scenarios in its long-term planning. Residential demand in the EBMUD service area since July 2014 is significantly less than the assumed based on the UWMP. Although current actual demand is lower than estimated demand in the UWMP due to the recent multi-year drought and the downturn in the economy, the UWMP estimate reflects a reasonable expectation for growth over the long term and increased water demand to year 2035.<sup>14</sup>

Pursuant to California Water Code Sections 10610 to 10657, EBMUD adopted a Water Shortage Contingency Plan in June 2021, which models a range of scenarios and their impact on water supply and demand and provides a framework to help address potential water shortages through 2050. The "base condition" represents EBMUD's current operations and assumptions, including population growth numbers based upon Plan Bay Area projections. The five-year drought scenario does not show a need for water in the future; however, the High-Water Demand and Extreme Drought Scenario did show a need for water, but the magnitude of that need varies. The 2040 Water Supply Management Plan identifies the following methods for reaching water needs: conservation, use of recycled water, water transfers, Bayside Groundwater Project Phase 2, Sacramento Groundwater Banking Exchange, and regional desalination. Using these strategies, EBMUD predicts an ability to meet the projected water needs of the region.<sup>15</sup>

EBMUD's consumption in 2020 was 121 gallons per capita per day (gpcd). The 3,855 housing units in the RHNA would provide housing for an estimated 10,987 persons using the 2019 average persons

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=26286>

<sup>15</sup> EBMUD 2020. Available: file:///C:/Users/acobb/Downloads/wsmmp-2040-revised-final-plan.pdf

per household described in Table 2.10 in Chapter 2, *Housing Needs Assessment*. The water consumption from the development of the RHNA would be approximately 1.3 million gallons per day, or 0.6 percent of the 194 million gallons per day of the 2035 projected water demand for the EBMUD service area. EMBUD has sufficient water supplies for development of the 3,855 housing units in the RHNA.

### 4.5.3 Stormwater System and Drainage System

The San Leandro Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of storm drains within city limits. The Administration Division provides direction to and coordination of all departmental activities and programs, including the Storm Water Program. The City Biennial Budget has consistently included a budget of \$1,407,079 to \$1,565,900 for the Storm Water Fund, with a steady increase in funding since 2018.

The Storm Water Enterprise Fund provides the funding for the maintenance and improvement of the City's storm water drainage system to comply with state and federal mandates that require cities and storm water agencies to reduce pollutants in storm water runoff. Operations in this fund include street debris removal and street sweeping. Revenue to this fund is from the collection of fees charged to every owner of real property in the City of San Leandro and is collected through property taxes.

New development or redevelopment projects are required to construct adequately sized storm drainage systems to convey on-site, treated stormwater runoff to existing storm drain facilities. The City of San Leandro requires as a standard condition of approval that developers verify that on-site and off-site drainage facilities can accommodate increased stormwater flows. In addition to building and extending on-site storm drainage infrastructure, project applicants are required to pay for improvements to the storm drain system, if necessary, to accommodate increased flows from the development.

### 4.5.4 Circulation System

The Transportation Element addresses the movement of people and goods in and around San Leandro, looking at additional factors such as environmental health, equity, greenhouse gas reduction, and the quality of public space along the city's transportation routes. The City also adopted a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan which identifies goals and programs relating transportation alternatives to automobile usage.

Approximately 19.6 percent of San Leandro's employed residents both live and work in the city. The remaining 80.4 percent of the city's employed residents commute out from San Leandro to another location. Travel patterns in San Leandro illustrate one of the challenges of maintaining a jobs-housing balance. While the overall numbers of jobs and employed residents in the city are almost equal, there is still a large volume of commuting in and out of the city.

The Engineering and Transportation Department is responsible for the administration of all engineering services for the City including traffic and transportation engineering. The Project Development Division provides the management and administrative direction of all engineering services required for developing and contracting public improvements and provides engineering-related support services to other City departments. The division is also responsible for the pavement management program. This division implements the CIP and administers related construction contracts. The City Biennial Budget for the Project Development Division has consistently increased and totals up to \$1,837,500 for the 2022-2023 budget. Additional funding for

road improvements is included under the CIP. Additionally, voters throughout of Alameda County approved an additional half cent increase to transportation sales tax (Measure BB) to repair roads, increase bicycle and pedestrian safety, reduce traffic congestion, and improve air quality.

#### 4.5.5 Dry Utilities

Dry utilities are defined as electricity, natural gas, cable, and telephone services. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) distributes “grid” electricity and natural gas services to the City of San Leandro while East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) is the energy supplier for San Leandro. In 2021, the San Leandro City Council voted to set the default electricity option for San Leandro residents and businesses to EBCE’s 100 percent renewable energy service in 2022. PG&E owns and maintains above- and below-ground networks of electric and gas transmission and distribution facilities throughout the city. The San Leandro General Plan includes policies and programs which reduce energy use from transportation sources and existing buildings.

Additional services such as telephone and internet are services by private providers. Providers include AT&T, Comcast, Crosslink Networks, amongst others.<sup>16</sup>

### 4.6 Environmental Constraints

As noted in Section 3, *Housing Constraints*, environmental constraints to housing development in San Leandro include risk of wildfire, earthquakes, landslides and erosion, flooding and sea level rise, and environmental site contamination. Many of these constraints are addressed in the City’s 2035 General Plan, adopted in 2016, with City policies to reduce or mitigate risks for development.

The City also certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 2035 General Plan that evaluated the potential impacts of future developments and increases in population and employment. Environmental clearance for future development projects may tier from the EIR, thereby expediting the approval process. Mitigation measures are set forth in the EIR and include measures to minimize impacts associated with potential flooding and other environmental constraints.

The sites identified in the Sites Inventory are infill sites concentrated in the central, urbanized area of the city. None of the identified sites are in the San Leandro Hills, which contain localized areas of instability and are at greater risk for landslides and erosion. The Sites Inventory does not include sites in southwestern San Leandro, which has been identified as the area most at risk for effects of sea level rise and the area identified as a FEMA-designated flood plain. Sites are also not located on the western side of the city which is most susceptible to liquefaction. None of the sites in the Sites Inventory are located in Airport Safety Zones.

Enforcement of the California Building Code by the San Leandro Building Division ensures that new construction will withstand the forces associated with a major earthquake.

The 2035 General Plan directs the City to ensure that the necessary steps are taken to clean up residual hazardous wastes on any contaminated sites proposed for redevelopment or reuse. The City requires soil evaluations on sites as needed to ensure that risks are assessed, and appropriate remediation is provided. None of the sites in the Sites Inventory are identified as clean up sites in Geotracker, Envirostor, of the City’s local database of cleanup sites.

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<sup>16</sup> [https://www.sanleandro.org/depts/cd/econdev/innovation/service\\_providers.asp](https://www.sanleandro.org/depts/cd/econdev/innovation/service_providers.asp)

There are two sites in the inventory (Sites 8 and 9) located in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, although they are separated by a freeway from the hillsides where wildfire has the greatest potential. Future development on these sites would be required to comply with basic building designs and standards for commercial and residential buildings as mandated by Title 24 of the CCR and the San Leandro Fire Code, under Section 3-3-100 of the San Leandro Municipal Code. In addition, future development under the proposed Plan would also be required to comply with abatement of fire-related hazards and pre-fire management prescriptions as outlined under the California Health and Safety Code and the California Fire Plan.

## 4.7 Financial Resources for Affordable Housing

This section describes existing and potential resources for the development of affordable housing in the city. The City's Housing Services Division administers the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) which are funded from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). More information on development financing programs is included in Section 2, *Housing Needs Assessment*, and Section 3, *Housing Constraints*.

### 4.7.1 Existing Financial Resources

#### **Affordable Housing Trust Fund**

In accordance with the City's Zoning Code Section 6.04.124, developers of ownership residential developments with two to six total units, may satisfy the requirements of the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance by paying an in-lieu fee to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund. This fund is administered by the Housing Services Division. Monies deposited in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund must be used for affordable housing activities, programs and projects including those that increase and/or improve the supply of housing affordable to moderate-, low-, and very low-income households in the City. The Affordable Housing Trust Fund can be leveraged with State, federal and other public or private funding. As described in Program 12 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*, the City will conduct an economic feasibility study for potential changes to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, including changes to the in-lieu fee structure and the desire and ability of developers to contribute to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

#### **Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund**

The Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund was established to conduct the dissolution of operations related to housing assets and activities of the former Redevelopment Agency and fund affordable housing projects and programs. The City receives all repayments on loans from former Redevelopment Agency assets purchased, constructed or renovated using former Redevelopment Low/Mod Housing tax increment funding. The balance of funds collected, and expenditures of those funds, are detailed annually in the City's SB 341 Report that is due at the same time as the Housing Element Annual Progress Report (April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year).

#### **Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA)**

PLHA, which is a State HCD Program, provides funding to local governments in California for housing-related projects and programs that assist in addressing the unmet housing needs of their local communities. San Leandro was recently awarded PLHA funding and established the PLHA

program to use PLHA funds for the predevelopment, development, acquisition, rehabilitation, and/or preservation of multi-family, residential live-work, rental housing that is affordable to extremely low-, very low-, low-, or moderate-income households.

### Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

The HOME program provides federal funds for the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental and ownership housing for households with incomes not exceeding 80 percent of area median income. The program gives local governments the flexibility to fund a wide range of affordable housing activities through housing partnerships with private industry and non-profit organizations. HOME funds can be used for activities that promote affordable rental housing and homeownership by low-income households, including:

- Building acquisition
- New construction and reconstruction
- Moderate or substantial rehabilitation
- Homebuyer assistance
- Rental assistance
- Security deposit assistance

HOME funds have been utilized to provide tenant-based rental assistance to assist those who are homeless or precariously housed, to provide rent subsidies, as well as to construct or acquire and rehabilitate housing units for rental by individuals with disabilities.<sup>17</sup>

### Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The CDBG program is administered by HUD. Through this program, the federal government provides annual grant funding (block grant) to jurisdictions (States, Counties, cities) to determine their needs and to undertake needed community development and housing activities.

Activities proposed by the jurisdictions must meet the objectives and eligibility criteria of CDBG legislation. The primary CDBG objective is the development of viable urban communities, including decent housing and a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunity, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income. Each activity must meet one of the three broad national objectives:

- Benefit low-and moderate-income families
- Aid in the prevention of elimination of slums or blight
- Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community

San Leandro typically allocates its annual CDBG funds to the following eligible categories: Public Services, Public Facilities, Housing Activities, and General Administration. CDBG funding supports services for people experiencing homelessness, family support services for abused children and their families, services for people with special needs, minor home repairs for low-income households, and programs.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=31664>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=31663>

## 4.7.2 Potential Financial Resources

### **Bay Area Housing Finance Agency (BAHFA)**

The Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA), administered by the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) is the first regional housing finance authority in California. BAHFA has the potential to raise hundreds of millions of dollars to help address affordable housing and housing stability in the Bay Area. The Bay Area Housing Finance Agency will have the ability to issue municipal bonds to generate funds for use to finance 100 percent affordable housing construction along with other housing stabilization tools.

### **Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFD)**

EIFDs are a type of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district that cities and counties may form to help fund economic development projects. TIF works by freezing the property tax revenues that flow from a designated project area to the city, county, and other taxing entities at the “base level” in the current year. Additional tax revenue in future years (the “increment”) is diverted into a separate pool of money, which can be used either to pay for improvements directly or to pay back bonds issued against the anticipated TIF revenue.

Several legislative measures have passed in the years following the dissolution of tax-increment financing under the auspices of California Redevelopment Law that modified SB 628 and EIFD requirements: Assembly Bill 733 (2017) allows for EIFDs to fund climate change adaptation projects, including but not limited to projects that address conditions that impact public health (such as decreased air and water quality, temperatures higher than average, etc.) and extreme weather events (such as sea level rise, heat waves, wildfires, etc.); Senate Bill 1145 (2018) allows EIFDs to also fund infrastructure maintenance costs; Assembly Bill 116 (2019) allows for EIFDs to issue bonds without public vote however does increase public engagement requirements.

## 4.7.3 Planning Grants to Support Housing

### **State Regional Early Action Planning (REAP)**

The REAP program is funded by HCD and administered by ABAG. HCD provides funding for programs which accelerate infill and affordable development; support residents through realizing multimodal communities; shift travel behavior through reducing driving; and increase transit ridership, walking, and biking as primary modes of transportation. The City allocated its REAP funding for the development of the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element update.

### **State Local Early Action Planning (LEAP)**

The LEAP program is administered by HCD. HCD provides funding for programs that accelerate the development of housing and facilitate compliance to implement the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle RHNA. The City allocated its LEAP funding for the development of the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element update.

## 4.8 Administrative Resources

This section describes administrative resources available to housing development. These include building, code enforcement, housing programs, and partnerships with non-profit organizations that help San Leandro achieve the goals and objectives of this Housing Element update.

### 4.8.1 City of San Leandro Community Development Department

The City of San Leandro Community Development Department encompasses the Building and Safety Division, Planning Division, Housing Services Division, Code Enforcement Division, and Economic Development Division.

Housing Services administers programs such as Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, Affordable Housing Resources, Tenant-Landlord Counseling/Legal Assistance, Tenant Relocation Ordinance, Rent Review Program, Mobile Home Park Space Rent Stabilization, First Time Homebuyer Program and Owner-Occupied Minor Home Rehabilitation Program.

The Planning Division provides staff support to the Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Adjustments and City Council, formulating and administering plans, programs, and legislation for guiding development. The Planning Division is tasked with ensuring that land uses in San Leandro comply with City codes, the General Plan, City Council policies, and California law. Approval of projects through the planning process is typically required before the City issues grading or building permits. Advanced planning programs provided by the division include comprehensive General Plan updates (including updates to the Housing Element every eight years), preparing and amending specific plans, and conducting special policy amendments.

### 4.8.2 County of Alameda

The County of Alameda Housing and Community Development Department develops housing and programs to serve the region's low- and moderate-income households, homeless, and disabled populations. The Department maintains and expands housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons and families by:

- Preserving the county's housing stock through rehabilitation and repair assistance program;
- Expanding the supply of affordable housing for lower income renters and owners, including first-time homebuyers;
- Serving the needs of the homeless community as the lead agency in the countywide homeless collaborative and partnering with homeless service providers; and
- Revitalizing low-income neighborhoods by installing sidewalks and public accessibility improvements, and by constructing neighborhood-serving facilities.

Additionally, Alameda County and Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley administer the Renew Alameda County program, a home improvement loan assistance program designed to allow low-income homeowners to remain safely in their homes by providing rehabilitation and accessibility improvement services and loan financing to cover the associated costs. This program is funded by the voter-approved Measure A1 Affordable Housing Bond.

The County of Alameda Board of Supervisors oversees the Housing Authority of Alameda County (HACA). HACA operates programs funded by the HUD that provide rental housing or rental assistance for low-income families, the elderly, people with disabilities, and others, in much of Alameda County including San Leandro. Specifically, the HACA administers the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, the Project Based Voucher Program, and the Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Program, as well as owning multiple affordable housing developments in the county.

### 4.8.3 Non-Profit Organizations

Non-profit housing developers and service providers are a critical resource for accomplishing the goals and objectives of this Housing Element. This can be accomplished through private/public partnerships. Non-profit organizations that have developed affording housing in the city and county include the following:

- Eden Housing, Inc.
- Mercy Housing California
- BRIDGE Housing Corporation
- Abode Communities
- Allied Housing

## 4.9 Opportunities for Energy Conservation

The City of San Leandro has existing building code and development review standards to incentivize energy-efficient building development. The City plans to adopt a building electrification and electric vehicle reach code, which is a local building code that aims to advance decarbonization efforts and exceed state minimum requirements for energy use in buildings.

Residential energy consumption constituted approximately 14 percent of San Leandro’s baseline emissions in 2005. From 2005 to 2017, emissions from residential energy usage in San Leandro decreased by 28 percent primarily due to cleaner electricity sources.<sup>19</sup> The San Leandro 2021 Climate Action Plan includes the following residential energy efficiency programs:

- **Residential Energy Retrofit Financing:** Increase education and outreach for existing energy efficiency financing mechanisms, including PACE programs and utility programs. Create new financing programs, such as a revolving loan program.
- **Residential Energy Retrofit Equity:** Prioritize City-funded energy retrofit programs in majority people of color census tracts or high energy cost-burdened households.
- **Homeowner Energy Retrofits:** Continue to promote energy efficiency programs and incentives available to residential property owners.
- **Rental Energy Retrofits:** Work with landlords and tenants’ groups to increase energy efficiency and decrease energy costs in rental homes, including multi-family properties. Mitigate displacement risk by strengthening tenant protections, including relocation assistance and right of return for tenants temporarily displaced by housing retrofits. Utilize methods such as the green lease to address the split incentive issue and prevent tenants paying for property improvements.

Additionally, Program 19 in Section 6, *Housing Plan*, directs the City to provide resources and support to developers engaging with sustainable design and energy-efficient building construction methods.

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<sup>19</sup> <https://civicaadmin.sanleandro.org/civica/filebank/blobload.aspx?BlobID=32895>

## 5 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)

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### 5.1 Introduction and Overview

In 2018, the California State Legislature passed Assembly Bill (AB) 686 to expand upon the fair housing requirements and protections outlined in the federal Fair Employment and Housing Act. The law requires all State and local public agencies to facilitate deliberate action to explicitly address, combat, and relieve disparities resulting from past patterns of segregation to foster more inclusive communities. AB 686 created new requirements that apply to all housing elements due for revision on or after January 1, 2021. The passage of AB 686 ensures that California Cities affirmatively further fair housing.

AB 686 defined “affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH)” to mean “taking meaningful actions, in addition to combat discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity.” AB 686 added to the Housing Element requirements an assessment of fair housing which includes the following components:

- A summary of fair housing issues and assessment of the City’s fair housing enforcement and outreach capacity
- An analysis of segregation patterns and disparities in access to opportunities
- An assessment of contributing factors
- An identification of fair housing goals and actions.<sup>1</sup>

#### 5.1.1 Approach to Analysis

This AFFH analysis has been prepared consistent with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)’s *Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Guidance for All Public Entities and for Housing Elements* which provides guidance on the preparation of housing elements and ensures statutory requirements are satisfied, pursuant to Government Code Section 65583(c)(10).

This AFFH analysis evaluates fair housing issues on the following topics:

- Fair Housing Enforcement and Outreach Capacity
- Integration and Segregation Patterns and Trends
- Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty
- Disparities in Access to Opportunity
- Disproportionate Housing Needs
- Other Relevant Factors, including historical disinvestment, lack of infrastructure improvements, and presence of older affordable housing units that may be at risk of conversion to market-rate housing.

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<sup>1</sup> Housing and Community Development (HCD). 2021. <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/affh/index.shtml>

This AFFH addresses impediments through AFFH-specific goals, and actions based on the contributing factors for each identified fair housing issue.

### 5.1.2 Fair Housing Methodology

The California Government Code Section 65583 (10)(A)(ii) requires cities and counties to analyze areas of segregation, racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty, disparities in access to opportunity, and disproportionate housing needs, including displacement risk.

To conduct this analysis, the City utilized data from a variety of sources, including:

- The Housing and Community Development (HCD) AFFH Data Viewer
- Urban Displacement Project (UDP)
- U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- CalEnviroScreen
- California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC)
- 2020 – 2024 Five-Year Housing and Community Development Plan for San Leandro (Consolidated Plan)
- The 2020 Alameda County Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)
- Comprehensive House Affordability Strategy (CHAS)
- US Census American Community Survey (ACS)

Additionally, the analysis includes a discussion of historic land use and segregation patterns and input from sources of local knowledge, including advocates for people with special needs, housing development and advocacy organizations, housing and social services providers, and low-income residents.

### 5.1.3 Housing and Community Development’s AFFH Viewer

The AFFH Data Viewer is a tool developed by HCD that features census block group and tract level data from an expansive collection of sources including ACS, HUD, TCAC, UDP, and CHAS. The Data Viewer tool serves as a resource for local and regional governments and provides the ability to explore spatial data patterns concerning fair housing enforcement, segregation and integration, racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty, and disparities in access to opportunities and housing. The Data Viewer is intended to assist in the creation of policies that alleviate disparities, combat discrimination, and increase access to safe and affordable homes.

### 5.1.4 Urban Displacement Project (UDP)

The UDP was developed to track neighborhood change and identify areas that are vulnerable to gentrification and displacement in California. Indicators of gentrification and displacement are measured at the census tract level based on data from the 2015 ACS. UDP indicators examine census tracts to identify areas that qualify as disadvantaged neighborhoods. Additionally, census tracts identified as disadvantaged neighborhoods by UDP’s criteria are further analyzed to explore changes in the percentage of college educated residents, non-Hispanic white population, median household income, and median gross rents over time to determine levels of gentrification and displacement risk.

### 5.1.5 CalEnviroScreen

The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment developed a screening methodology to identify communities disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution. This tool, called the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool (CalEnviroScreen), utilizes existing environmental, health, and socioeconomic data to rank census tracts based on 20 distinct indicators. In general, if a community has a high score for that indicator, it is more likely to have greater degree of pollution burden and a higher rate of residents vulnerable to the effects of that pollution exposure as compared to census tracts statewide. Designated disadvantaged communities are those with CalEnviroScreen percentile scores of 75 or higher, meaning that they scored within the highest 25 percent of census tracts for pollution and other social and economic burden indicators across California.

### 5.1.6 California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC)

To assist fair housing analysis, HCD and the TCAC created the California Fair Housing Task Force to provide research, evidence-based policy recommendations, and other strategic recommendations to HCD and related state agencies/departments to further the fair housing goals.<sup>2</sup> The California Fair Housing Task Force created Opportunity Maps to identify resource levels across the state to accompany new policies aimed at increasing access to high opportunity areas for families with children. Opportunity mapping is a way to measure and visualize place-based characteristics linked to critical life outcomes, such as educational attainment, earnings from employment, and economic mobility.<sup>2</sup> Opportunity Maps reflect composite scores of three different domains made up from a set of indicator data shown in Table 5.1.

**Table 5.1 Domains and List of Indicators for Opportunity Maps**

Domain	Indicator
Economic	Poverty, Adult Education, employment, Job proximity, median home value
Environmental	CalEnviroScreen 3.0 pollution indicators and values
Education	Math proficiency, reading proficiency, high school graduation rates, student poverty rates

Source: California Fair Housing Task Force, Methodology for the 2020 TCAC/HCD Opportunity Maps, December 2020

### 5.1.7 2020-2024 Five-Year Housing and Community Development Strategic Plan for San Leandro (Consolidated Plan)

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan is used by the federal government, states, and local jurisdictions to assess affordable housing and community development needs and is a required document for jurisdictions to be eligible for federal HUD grant programs. The City of San Leandro is required to submit a federally mandated Consolidated Plan every five years and submit an Annual Action Plan in order to receive its annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement grant. The Consolidated Plan assesses San Leandro's affordable housing and community development needs through a housing market analysis; articulating priorities, goals, and strategies to address identified needs; and describing the actions that need to be taken to implement strategies for housing and community development including public services and city infrastructure. San Leandro's Consolidated Plan comprises of four priority

<sup>2</sup>Office of The State Treasurer (STO). 2021. <https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/ctcac/opportunity/2020-tcac-hcd-methodology.pdf>

needs: Affordable Housing Needs, Homelessness Needs, Supportive Housing Needs, and Community Development Needs. The Consolidated Plan was prepared by City staff and approved by City Council on June 15, 2020. As identified in the FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plan (included as a section of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan), San Leandro received \$768,193 in CDBG funds and \$238,792 in Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds. These amounts represent the approximate annual allocation that the City of San Leandro receives for general administration, community development, and affordable housing development.

### 5.1.8 2020 Alameda County Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)

As part of the CDBG program certification process and prior to HUD's reinstatement of the AFFH standards in 2020, participating jurisdictions prepared an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice every five years. The Alameda County Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) was a countywide effort to pool resources and combine efforts to identify discrimination and increase fair housing choices for residents across the county. It was produced in collaboration by Alameda County jurisdictions with the County of Alameda as the lead agency. The AI addresses fair housing issues on both a countywide level and in each jurisdiction. The AI provides an assessment of the regional laws, ordinances, statutes, and administrative policies, as well as local conditions that affect the location, availability, and accessibility of housing. It also analyzes the conditions in the private market and public sector that may limit the range of housing choices or impede a person's access to housing and provides solutions and measures to mitigate or remove identified impediments.

### 5.1.9 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) Data

Each year, HUD receives custom tabulations of American Community Survey (ACS) data from the U.S. Census Bureau. These data, known as the "CHAS" data (Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy), demonstrate the extent of housing problems and housing needs, particularly for low-income households. CHAS data is estimated by the number of households that have certain housing problems and have income low enough to qualify for HUD's programs (primarily 30, 50, and 80 percent of median income). It is also important to consider the prevalence of housing problems among different types of households, such as the elderly, disabled, minorities, and different household types.

### 5.1.10 AllTransit

AllTransit is an online database that details transit opportunity for communities. The website explores metrics that reveal the social and economic impact of transit, specifically looking at connectivity, access to jobs, and frequency of service. The AllTransit performance score explores metrics that reveal the social and economic impact of transit, such as connectivity, access to jobs, and frequency of service.

## 5.2 Analysis of Impediments Findings

The AI provides a demographic profile of Alameda County, assesses the extent of housing needs among specific income groups, and evaluates the availability of a range of housing choices for residents. The AI addresses disparities in housing needs, existing patterns of segregation and

racially/ethnically concentrated areas of poverty (R/ECAPs) and contributing factors to fair housing impediments.

## Regional Trends

The AI identifies the following impediments to fair housing within Alameda County:

- Non-Hispanic white residents are most of the County's homeowners despite comprising only one-third of the County's population.
- Residential segregation between white residents and non-white residents has increased in the last decade.
- The County's Black resident population has decreased by nearly seven percent since 1990. Black residents primarily reside in the cities of Oakland and Berkeley.
- Non-white residents are being displaced from areas that have historically consisted of large non-white populations.
- Residents of areas with higher percentages of non-white residents do not have access to schools that score high on proficiency tests and locations in the city with less air pollution (e.g.: near freeway corridors).
- Median rental prices rose an average of \$1,000 (unadjusted for inflation) since 2010, an increase of 55 percent in a nine-year period.
- The average home sales price increased from approximately \$300,000 to nearly \$900,000 in less than 20 years (unadjusted for inflation).
- The number of unhoused people increased 42 percent from 2015 to 2019 and data from 2022 shows little change to this statistic.
- Non-white households, especially Black and Hispanic households, have the highest rate of disproportionate housing needs, such as incomplete kitchen and/or plumbing facilities, overcrowding (housing more than one person per room), and that experience higher rates housing cost burden (spending at least 30 percent of income on housing costs).
- Overall, the rate of mortgage approvals has gone up in the last seven years, but racial and ethnic disparities in mortgage approval rates remained unchanged. While white applicants have an average mortgage approval rate of 70 percent, Black applicants have an average approval rate of 59 percent and Hispanic/Latino applicants have an average approval rate of 62 percent.
- Housing Choice Voucher holders and those with disabilities often find it difficult to find an appropriate housing unit based on size and/or cost.
- Disability, race, and familial status are the most common bases of housing discrimination complaints forwarded to the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing and the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

## Local Trends

Contributing factors identified as impediments to fair housing in San Leandro are discussed in detail below along with a description of how each impediment is addressed in this Housing Element.

## Concentrations of Lower- and Moderate-Income Earning Populations

HUD defines a Lower and Moderate Income (LMI) area as a census tract or block group where over 51 percent of the population earn an income that is considered lower or moderate relative to the area median income (AMI), which for Alameda County is \$125,600 for a household of four residents.

In San Leandro, households with low and moderate incomes are concentrated in the Davis West, Eastshore, and Downtown neighborhoods toward the northwestern portion of the city.

## Language Barriers

A language barrier can be an impediment to accessing housing. Those who do not speak English may face discrimination, communication challenges while trying to obtain housing, and barriers to accessing services and information. According to the AI, 25 percent of city residents age five and older had Limited English Proficiency (LEP) according to a 2017 study, an increase of 3 percent since 2010.

## Lending by Race/Ethnicity

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination when obtaining a mortgage. However, in some communities the lending pool is not representative of the demographics of a community and disparities in loan approvals are an impediment to fair housing.

## Limiting Local Land Use Policies

Local land use and zoning regulations play a significant role in the development of housing in the city. According to the AI, land use and zoning regulations, rising housing costs, and the high cost of developing affordable housing contributes towards disproportionate housing needs in San Leandro and Alameda County.

# 5.3 Fair Housing Resources

## 5.3.1 Enforcement and Outreach Capacity

Fair housing enforcement and outreach capacity is the ability of a local jurisdiction and fair housing agencies to provide fair housing and tenants' rights information to community members. Enforcement and outreach capacity also includes the ability to address compliance with fair housing laws, such as investigating complaints, resolving issues, and conducting fair housing testing.

## Regional Resources

There are three agencies that have historically provided fair housing services in Alameda County. Table 5.2 lists these organizations and how they address housing and community needs by providing the following services:

- Fair housing testing and complaints
- Fair housing counseling and education
- Tenant/landlord counseling and mediation
- Homeless prevention program
- Rental assistance program
- Rent/deposit grant program
- Homeseeking services
- Shared housing counseling placement
- Homebuyers' education learning program

**Table 5.2 Fair Housing Service Providers Active in the San Francisco Bay Area Region**

Organization <sup>1</sup>	URL	Phone Number
Asian Inc	<a href="https://www.asianinc.org/">https://www.asianinc.org/</a>	(415) 928-5910
Bay Area Legal Aid	<a href="https://baylegal.org/">https://baylegal.org/</a>	(510) 663-4755
Community Housing Development Corporation of North Richmond	<a href="https://communityhdc.org/">https://communityhdc.org/</a>	(510) 412-9290
East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC)	<a href="https://ebclc.org/need-services/housing-services/">https://ebclc.org/need-services/housing-services/</a>	(510) 548-4040
Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity (ECHO)	<a href="https://www.echofairhousing.org/">https://www.echofairhousing.org/</a>	(855) 275-3246
Project Sentinel	<a href="https://www.housing.org/">https://www.housing.org/</a>	(888) 324-7648

<sup>1</sup>Only Bay Area Legal Aid and ECHO serve San Leandro.

Source: County of Alameda AI, 2021; HUD Exchange Housing Counseling Agency search tool

## Local Resources

The City of San Leandro maintains a contract with the non-profit organization Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity (ECHO), a regional non-profit fair housing agency. ECHO assists residents with fair housing counseling services, connections to rental assistance and homelessness prevention programs, and conducts fair housing testing. The City allocates CDBG funds to ECHO's fair housing services with the goal of assisting residents and landlords by providing Fair Housing investigation, education, and referral services. If ECHO finds cases of discrimination that they cannot resolve, then those cases are referred to the California Civil Rights Department or other fair housing legal referrals. Bay Area Legal Aid's BayLegal department provides low-income households with legal assistance related to fair housing and housing discrimination.

## 5.4 Ability to Address Complaints

Initiated by the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division in 1991, fair housing testing is a technique used to uncover evidence of discrimination in rental housing. Fair housing testing involves one or more individuals who pose as prospective renters for the purpose of determining whether a landlord is complying with local, State, and federal fair housing laws. Enforcement actions may be taken when investigations yield evidence of a pattern or practice of illegal housing discrimination. Testing may be initiated following the filing of a specific housing discrimination complaint or, as is the case when testing for discrimination against a specific class, as part of an overall effort to determine whether the discrimination is happening in a consistent systemic pattern in a city or region. In Alameda County, fair housing testing is used to identify unlawful housing discrimination practices based on the real or perceived race, ethnicity, color, religion, gender identity or expression, national origin, disability, familial status, marital status, age, ancestry, sexual orientation, and source of income of prospective renters.

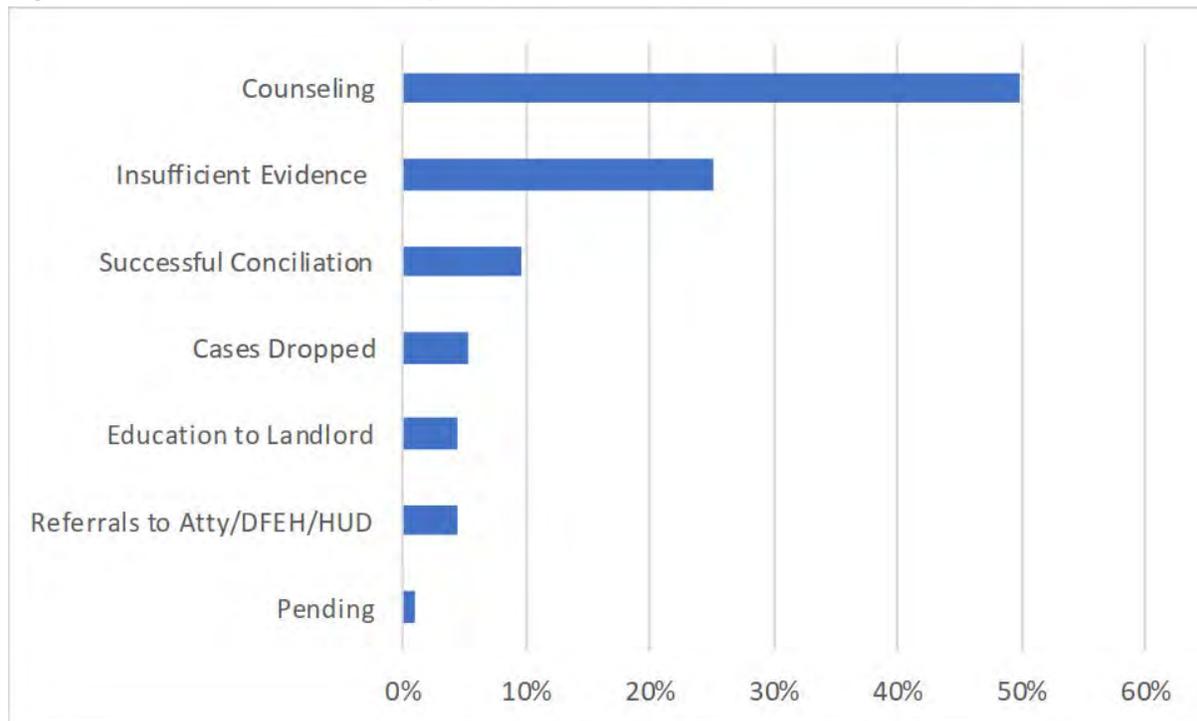
ECHO Housing is funded to provide the full range of fair housing enforcement services to local renters and conducts fair housing testing of rental properties to assess how well rental properties conform to fair housing laws. In cases when evidence of deferential treatment is found, the property owners and managers are encouraged to attend fair housing workshops, which provide training and educational resources aimed at ending fair housing discrimination. Between 2017 and 2021, a total of 647 rental properties within jurisdictions throughout the San Francisco Bay Area

participated in workshops. An overview of the criteria and results of these fair housing audits is summarized below:

- Between 2017 and 2018, a total of 134 properties in 14 jurisdictions were tested. In 21 tests (16 percent of total), email responses revealed differential treatment toward the tester with a Black-identified name. In 113 of tests (84 percent of total), no differential treatment was identified.
- Between 2018 and 2019, 129 properties were tested. In 5 properties (4 percent of total), only the white tester received a response. In the remaining 124 phone tests (96 percent of total), there was no differential treatment.
- Between 2019 and 2020, 183 properties in 17 jurisdictions were tested. In 18 tests (10 percent of total), only the white tester received a response. In 165 tests (90 percent of total), there was no differential treatment found.
- Between 2020 and 2021, 207 properties in 17 jurisdictions were tested. In 17 tests (8 percent of total), housing was denied because the tester had a Section 8 voucher. In 190 tests (92 percent of total), the tester was informed that Section 8 was accepted.

The Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) maintains a record of housing discrimination complaints filed in local jurisdictions. From 2015 to 2019, 256 fair housing complaints in Alameda County were filed with DFEH. Overall, disability-related discrimination comprised the largest proportion of cases (56 percent). The next highest basis for discrimination were race and familial status, comprising nearly eight percent each. Figure 5.1 shows the outcome of fair housing cases that were resolved in Alameda County between 2015 and 2019. Most cases were resolved with counseling services, conciliation, or landlord education, and 25 percent of cases did not have sufficient evidence.

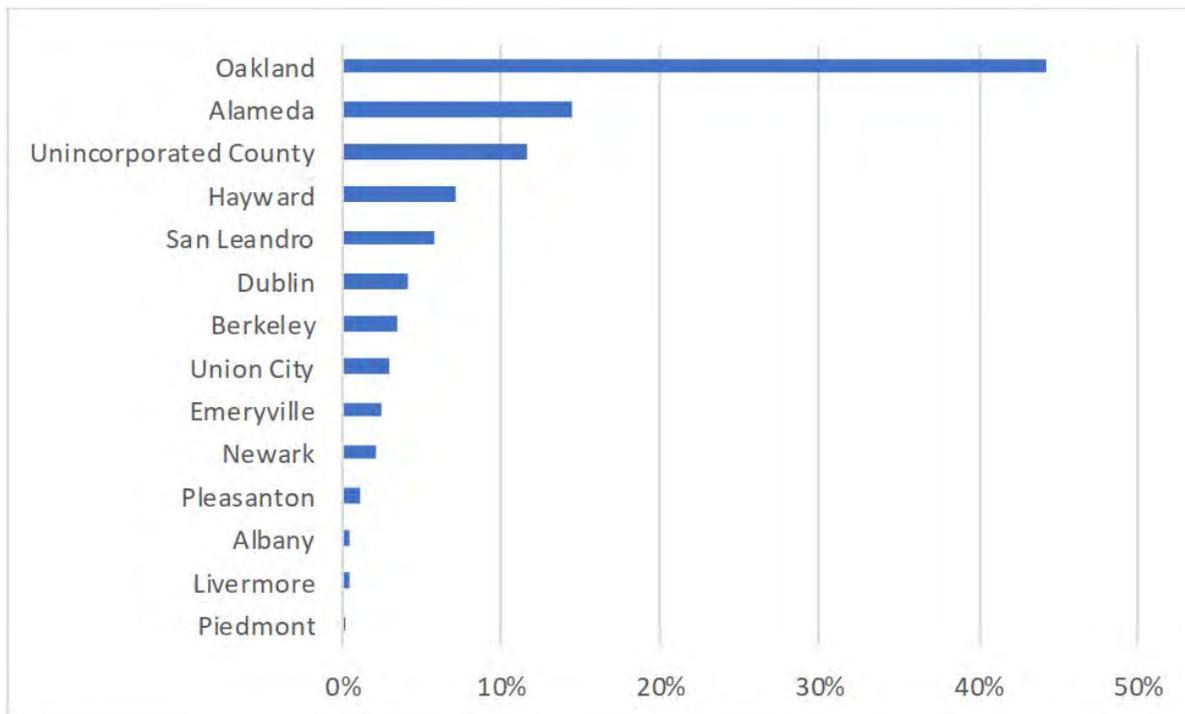
**Figure 5.1 Outcome of Complaints Received, 2015-2019**



Source: County of Alameda AI, 2021

According to the AI, approximately seven percent of alleged fair housing discrimination cases in Alameda County between 2015 and 2019 occurred in San Leandro. Since San Leandro's 2019 population represented approximately 5.4 percent of the County's population, San Leandro had a slightly higher ratio of fair housing discrimination cases relative to its population. Oakland, Hayward, and the City of Alameda had the highest count of alleged fair housing violations in the county, as shown in Figure 5.2.

**Figure 5.2** Location of Alleged Discrimination, 2015-2019



Source: Alameda County AI, 2021

ECHO Housing received 121 fair housing complaints in San Leandro between 2017 and 2021 (an average of approximately 30 complaints per year). ECHO Housing has received 24 complaints in 2022 to date. The most common complaint regarded disability discrimination, which accounted for 40 percent of complaints. The next common complaint regarded race-based discrimination, which accounted for 20.7 percent of complaints. Other frequent areas of fair housing complaints included familial status, national origin, and source of income. Topics of fair housing discrimination that occurred less frequently in San Leandro included marital status, religion, sex, and age. Common methods of resolution included counseling services and education to landlords, although several complaints had insufficient evidence to move forward.

## 5.5 Segregation and Integration Patterns and Trends

To inform priorities, policies, and actions, the housing element must include an analysis of integration and segregation, including patterns and trends. Integration generally means a condition in which there is not a high concentration of persons of a particular race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, or having a disability or a particular type of disability in a specific geographic area. Segregation generally means the opposite condition, in which there is a high concentration of the characteristics described above in a specific geographic area. To adequately assess the patterns

of integration and segregation, this section identifies trends at the regional scale (Alameda County) and at the local scale (San Leandro). To identify socio-economic and demographic spatial trends across these jurisdictions, this analysis utilizes HCD's AFFH Data Viewer, which provides an expansive collection of data from sources including the 2015-2019 ACS, HCD, HUD, UDP, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and other regional and federal agencies. In its AFFH guidance document published in April 2021, HCD describes the importance of segregation and integration analysis in relation to fair housing:

Residential segregation and exclusion, whether by race, ethnicity, disability, or income, is a result of numerous housing policies, practices, and procedures—both public and private—that have had enduring and pervasive negative impacts. Overt and covert housing discrimination through land use policy, shifting housing markets, and patterns of investment and disinvestment, have restricted meaningful fair housing choice and equitable access to opportunity, particularly for communities of color. Historic patterns of segregation persist in California despite the long-standing federal mandate, established by the Fair Housing Act of 1968 (FHA), that federal agencies and federal grantees affirmatively further the purposes of the FHA. Past and present discriminatory policies and practices, including long-term disinvestment, have resulted in neighborhoods with concentrated poverty and poor housing stock, limited access to opportunity, unsafe environmental conditions, underfunded schools, dilapidated infrastructure, and other disproportionately experienced problems. In addition, governmental policies have subsidized the development of segregated, high-resourced suburbs in metropolitan areas by constructing new highway systems—often through lower income communities of color— to ensure access to job opportunities in urban centers. This physical and policy infrastructure supports patterns of discrimination and high levels of segregation that continue to persist in California and across the country. All of these conditions persist despite the over 50-year-old obligation to prohibit discrimination and affirmatively further fair housing.<sup>3</sup>

### 5.5.1 Race and Ethnicity

The ethnic and racial composition of a region relates to fair housing concerns such as household size, locational preferences, and economic opportunity. Historic exclusionary governmental policies, biased mortgage lending practices, and other tactics have caused racial and ethnic segregation and spatial inequities.

#### Regional Trends

Regionally, the western, urbanized area of Alameda County contains populations with at least 40 percent non-white residents, as demonstrated in the geographic depiction of 2020 Census data shown in Figure 5.3. At the regional level, segregation is measured between cities. The ABAG and UC Merced segregation analysis provides a racial dot map showing the spatial distribution of racial groups in San Leandro as well as in nearby Bay Area cities.

Comparatively, relatively less urbanized and less densely populated areas of Alameda County which contain, or are proximate to, regional wilderness parks and recreation areas contain a higher percentage of white residents.

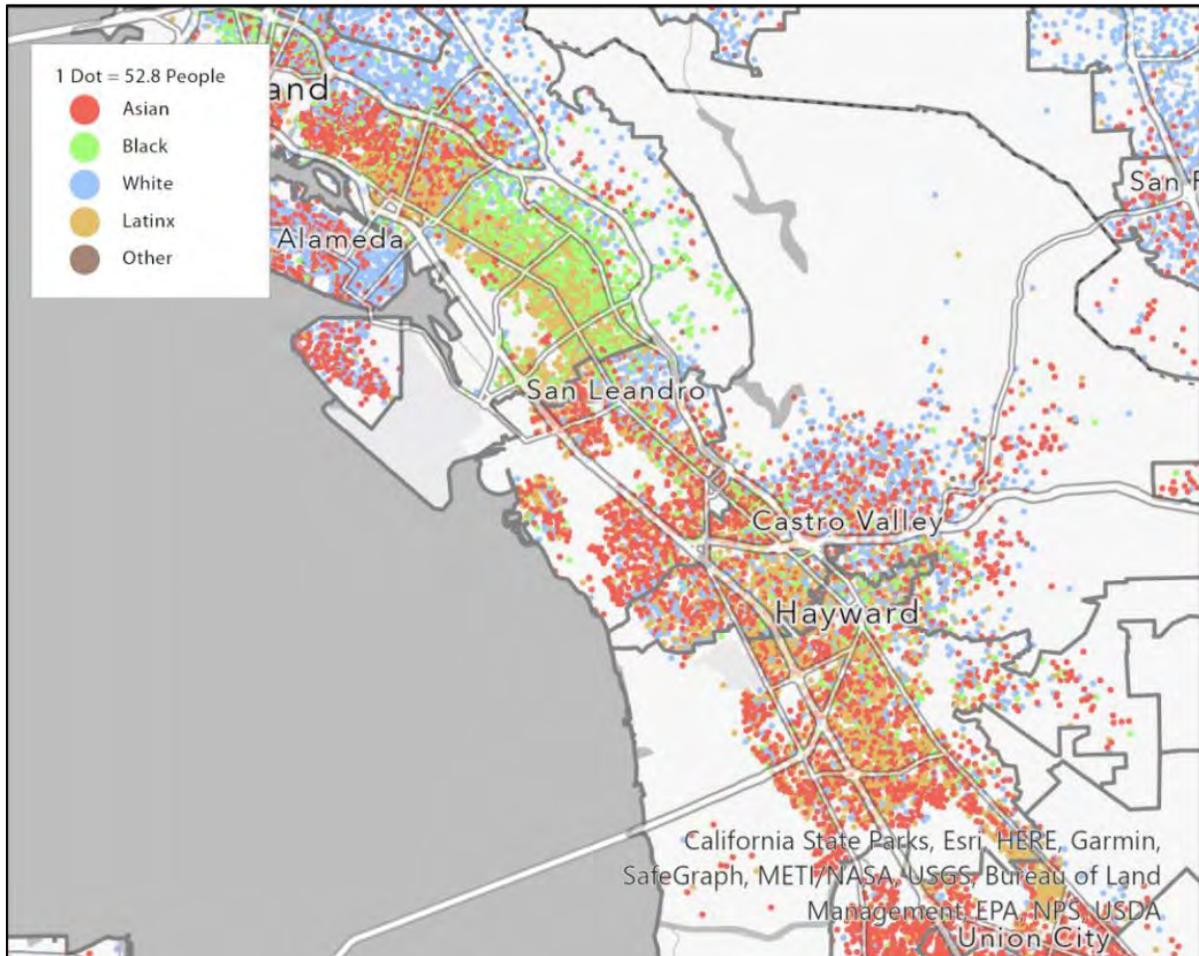
HUD utilizes the racial/ethnic dissimilarity index to measure segregation levels across a defined geographic boundary. The racial/ethnic dissimilarity index ranges from 0-100, where 0 represents

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<sup>3</sup> HCD 2021. [https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/affh/docs/affh\\_document\\_final\\_4-27-2021.pdf](https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/affh/docs/affh_document_final_4-27-2021.pdf)

perfect integration between racial groups and 100 representing perfect segregation.<sup>4</sup> Racial/ethnic segregation in Alameda County slightly increased between 2010 and 2017. According to the AI, the cities of Berkeley and Oakland had a racial/ethnic dissimilarity score of 53 and 55 in 2017, respectively, signaling moderate to high levels of African-American/non-Hispanic white segregation. In March 2022, ABAG and University of California (UC) Merced published a segregation report to compare integration and segregation patterns between jurisdictions in the San Francisco Bay Area. The report found cities of Alameda and Berkeley had fewer non-white residents compared to the San Francisco Bay Area as a whole, whereas the percent of non-white residents was higher than the Bay Area in the cities of San Leandro, Hayward, Oakland, and Union City.<sup>5</sup>

**Figure 5.3 Population by Race, 2020 Census Data**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census State Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, 2020 Census of Population and Housing, Table P002.

Note: The plot shows the racial distribution at the census block level for City of San Leandro and vicinity. Dots in each census block are randomly placed and should not be construed as actual placement of people.

<sup>4</sup> HUD, 2020. <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/FHEO/documents/AFFH-T-Data-Documentation-AFFHT0006-July-2020.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> ABAG and UC Merced, 2022. <https://mtcdrive.app.box.com/s/d0kki6p26idiq81h5vxgqf77a5hsisdw/folder/157817349553>

## Local Trends

According to 2015-2019 ACS estimates and the 2020 Census, Asian American residents comprised the largest racial/ethnic group in San Leandro, followed by Hispanic/Latino residents. Table 5.3 shows the population by racial category for San Leandro in 2000, 2010, and 2020, and compares the 2020 population to the composition of the Bay Area region. San Leandro’s current racial composition has a higher percentage of Asian American/Pacific Islander, Black/African American, and Hispanic/Latino races than the Bay Area, and a lower percentage of residents who identified as Other or Multiple Races and non-Hispanic white. Generally, San Leandro’s population became more diverse over the past two decades, without a singular majority racial group, and the city is one of the most diverse in Alameda County.

**Table 5.3 Population by Racial Group, San Leandro and the Bay Area**

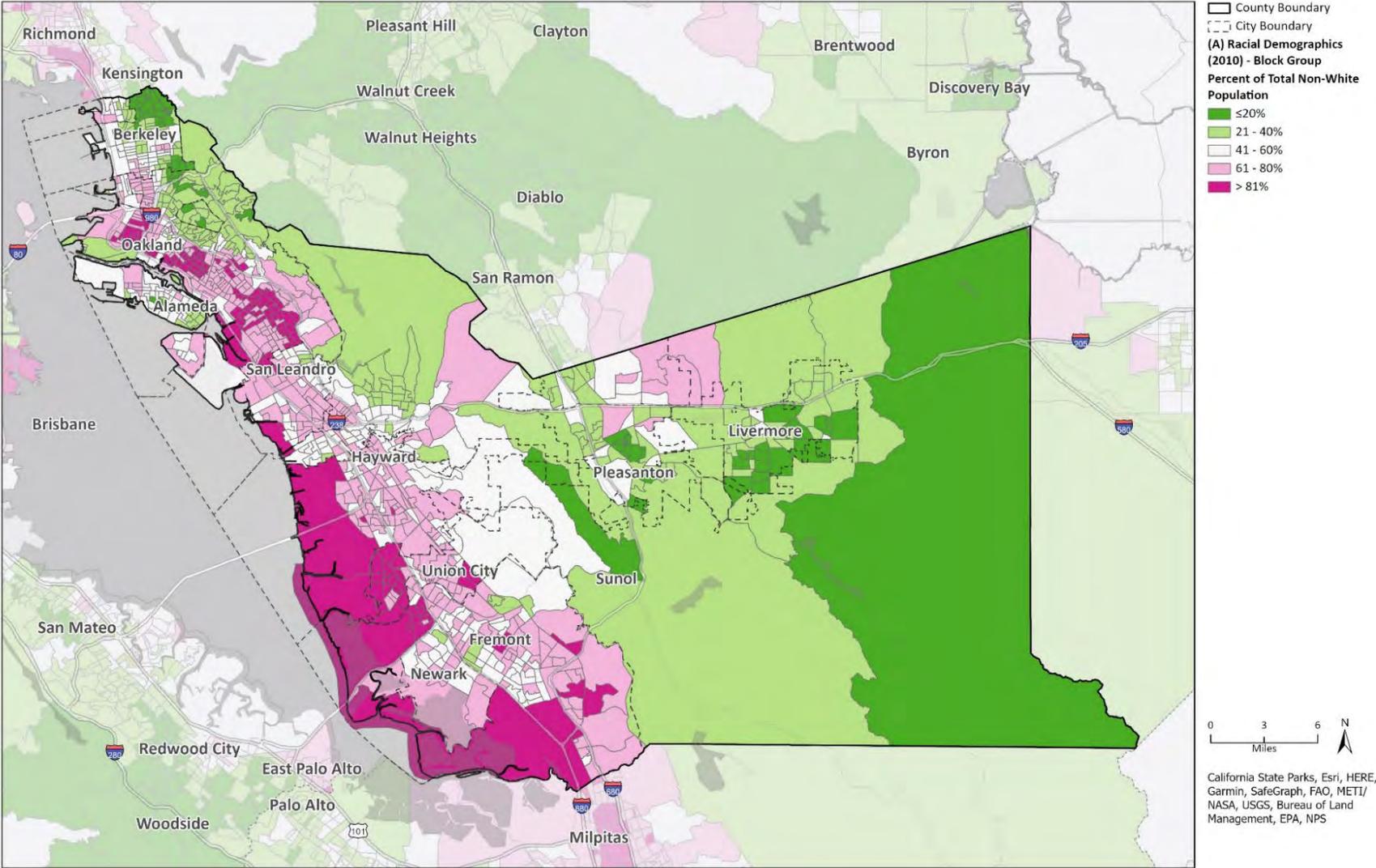
Race	San Leandro (Percent of Population)			Bay Area (Percent of Population)
	2000	2010	2020	2020
Asian American/Pacific Islander	22.7	30.0	36.3	28.2
Black/African American	9.6	11.8	10.7	5.6
Hispanic/Latino	20.1	27.4	25.8	24.4
Other or Multiple Races	5.3	3.7	4.8	5.9
White	42.3	27.1	19.6	35.8

Source: IPUMS National Historical Geographic Information System. US Census, 2020. Census State Redistricting Data, Table P002.

Figure 5.5 shows the predominance of white, Hispanic/Latino, and Asian American populations in each census tract in the city. The northwestern and central areas of the city had a sizeable or predominant proportion of Hispanic/Latino residents. The northeastern section of the city along Interstate 580 (I-580) contained a predominantly non-Hispanic white population. Asian American residents comprised the largest ethnic group in the southern portion of San Leandro.

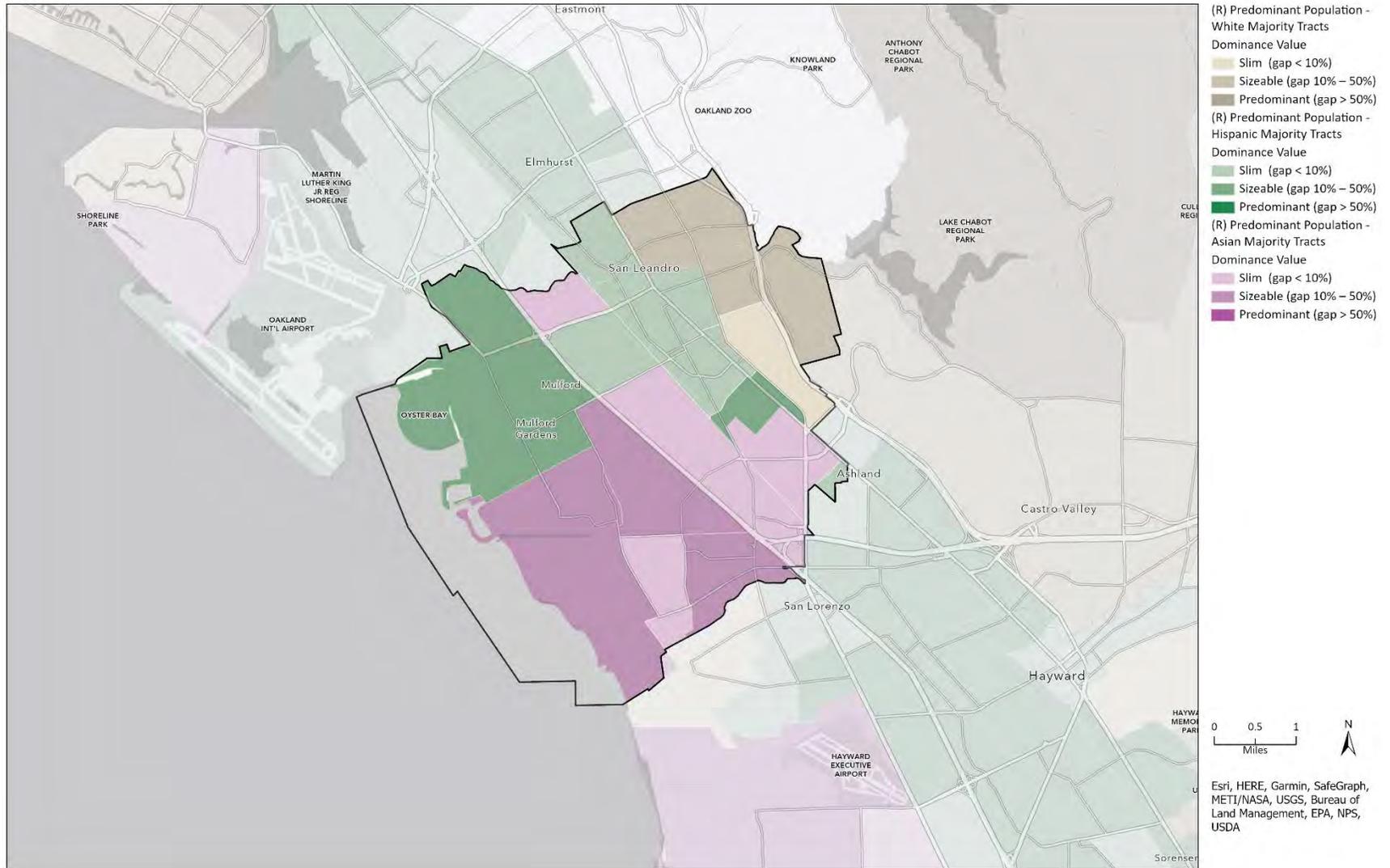
Figure 5.6 highlights the percentage of non-white population by block group for San Leandro using 2014-2018 ACS data. Neighborhoods in the northeastern portion of San Leandro had lower percentages of non-white populations compared to other areas of the city, although only one block group in the city contains less than 20 percent non-white population.

Figure 5.4 Percent of Total Non-White Population (Alameda County)



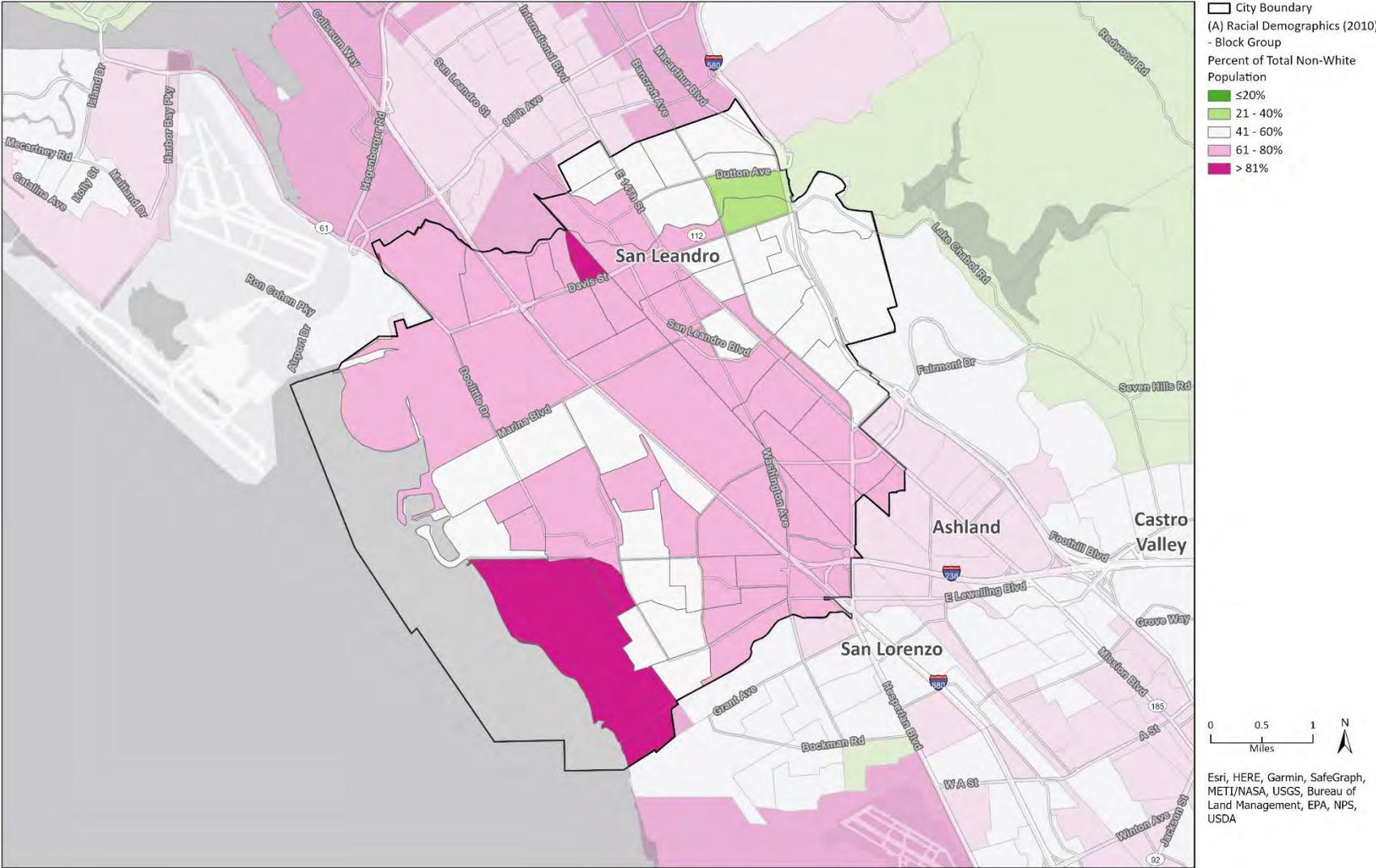
Source: AFFH Viewer, 2022.

Figure 5.5 Predominant Populations (San Leandro)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

Figure 5.6 Percent of Total Non-White Population (San Leandro)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

The ABAG and UC Merced segregation analysis utilized the racial/ethnic dissimilarity index to measure segregation levels across neighborhoods in San Leandro. The racial/ethnic dissimilarity index ranges from 0-1, where 0 represents perfect integration between racial groups and 1 representing perfect segregation.<sup>6</sup> In 2020, the highest levels of segregations were between Asian/Pacific Islander and non-Hispanic residents, as shown in Figure 5.5. Overall, segregation between People of Color (defined as residents who are not non-Hispanic white) and non-Hispanic white residents has slightly increased since 2010.

**Table 5.4 Racial Dissimilarity Index Values for Segregation (San Leandro)**

Race/Ethnicity	2000	2010	2020
Asian/Pacific Islander vs. non-Hispanic white	0.230	0.237	0.265
Black/African American vs. non-Hispanic white	0.243	0.239	0.247
Hispanic/Latino vs. non-Hispanic white	0.184	0.199	0.199
People of Color vs. non-Hispanic white	0.150	0.161	0.178

Notes: People of Color refers to all who are not non-Hispanic white including people who identify as “some other race” or two or more races”

Source: UC Merced and Association of Bay Area Governments, 2022

ABAG and UC Merced’s 2022 racial isolation index compares each neighborhood’s racial/ethnic composition to the jurisdiction’s demographics as a whole. The racial/ethnic isolation index ranges from 0 to 1, where high values indicate that a particular racial/ethnic group is more isolated from other groups.<sup>7</sup> Asian/Pacific Islander residents were the most isolated group in San Leandro, meaning that the average Asian/Pacific Islander resident lives in a neighborhood that is 40 percent Asian/Pacific Islander.<sup>8</sup> Table 5.4 indicates that the Asian/Pacific Islander/non-Hispanic white dissimilarity index for San Leandro is 0.265, so 26.5 percent of Asian/Pacific Islander or non-Hispanic white residents would need to move to a different neighborhood to create perfect integration between Asian/Pacific Islander and non-Hispanic white residents. In contrast, other racial groups in San Leandro were less isolated and more likely to encounter other racial/ethnic groups in their neighborhoods. Since 2010, non-Hispanic white residents have become less segregated overtime compared to other racial groups in San Leandro. An overview of racial isolation index values by race/ethnicity is provided in Table 5.5.

**Table 5.5 Racial Isolation Index Values for Segregation (San Leandro)**

Race/Ethnicity	2000	2010	2020
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.279	0.343	0.408
Black/African-American	0.124	0.148	0.135
Hispanic/Latino	0.221	0.294	0.305
Non-Hispanic white	0.442	0.296	0.226

Source: UC Merced and Association of Bay Area Governments, 2022.

<sup>6</sup> ABAG and UC Merced, 2022. <https://mtcdrive.app.box.com/s/d0kki6p26idiq81h5vxgqf77a5hsisdw/folder/157817349553>

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HUD's Opportunity Indices were created to inform communities about racial/ethnic segregation and disparities in access to opportunity.<sup>9</sup> Table 5.6 provides opportunity indicator index scores (ranging from 0-100) for San Leandro for each race/ethnicity, as described by the AI. Measured at the neighborhood level, the index scores are intended to inform communities about segregation and disparities in access to opportunity in their jurisdiction and compare the opportunity indicators rankings across racial/ethnic groups.<sup>10</sup> Generally, higher index scores are indicative of greater access to opportunity. For example, the "low poverty index" captures the poverty rate within a given neighborhood; the higher the index score means the less exposure to poverty. A higher "jobs proximity" score means that residents have greater accessibility to employment locations within the larger region.<sup>11</sup> Each index is measured using the following variables:

- Low Poverty: poverty rate by census tract.
- School Proficiency: the percentage of fourth-grade students testing proficient in reading and math within three miles of a census block group.
- Jobs Proximity: the distance to all job locations from a given block group.
- Labor Market Participation: the level of intensity of labor market engagement based upon the level of employment, labor force participation, and educational attainment by census tract.
- Low Transportation Cost: estimates of transportation costs of a family of three with an income at 50 percent of the median income for renters by census tract.
- Public Transit Usage: estimates of transit trips taken by a family of three with an income at 50 percent of the median income for renters by census tract.
- Environmental Health: the potential exposure to harmful toxins by census tract based upon US Environmental Protection Agency estimates.

In San Leandro, non-Hispanic white residents had greater accessibility to areas with fewer environmental health concerns, higher labor market participation, lower poverty rates, and lower access to public transit.. In comparison, Black/African-American and Hispanic/Latino populations had greater access to public transit, lower transportation costs, and closer to employment centers, but had lower levels of school proficiency and greater exposure to environmental health concerns. Asian/Pacific Islander residents scored highest among residents in school proficiency and access to public transit, had the lowest access to the labor market, low-cost transportation, and jobs proximity, and had the greatest exposure to environmental health concerns. Most opportunity scores were lower for residents earning an income below the federal poverty level compared to the total population in San Leandro. Residents who earned an income below the poverty level in San Leandro had lower labor market participation, lower levels of school proficiency, and greater exposure to environmental health concerns and higher poverty rates.

An overview of opportunity indicators for Consortium Cities is provided in Table 5.7. According to the AI, Consortium Cities refers to Entitlement Cities (Alameda, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Leandro and Union City) and Urban County communities (Albany, Dublin, Emeryville, Newark, Piedmont, and Unincorporated Alameda County) in Alameda County. The AI defines Consortium Cities and Urban County Communities to compare demographic and

<sup>9</sup> HUD, 2020. <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/FHEO/documents/AFFH-T-Data-Documentation-AFFHT0006-July-2020.pdf>

<sup>10</sup> Alameda County, 2019. [https://www.acgov.org/cda/hcd/documents/FinalAI\\_Combined\\_1-10-19.pdf](https://www.acgov.org/cda/hcd/documents/FinalAI_Combined_1-10-19.pdf)

<sup>11</sup> Urban Institute, 2018. [https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/98674/place\\_and\\_opportunity\\_brief\\_3.pdf](https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/98674/place_and_opportunity_brief_3.pdf)

**Table 5.6 Opportunity Indicators by Race/Ethnicity (San Leandro)**

<b>Total Population</b>	<b>Low Poverty Index</b>	<b>School Proficiency Index</b>	<b>Labor Market Index</b>	<b>Transit Index</b>	<b>Low Transportation Cost Index</b>	<b>Jobs Proximity Index</b>	<b>Environmental Health Index</b>
White, Non-Hispanic	64.95	27.34	54.31	86.10	83.11	47.75	16.69
Black, Non-Hispanic	58.35	23.62	53.65	88.10	86.09	54.83	14.97
Hispanic	60.66	24.96	51.21	86.74	84.30	50.87	14.44
Asian or Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic	63.73	28.69	50.17	86.55	82.67	45.94	13.65
Native American, Non-Hispanic	62.03	23.50	54.26	87.02	84.43	52.99	15.28
<b>Population Below Federal Poverty Line</b>							
White, Non-Hispanic	63.61	24.99	53.91	85.17	83.71	51.62	16.68
Black, Non-Hispanic	47.55	23.17	49.37	89.57	89.28	66.90	11.96
Hispanic	49.40	24.17	47.03	88.07	85.62	51.91	11.86
Asian or Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic	59.48	26.66	42.47	85.22	82.65	50.03	11.76
Native American, Non-Hispanic	48.71	28.44	46.93	86.50	85.17	50.86	13.71

Source: County of Alameda AI, 2021

Table 5.7 Opportunity Indicators by Race/Ethnicity (Alameda County HOME Consortium Cities)

Total Population	Low Poverty Index	School Proficiency Index	Labor Market Index	Transit Index	Low Transportation Cost Index	Jobs Proximity Index	Environmental Health Index
White, Non-Hispanic	74.10	63.31	69.18	84.18	78.19	44.75	43.41
Black, Non-Hispanic	58.99	40.26	50.63	86.80	83.10	48.23	32.95
Hispanic	60.13	39.58	50.39	86.92	81.95	42.57	33.93
Asian or Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic	73.39	60.03	68.09	85.67	79.17	43.95	38.37
Native American, Non-Hispanic	64.76	50.18	56.54	85.94	81.39	45.45	37.11
<b>Population Below Federal Poverty Line</b>							
White, Non-Hispanic	65.76	55.16	62.13	86.65	80.71	43.00	38.06
Black, Non-Hispanic	48.63	35.79	46.06	89.08	85.77	45.80	29.24
Hispanic	47.30	32.12	43.07	88.78	84.39	40.84	32.46
Asian or Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic	63.27	51.04	61.69	87.98	83.51	46.55	31.52
Native American, Non-Hispanic	41.65	34.75	39.50	88.59	84.96	40.19	29.07

Note: HOME Consortium cities include: the City of Alameda, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Union City and the Urban County communities of Albany, Dublin, Emeryville, Newark, Piedmont, and Unincorporated Alameda County

Source: County of Alameda AI, 2021

socioeconomic patterns across incorporated and unincorporated communities of Alameda County. Compared to other HOME Consortium jurisdictions, San Leandro scored slightly higher for jobs proximity, low transportation cost, and access to public transit, but had higher poverty rates, lower school proficiency, less labor market participation, and greater environmental health concerns. Across racial groups, opportunity indicator trends in San Leandro were similar to other HOME consortium cities. Across Home Consortium Cities, residents earning an income below the poverty level scored slightly lower for environmental health, labor market, school proficiency, low poverty opportunity scores, compared to the total population. Further discussion of race/ethnic composition in San Leandro is provided in Chapter 2, *Housing Needs Assessment*.

### 5.5.2 Persons with Disabilities

For persons with disabilities, fair housing choice and access to opportunity include access to accessible housing and housing in the most integrated setting appropriate to an individual's needs as required under federal civil rights law, including equitably provided disability-related services that an individual needs to live in such housing. For example, persons with disabilities who are unable to use stairs or need a zero-step shower may not have actual housing choice if there are not sufficient housing units with these accessibility features.<sup>12</sup>

High spatial segregation of persons with disabilities may indicate fair housing issues related to not only physical needs, but also economic disparities. According to the *2020 Annual Report on People with Disabilities in America*, more than 25 percent of persons with disabilities (including physical, intellectual, and developmental; sensory; and other disability categories) live below the Census Bureau-designated poverty line, which is 14.5 percentage points higher than people without a disability.<sup>13</sup> Persons with disabilities may be more reliant than persons without disabilities on fixed incomes or access to public transit.

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According to 2015-2019 ACS estimates, 151,362 Alameda County residents had one or more disabilities. Figure 5.8 shows the percentage of the population living with one or more disabilities throughout Alameda County. The northwestern area of the county and the urban centers of cities, particularly in the City of Oakland, had higher concentrations of persons living with one or more disabilities than other areas of the county. Additional discussion regarding persons with disabilities in Alameda County is included in *Chapter 2, Housing Needs Assessment*.

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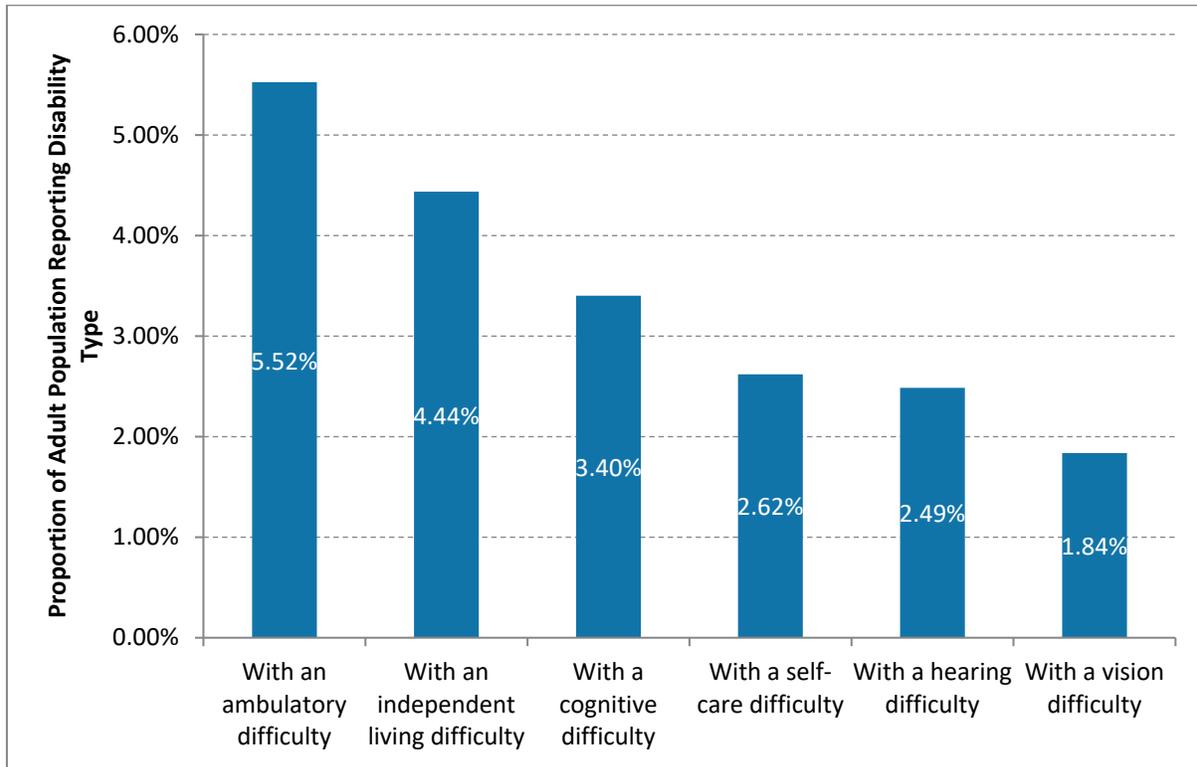
As referenced in Chapter 2, *Housing Needs Assessment*, 8,880 residents (nearly 10 percent) of San Leandro's population live with one or more disability. According to 2015-2019 ACS estimates shown in Figure 5.7, ambulatory difficulty was the most common disability reported by San Leandro residents.

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<sup>12</sup> HCD, 2021. [https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/affh/docs/affh\\_document\\_final\\_4-27-2021.pdf](https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/affh/docs/affh_document_final_4-27-2021.pdf)

<sup>13</sup> Annual Disability Statistics Compendium, 2020. <https://disabilitycompendium.org/annualreport>

Figure 5.7 Disability by Type (San Leandro)

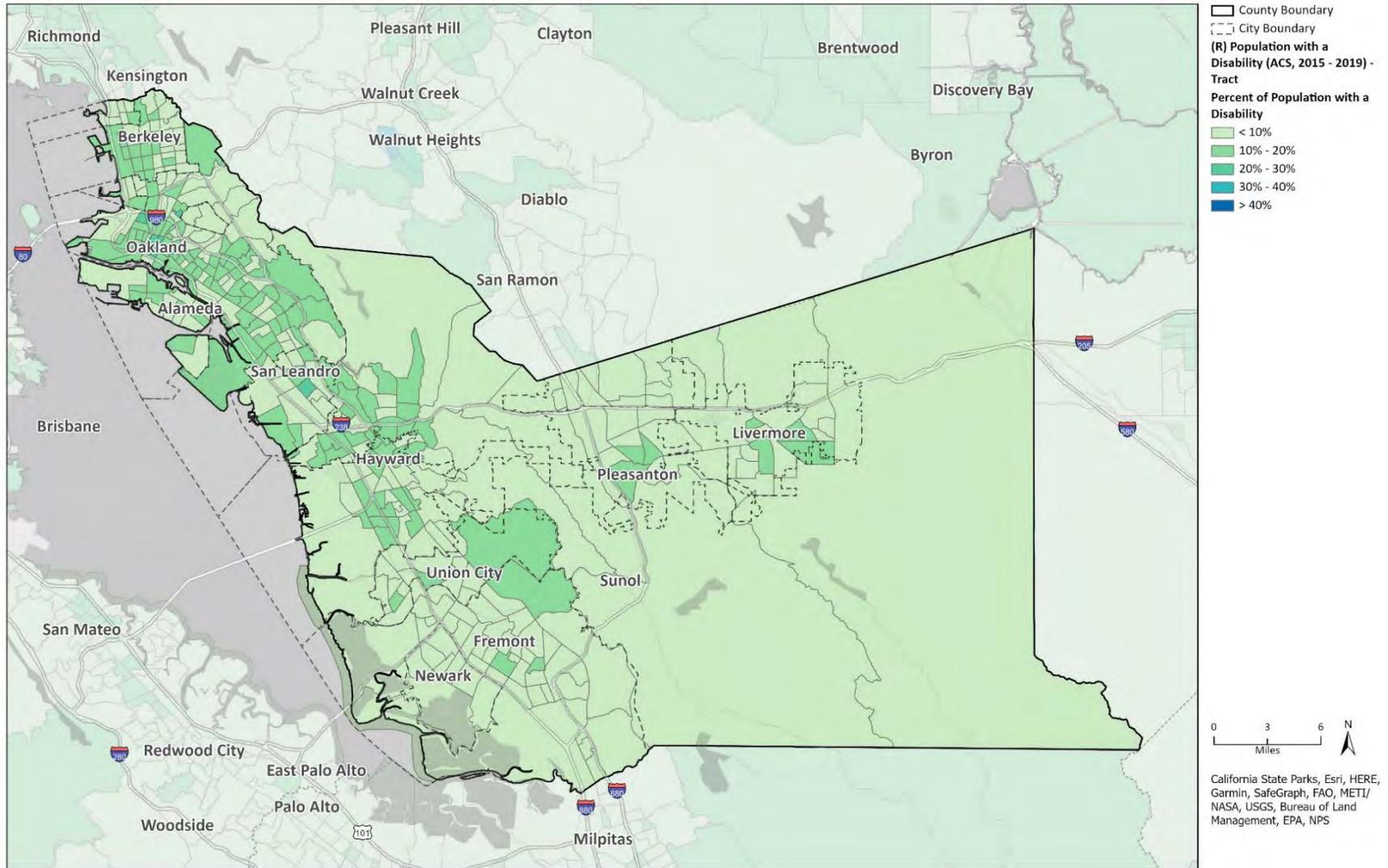


Notes: These disabilities are counted separately and are not mutually exclusive, as an individual may report more than one disability. These counts should not be summed

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B18102, Table B18103, Table B18104, Table B18105, Table B18106, Table B18107.

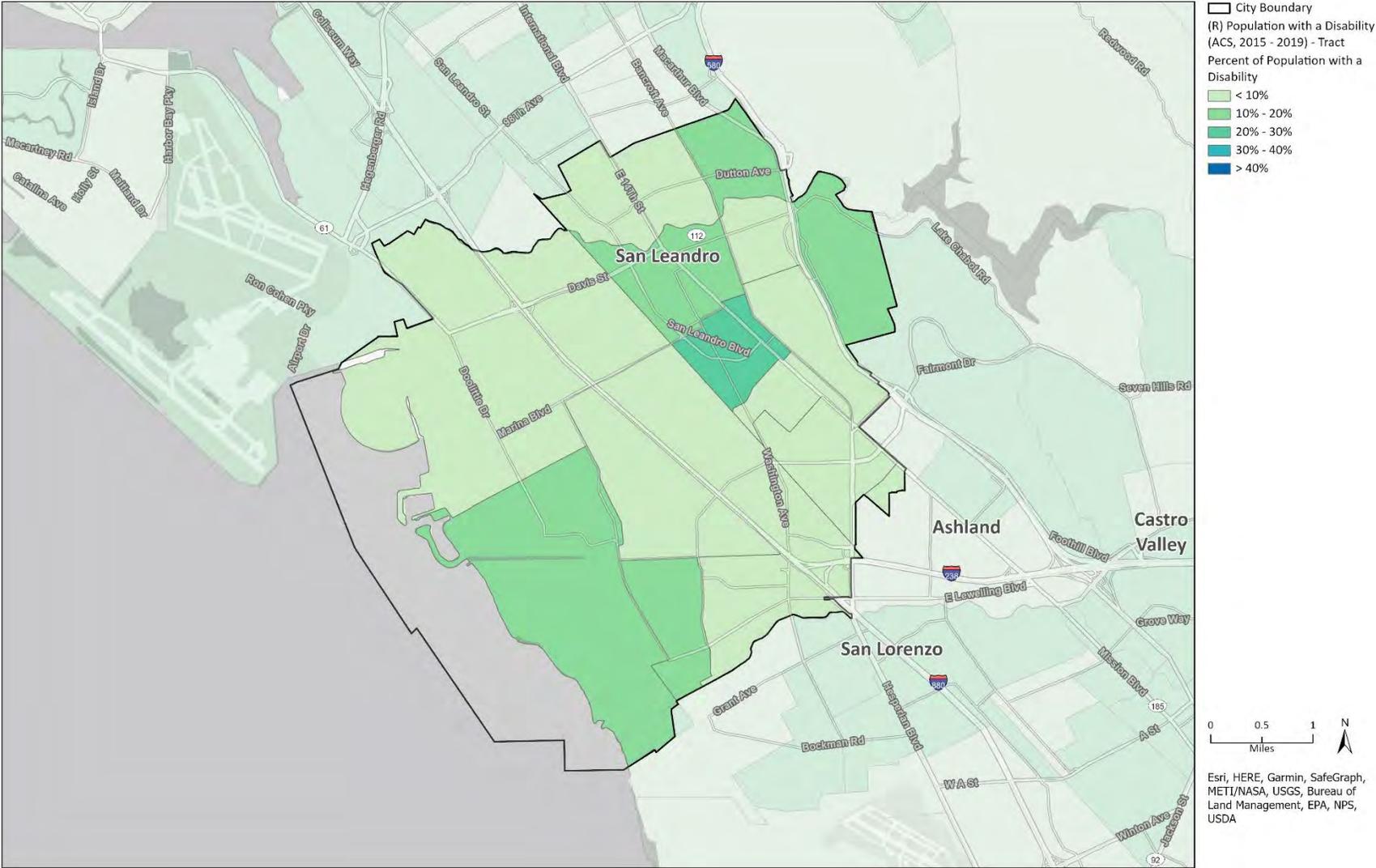
Figure 5.9 shows the percentage of the population living with one or more disabilities in the city by census tract, using 2015-2019 ACS data. Generally, neighborhoods located along Wicks Boulevard, the intersection of David Street and East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, and west of Bancroft Drive are areas where between 10 to 20 percent of residents reported living with one or more disability. The largest concentration of residents who reported living with one or more disabilities (between 20 and 30 percent) was in census tract 4331.04, located south of Downtown San Leandro and north of 139<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between East 14<sup>th</sup> Street and San Leandro Boulevard. This neighborhood of San Leandro is predominately multi-family residential in the central and eastern areas, compared to the western area which is zoned for a range of industrial and commercial uses. There are four affordable housing developments in this census tract that provide a combined total of 158 affordable units for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Figure 5.8 Percent of Population with a Disability (Alameda County)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

Figure 5.9 Percentage of Population with One or More Disabilities (San Leandro)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

### 5.5.3 Familial Status

Familial status refers to the presence of children under the age of 18 and the marital status of the head of the household. Families with children may face housing discrimination by landlords who fear that children will cause property damage. Examples of differential treatment include limiting the number of children in an apartment complex or confining households with children to a specific location are potentially discriminatory. Single parent households are protected by fair housing law. A 2016 HUD study studied the effects of housing discrimination based on familial status. The study found that landlords presented households with children fewer housing options, and the units shown were generally larger, and as a result, slightly more expensive to rent.<sup>14</sup> Additionally, female-headed households with children require special consideration and assistance because of generally greater needs for affordable housing and accessible day care, health care, and other supportive services.

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Alameda County had 577,177 households in 2019. According to 2015-2019 ACS estimates, households with children present comprise 30 percent (174,344) of the total households in Alameda County. Tenure by household type and presence of children is shown in Table 5.8. Married couple families with children comprise the largest share of owner- and renter-occupied households with children. Single-parent, female-headed households comprised approximately eight percent of renter-occupied households, but only two percent of owner-occupied households.

**Table 5.8 Tenure by Household Type and Presence of Children (Alameda County)**

Household Type	Owner-Occupied	Percent of Total Owner-Occupied	Renter-Occupied	Percent of Total Renter-Occupied
Married Couple Family, with Children Present	82,499	25.7%	52,436	19.5%
Single-Parent, Male Householder, no Spouse Present	4,143	1.3%	6,503	2.4%
Single Parent, Female Householder, No Spouse Present	6,871	2.2%	21,892	8.1%
Total Households with Children Present	93,513	30.2%	80,831	30.1%
Total Households	308,891	100%	268,286	100%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey (ACS), Table B25115 Tenure by Household Type (Including Living Alone) and Age of Householder, 2015-2019 Estimates.

Figure 5.10 shows an extreme disparity in the county between areas based on the estimated percentage of children who reside in female-headed, single-parent households. According to 2015-2019 ACS estimates, jurisdictions located in the western areas of the county, such as the cities of Berkeley, Oakland, San Leandro, and Hayward, had relatively higher proportions of children who reside in female-headed, single-parent households. In contrast, the southern and eastern areas of the county, including the cities of Union City, Fremont, Pleasanton, and Dublin, had less than 20 percent of children residing in this type of household.

<sup>14</sup> HUD. 2016. <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/HDSFamiliesFinalReport.pdf>.

Figure 5.11 shows the percentage of children under the age of 18 who reside with married couples. Spatially, the eastern portion of the county had a greater proportion of children that reside in households with married couples. Jurisdictions located in the western area of the county, including the cities of Oakland, San Leandro, and Hayward had a relatively lower proportion of children that are residing in married-couple household.

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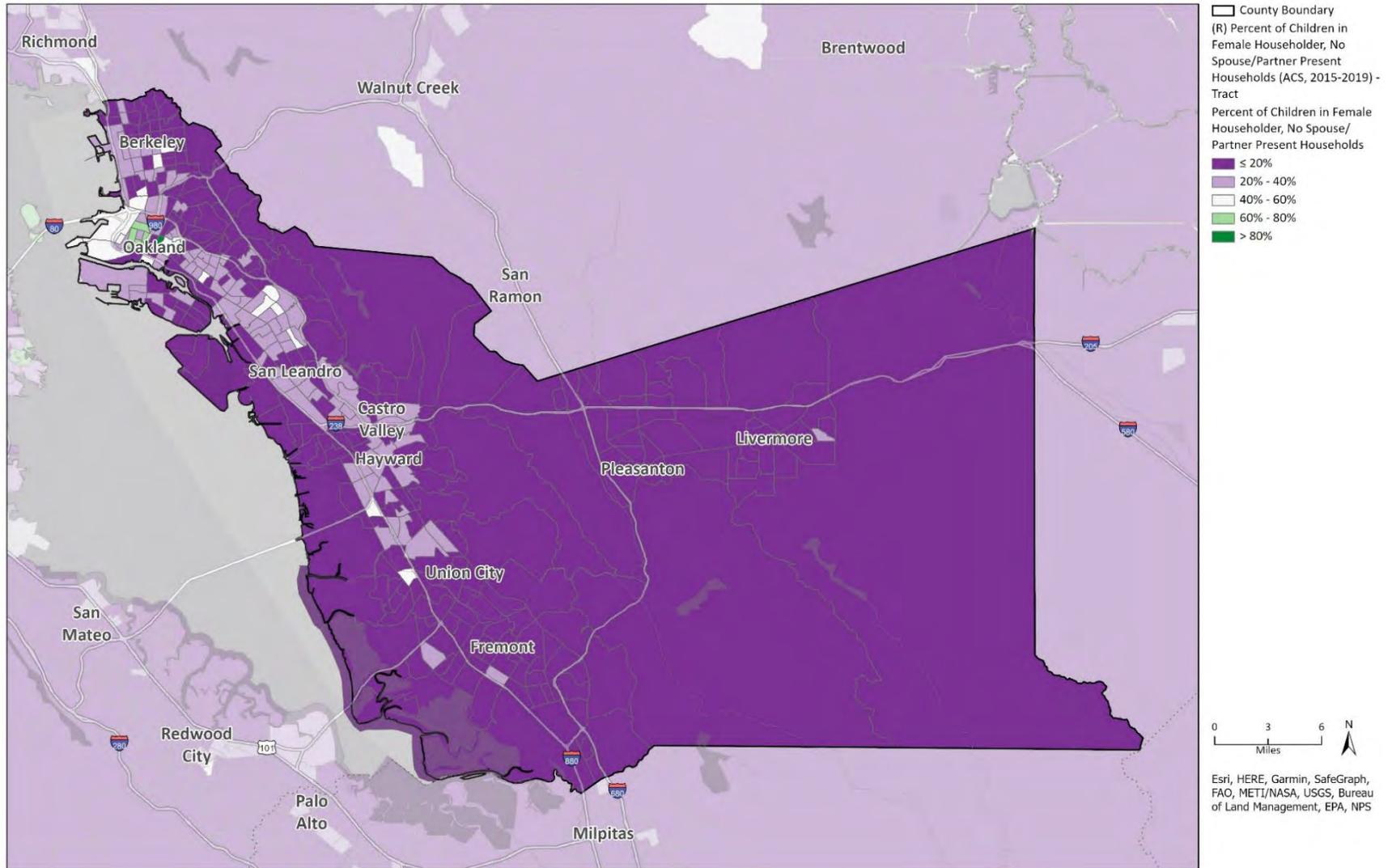
According to 2015-2019 ACS estimates, households with children present comprised 27 percent of the total number of households in San Leandro, which was slightly lower than the county. An overview of household tenure by type for households with children present is provided in Table 5.9. Similar to regional trends, married-couple families in San Leandro comprised the largest share of households with children present, and married-couple families were more likely to own than rent. In Contrast, single-parent households were more likely to rent rather than own housing. single-parent, female-headed households comprised 11 percent of renter-occupied households and only one percent of owner-occupied households. The homeownership rate for single-family, female-headed households is lower in San Leandro (1.6 percent) than the county (2.2 percent).

**Table 5.9 Tenure by Household Type and Presence of Children (San Leandro)**

Household Type	Owner-Occupied	Percent of Total Owner-Occupied	Renter-Occupied	Percent of Total Renter-Occupied
Married couple family, with Children Present	3,550	20.2%	2,398	17.2%
Single-Parent, Male householder, no spouse present	251	1.4%	455	3.2%
Single-Parent, Female householder, no spouse present	287	1.6%	1,589	11.4%
Total Households with Children Present	3,988	22.7%	4,442	32.0%
Total Households	17,562	100%	13,872	100%

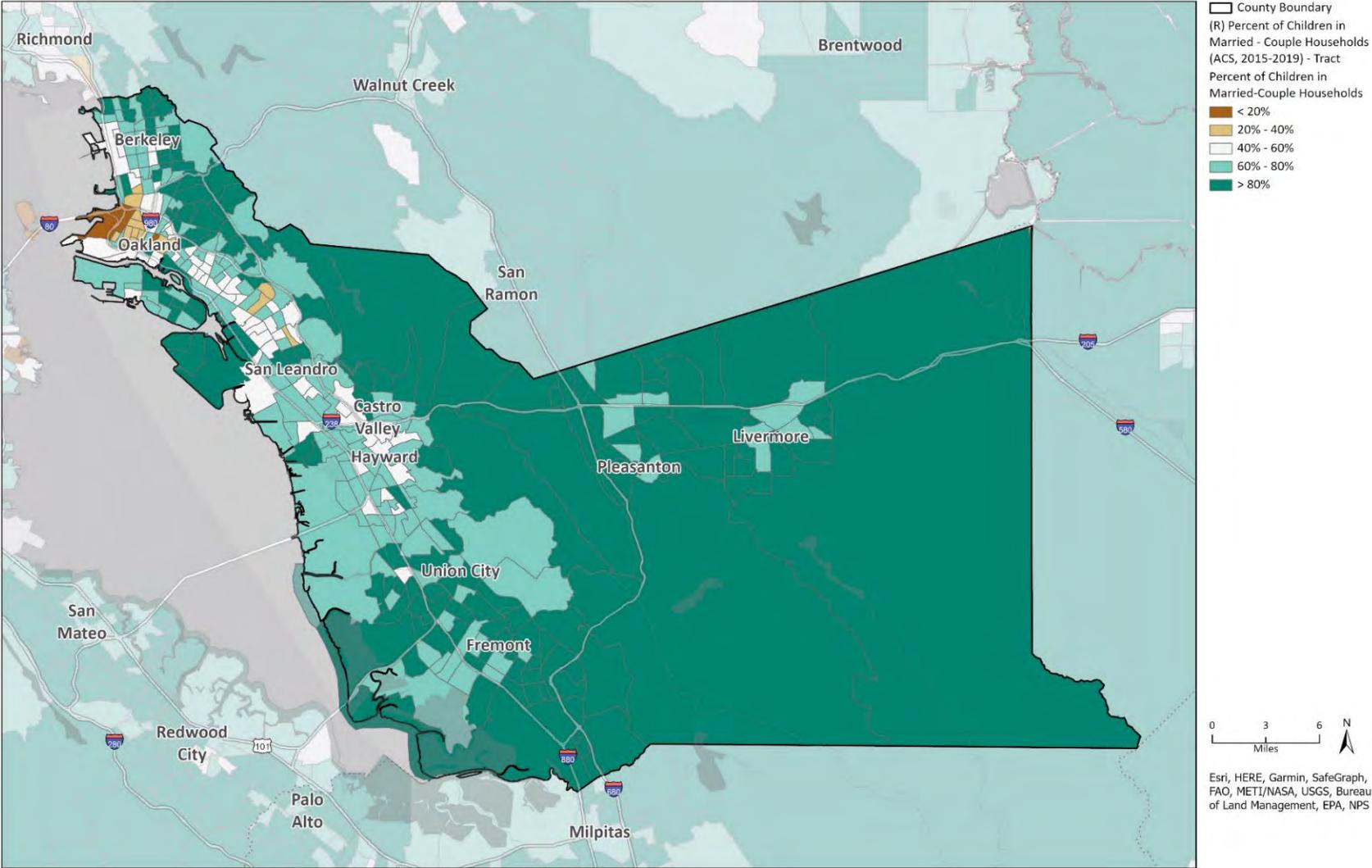
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey (ACS), Table B25115 Tenure By Household Type (Including Living Alone) and Age of Householder, 2015-2019 Estimates.

Figure 5.10 Female-Headed Households with Children Present, No Spouse/Partner Present (Alameda County)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

Figure 5.11 Children in Married-Couple Households (Alameda County)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021.

Figure 5.12 shows the percentage of children residing in single-parent, female-headed households in San Leandro, which ranges from less than 20 percent to less than 40 percent. Neighborhoods east of Interstate 880 (I-880) had a higher percentage of children residing in single-parent, female-headed households. However, none of the neighborhoods in San Leandro had an extremely high percentage of this type of familial status compared to other cities such as Oakland. Neighborhoods in and near Downtown San Leandro (census tracts 4325.01 and 4326.00) had a larger share of single-parent, female-headed households. According to 2015-2019 estimates, these neighborhoods had a sizeable or predominant Hispanic/Latino population, as shown in Figure 5.13.

Figure 5.14 shows the percentage of children in married-couple households across San Leandro. Most census tracts in the city had between 60 and 80 percent of children living in married-couple households, according to 2015-2019 ACS estimates. Three census tracts exhibited lower percentages of children residing in married-couple households. Neighborhoods in the northern area of San Leandro (census tracts 4323.00, 4322.00, 4321.00) with the highest rates of children residing in married-couple households were also identified as having a larger share of non-Hispanic white and Hispanic/Latino populations. Neighborhoods with lower rates of children residing in married-couple households (census tracts 4324.00, 4336.00, 4331.00, and 4331.04) were in predominately Hispanic/Latino census tracts as shown in Figure 5.15. Furthermore, neighborhoods that had lower rates of children in married-couple households were more likely to contain multi-family residential, industrial, and commercial land uses when compared to neighborhoods with high rates of children in married-couple households.

#### 5.5.4 Household Income

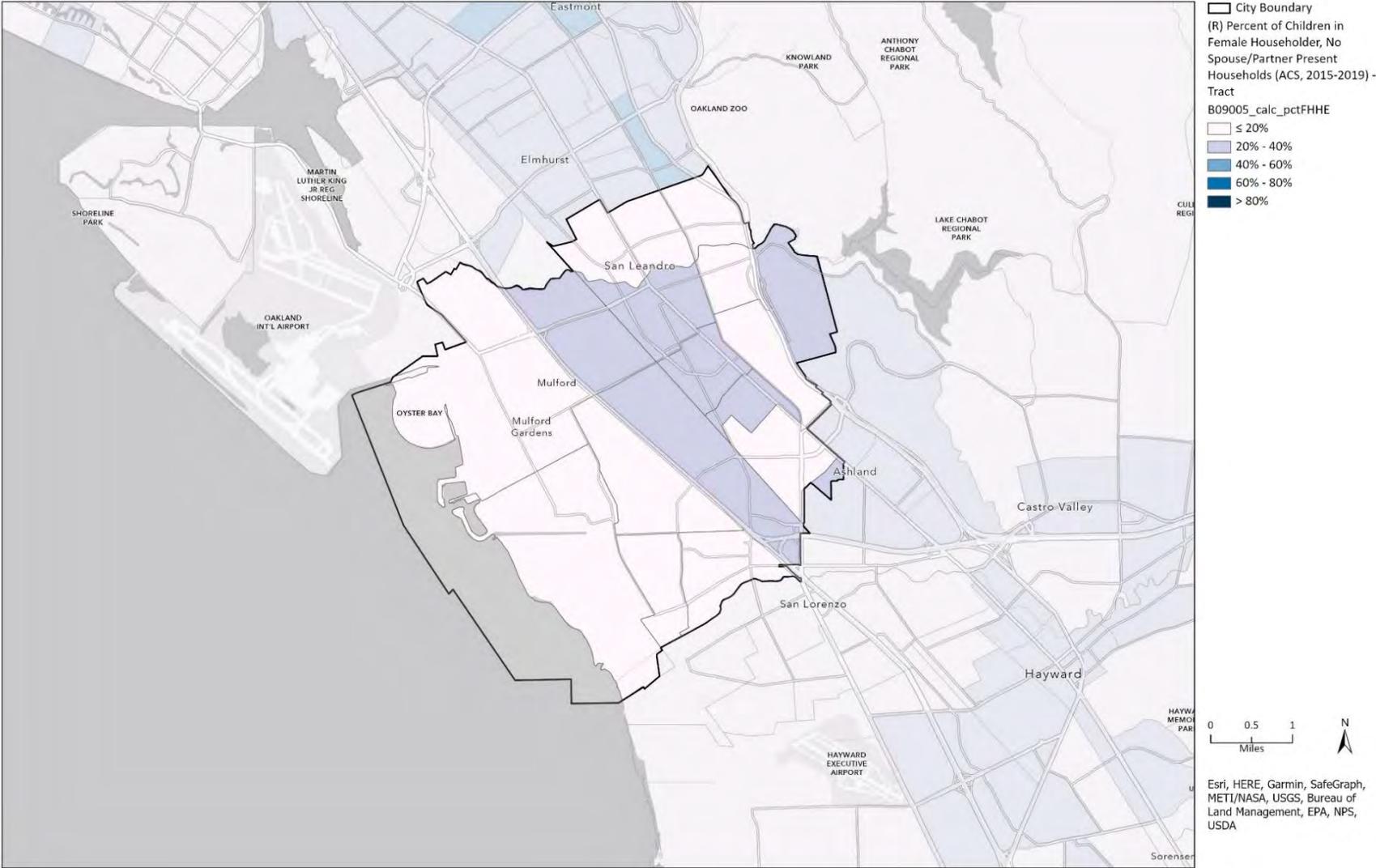
Household income is directly connected to the ability to afford housing. Higher-income households are more likely to own rather than rent housing. As household income decreases, households tend to pay a disproportionate amount of their income for housing and the number of persons occupying unsound and overcrowded housing increases. To achieve fair housing objectives, people in low-income households must have actual choice in housing opportunities—that is, when they are able to locate units that are affordable and well maintained in all parts of a jurisdiction and region.

This section identifies household income disparities using data based on median household income and low or moderate income (LMI) geographies. HUD defines a LMI area as a census tract or block group where over 51 percent of the population is LMI. The definition of low or moderate income is based on HUD income definitions of up to 80 percent of the AMI. Data for this analysis are from the HUD Low and Moderate Income Summary Data based on the 2011-2015 American Community Survey (most recent available data).<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> HUD Exchange 2021: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/acs-low-mod-summary-data/>

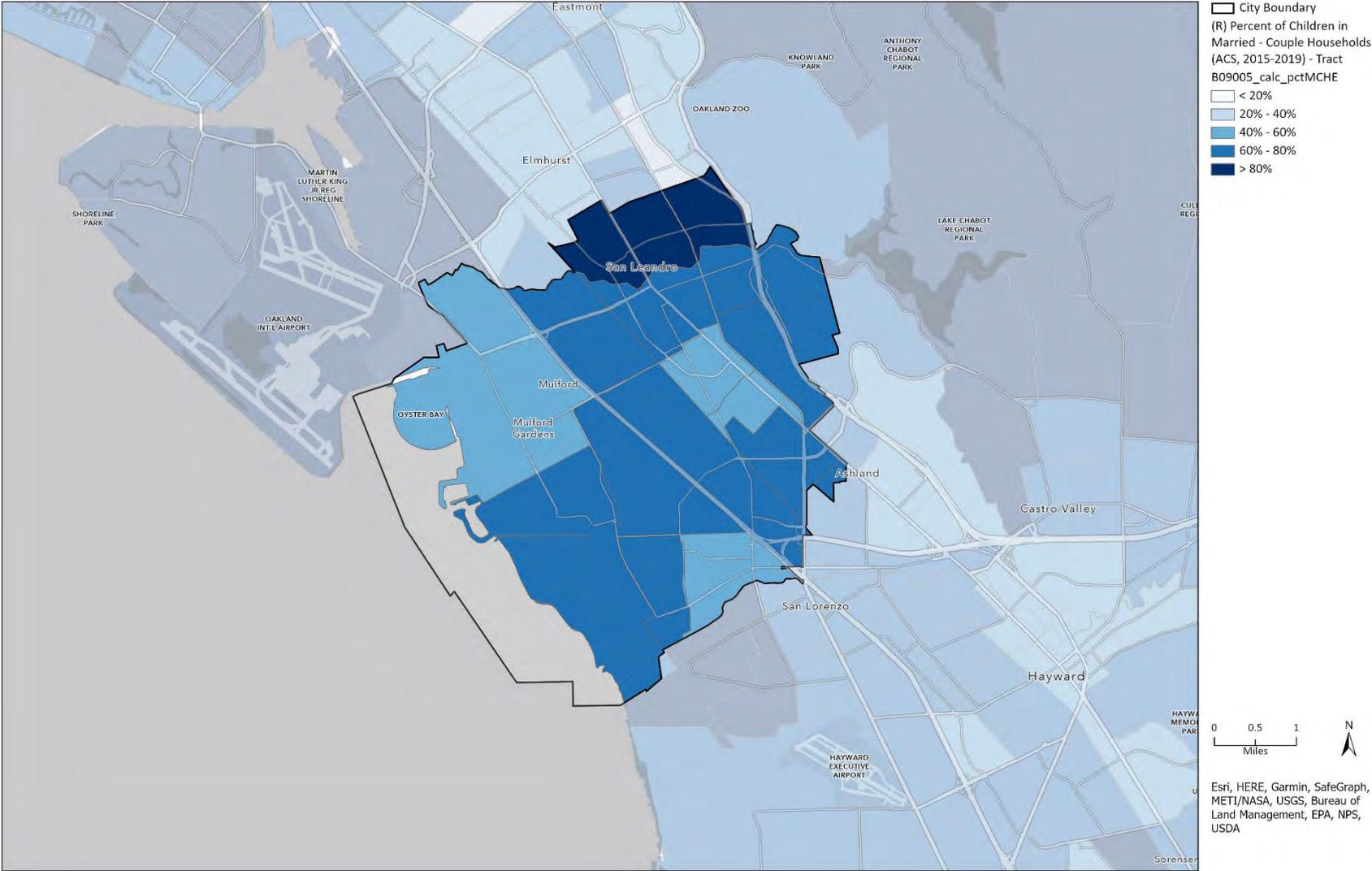
Figure 5.12 Female-Headed Households with Children Present, No Spouse/Partner Present (San Leandro)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

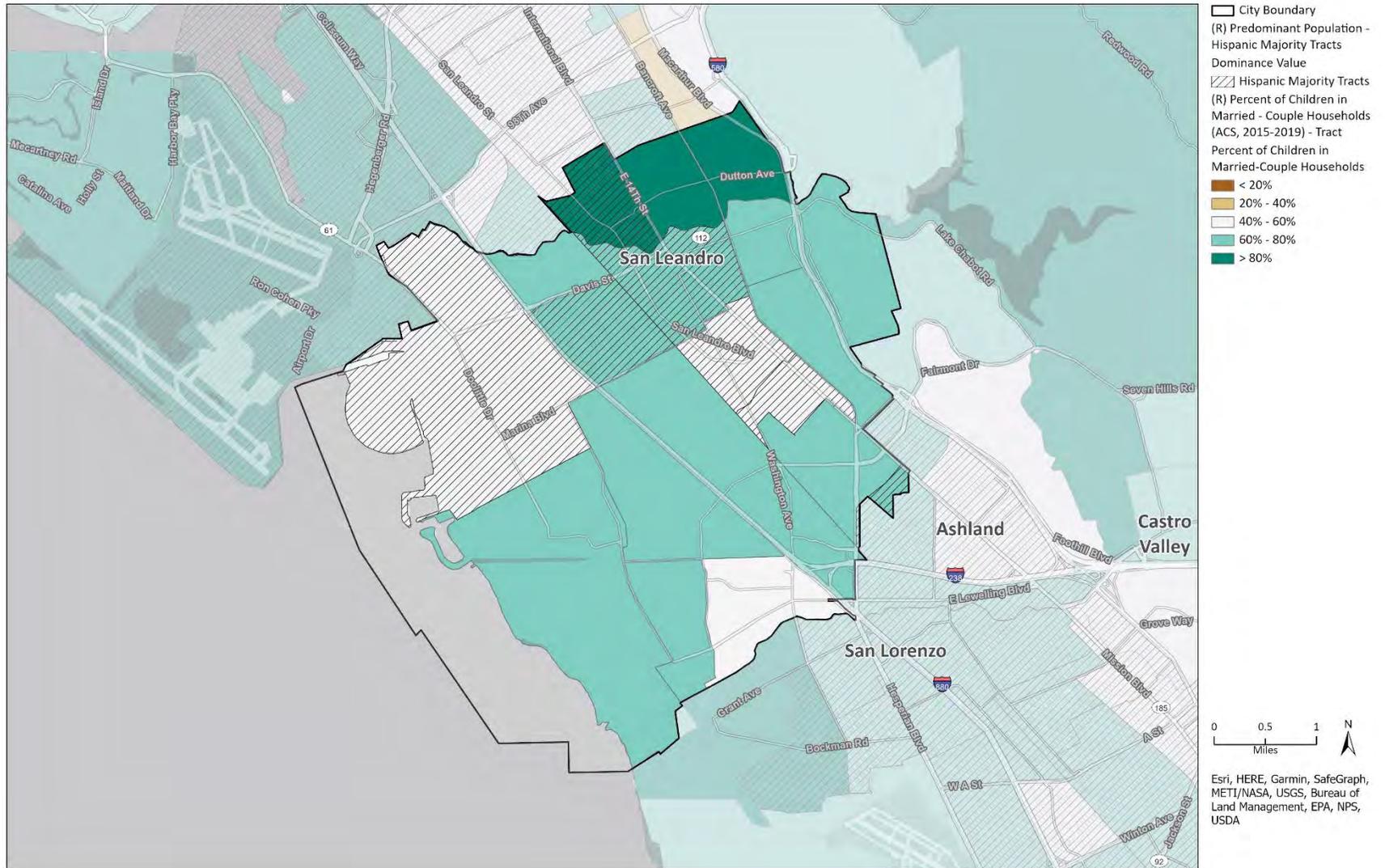


Figure 5.14 Children in Married-Couple Households (San Leandro)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

Figure 5.15 Children in Married-Couple Households and Predominant Hispanic/Latino Population (San Leandro)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

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According to 2015-2019 ACS estimates, Alameda County had a median household income of \$99,406. Figure 5.16 displays median household income by block group for Alameda County using 2015-2019 ACS estimates. Median household income tends to be lower in communities located in the northwest area of Alameda County. Generally, households in the urban core of cities had a lower income than rural or suburban areas. Communities with the lowest median household incomes are highly concentrated in the City of Oakland and scattered throughout the cities of Berkeley, San Leandro, and the unincorporated community of San Lorenzo.

LMI populations by census tract for Alameda County are displayed in Figure 5.17. Census tracts within Cities of Hayward, San Leandro, Oakland, and Berkeley contain the highest LMI populations in Alameda County. Spatially, LMI populations are in communities that had a relatively greater percentage of children living in single-parent, female-headed households (Figure 5.10) and a greater percentage of non-white population (Figure 5.12).

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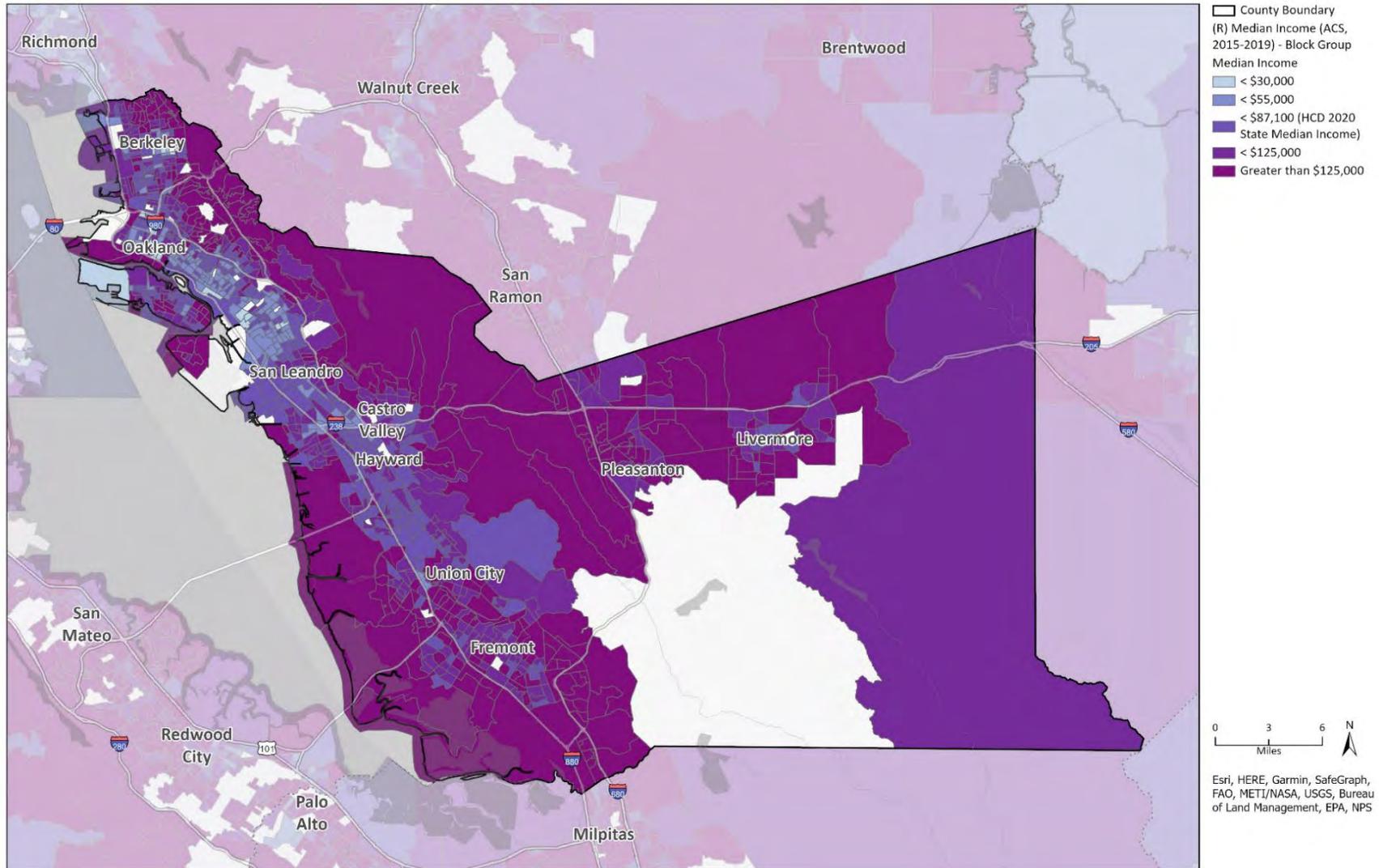
Geographically, median household income varies across block groups throughout San Leandro. According to 2015-2019 ACS estimates, San Leandro had an estimated median household income of \$78,003, that is 24 percent lower than the median income for Alameda County. Figure 5.18 provides an overview of median household income by block group in the city (data is missing for one block group near the Marina on the western side of the city). The lowest median household income areas are in the northwestern portion of the city, generally near the neighborhoods of Eastshore, Davis West, and Downtown San Leandro. In contrast, the Broadmoor, Estudillo Estates, Washington Manor, and Heron Bay-Marina Vista neighborhoods in the northeastern and southern areas of San Leandro had higher median household incomes. One neighborhood in northeastern San Leandro had a median household income that was 120 percent of the AMI, which also had a sizeable non-Hispanic white population, as shown in Figure 5.19.

According to the ABAG and UC Merced segregation analysis, low-, moderate- and above-moderate income residents have become less segregated in San Leandro between 2010 and 2015, while very low-income residents experienced increased segregation during this time.<sup>16</sup> Across all income groups, above-moderate income residents were the most isolated income group in San Leandro. LMI populations in San Leandro were concentrated in the northwestern and central areas of the city, as shown in Figure 5.20. Downtown San Leandro, Davis West, Eastshore, and Mulford Gardens neighborhoods had a higher percentage of LMI populations (between 50 and 75 percent of the population). In contrast, Washington Manor, Floresta Gardens, and Halcyon Foothill neighborhoods had a lower percentage of LMI populations (between 25 and 50 percent of the population). Neighborhoods located east of Bancroft Avenue toward the northeastern corner of San Leandro had the lowest rate of LMI populations the city. Neighborhoods with higher rates of LMI populations tend to overlap with areas of the city that were predominantly Hispanic/Latino or Asian American populations, as shown in Figure 5.21.

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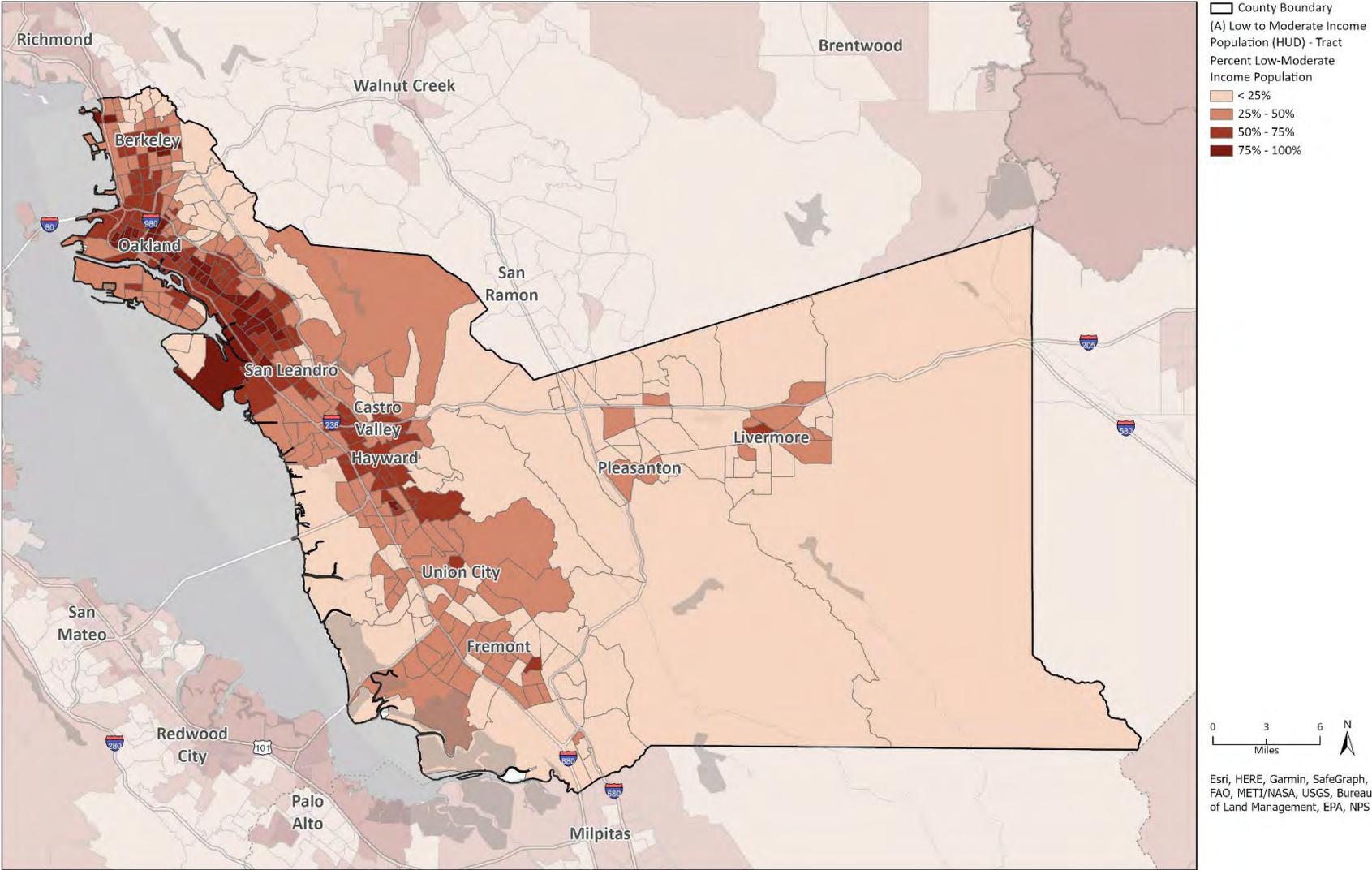
<sup>16</sup> ABAG and UC Merced, 2022. <https://mtcdrive.app.box.com/s/d0kki6p26idiq81h5vxgqf77a5hsisdw/folder/157817349553>

Figure 5.16 Median Household Income (Alameda County)



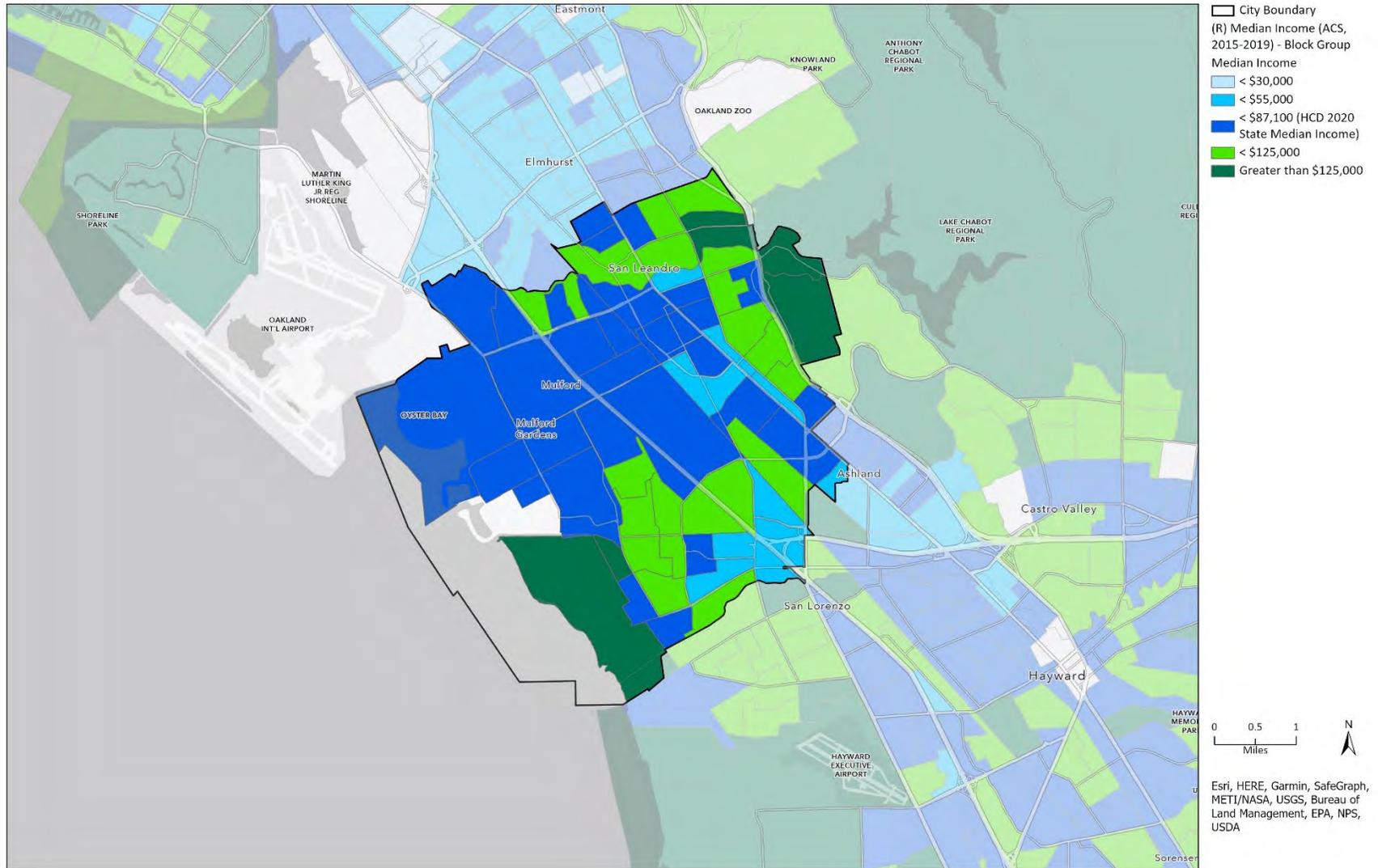
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Figure 5.17 Low and Moderate Income Population (Alameda County)



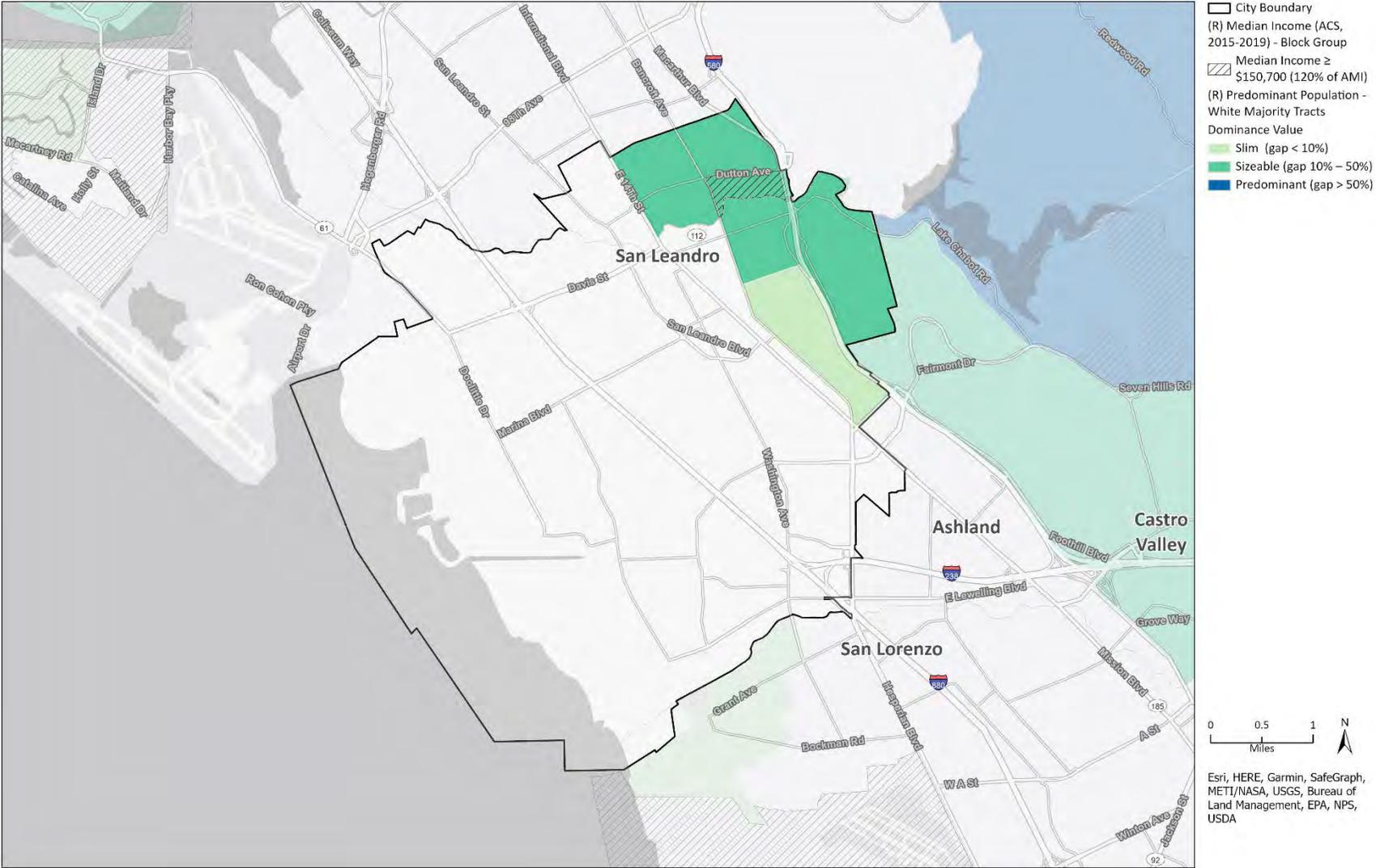
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Figure 5.18 Median Household Income (San Leandro)



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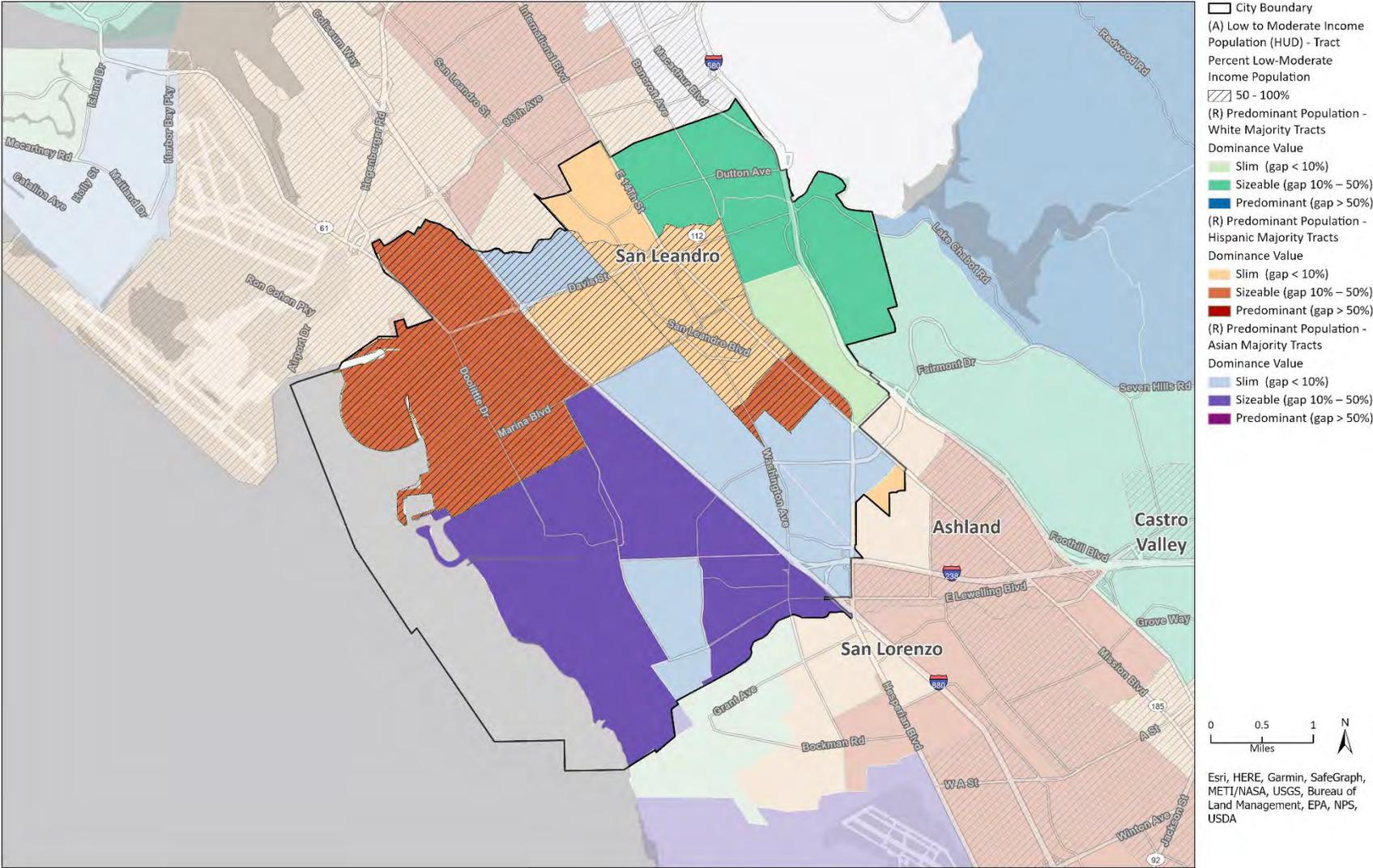
Figure 5.19 Median Household Income and predominant Racial/Ethnic Population (San Leandro)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021



Figure 5.21 Low to Moderate Income Populations and Predominant Race/Ethnicity Populations (San Leandro)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

Table 5.10 displays income level for large households (households of five or more persons). According to the 2013-2017 CHAS, almost 60 percent of large households earned an income less than the area median income (29 percent of large households earned a household income below 50 percent of the AMI, and another 30 percent earned between 51 and 100 percent of the AMI). Comparatively, 40 percent of large households earned an income considered to be above moderate, or greater than the AMI. However, the income distribution of large households generally aligned with that of other household types.

**Table 5.10 Household Size by Household Income (San Leandro)**

Income Level	Large Households (5+ Persons)	All Other Household Types
0%-30% of AMI	470 (14%)	4,544 (16%)
31%-50% of AMI	505 (15%)	4,899 (17%)
51%-80% of AMI	500 (15%)	4,015 (14%)
81%-100% of AMI	505 (15%)	3,015 (11%)
Greater than 100% of AMI	1,295 (40%)	12,084 (42%)
Total	3,275 (100%)	28,557 (100%)

Notes: Income levels are based on HUD's AMI calculations for the San Francisco Metropolitan Area. The 2017 AMI for the San Francisco Metropolitan Area is \$115,300.

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) ACS tabulation, 2013-2017 release.

### 5.5.5 Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty

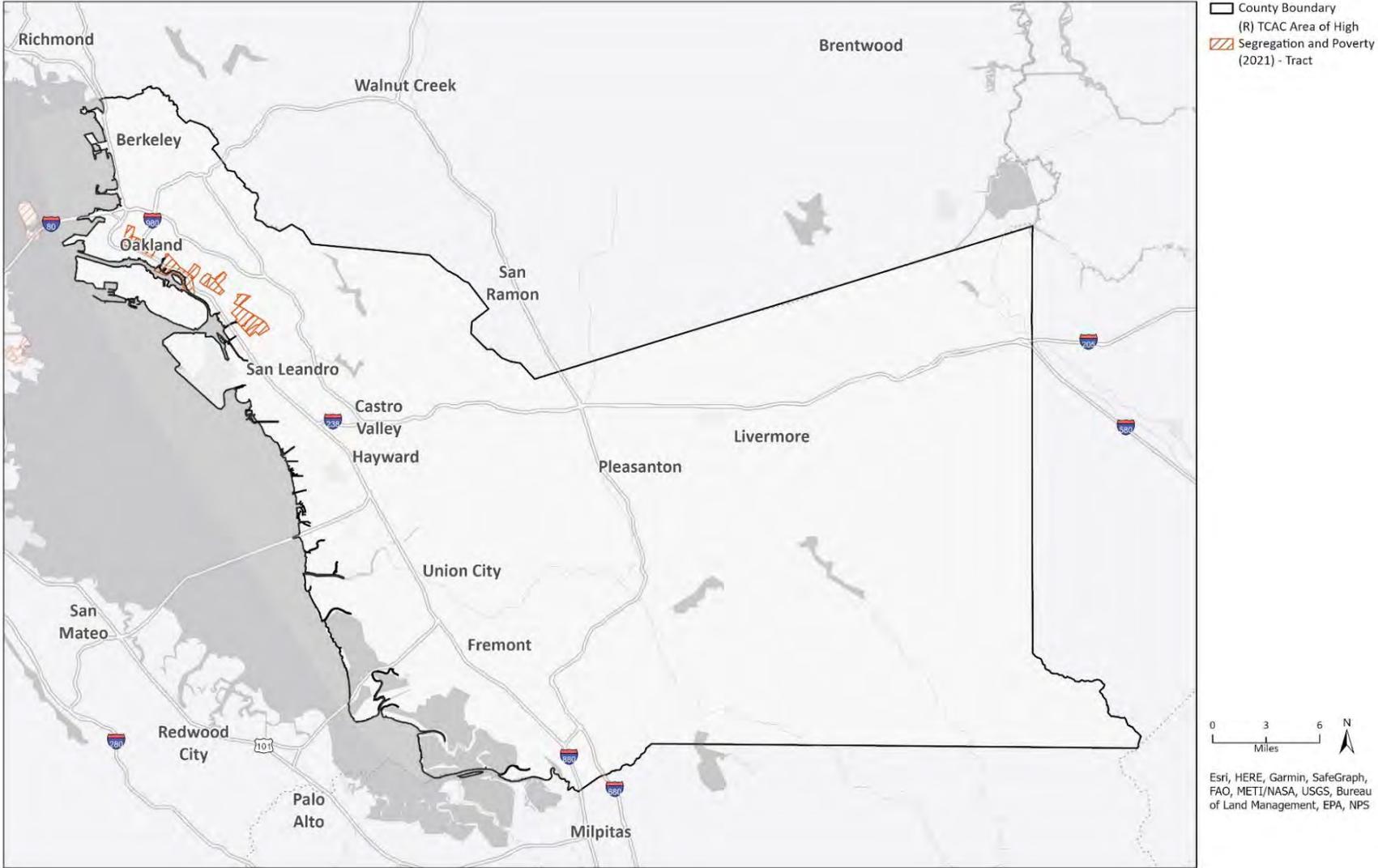
To identify racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty (known as R/ECAPs), HUD developed thresholds based on racial and ethnic concentration and income level. The threshold for racial and ethnic concentration is a non-white population of 50 percent or more in metropolitan or micropolitan areas. The income threshold is based on areas of "extreme poverty," where 40 percent or more of households earn incomes at or below the federal poverty line, or where the poverty rate is three times the average poverty rate in the metropolitan area, whichever is less. An area that meets both thresholds for racial or ethnic concentration and "extreme poverty" is considered a R/ECAP.

### 5.5.6 Poverty and Segregation

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In Alameda County, the only R/ECAPs present are a few neighborhoods west and South of downtown Oakland, as shown with hash marks in Figure 5.22.

Figure 5.22 Areas of High Segregation and Poverty (Alameda County)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

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While R/ECAPs were not identified within San Leandro, there are areas where lower household income and racial and ethnic concentration overlap. Figure 5.23 displays areas of San Leandro where between 10 and 20 percent of the population earned an income that was below the poverty line, according to 2015-2019 ACS estimates. Poverty rates in San Leandro have shifted slightly over time. The 2010-2014 ACS estimates reported higher levels of poverty status in neighborhoods near Downtown San Leandro compared to 2015-2019 ACS estimates.

Racial and ethnic neighborhood segregation analysis is provided in Figure 5.24. According to Urban Displacement Project data, the predominant racial/ethnic composition of most neighborhoods in San Leandro was a three-group neighborhood mix consisting of Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, and non-Hispanic white, or a four-group neighborhood mix consisting of Black/African American, Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, and non-Hispanic white. Additionally, neighborhoods located toward the southwestern area of the city had a two-group mix neighborhood composition of Asian-American/Non-Hispanic white.

### 5.5.7 Concentrated Areas of Affluence

While R/ECAPs have long been the focus of fair housing policies, racially concentrated areas of affluence (RCAAs) must also be analyzed. RCAAs are defined as affluent, white communities.<sup>17</sup> According to a policy paper published by HUD, white residents are the most racially segregated group in the United States typically more affluent than majority non-white communities. RCAAs have not been studied extensively, nor has a standard definition been adopted by HCD or HUD. Therefore, this assessment uses the percent white population and median household income as thresholds to identify potential RCAAs. In addition to having a higher median income, areas of affluence experience less overcrowding, less housing cost burden on renters, and are generally less susceptible to displacement compared to LMI areas, as described in Section 4.4, *Household Income*.

## Regional Trends

Figure 5.25 highlights the predominantly white census tracts in Alameda County, which are concentrated in the northern and eastern areas such as the City of Berkeley, the eastern portion of the City of Oakland, and non-urbanized areas. Generally, cities with higher median incomes such as the City of Alameda and Dublin had relatively larger concentrations of white residents compared to jurisdictions with lower median incomes such as the City of Oakland, San Leandro, and Hayward.

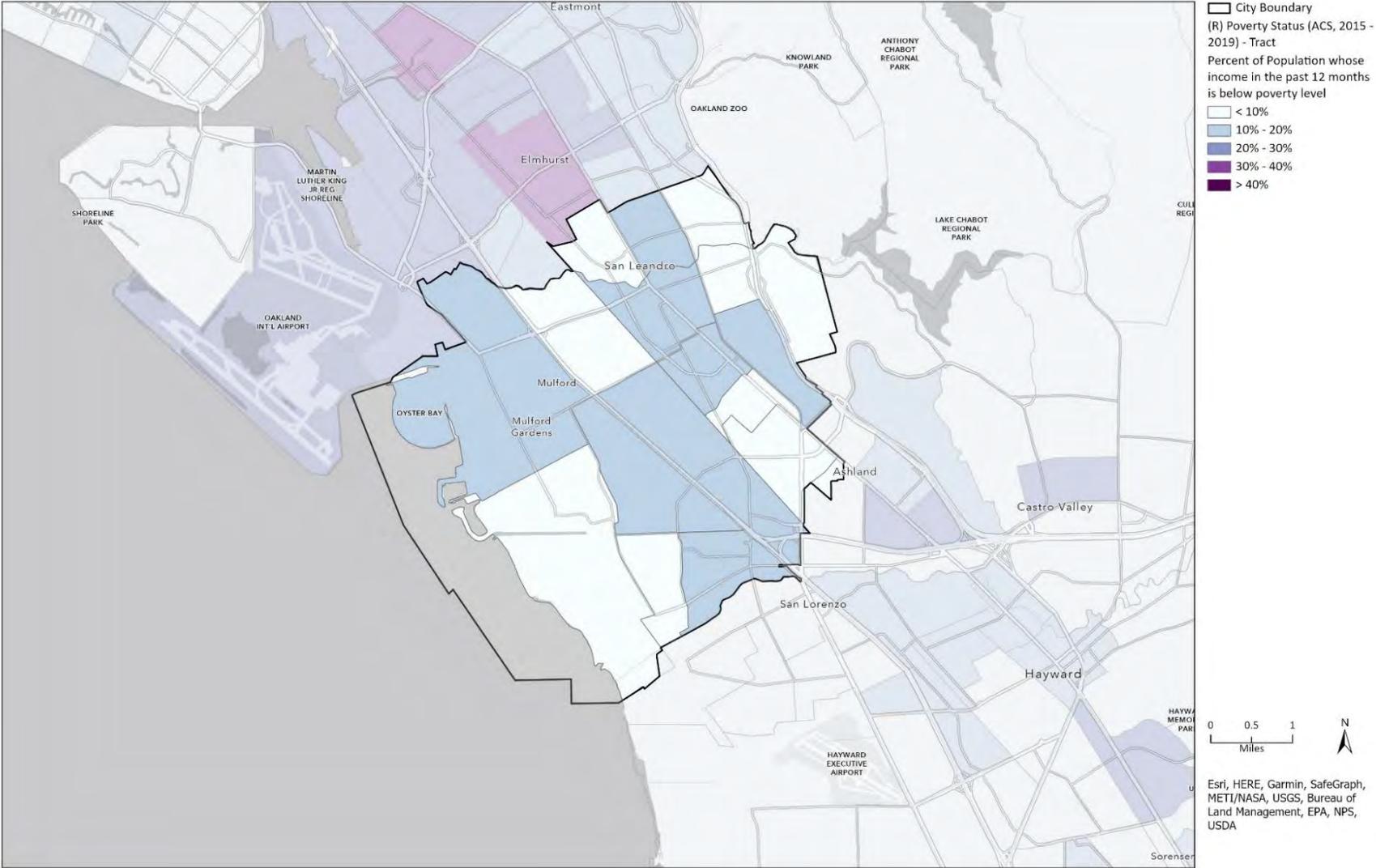
## Local Trends

Similar to trends occurring in Alameda County, areas with higher median incomes are associated with a larger proportion of white residents compared to census tracts with lower median incomes. Neighborhoods in the northeast corner of San Leandro had a predominately white population and the highest median income levels in the city, as shown in Figure 5.26.

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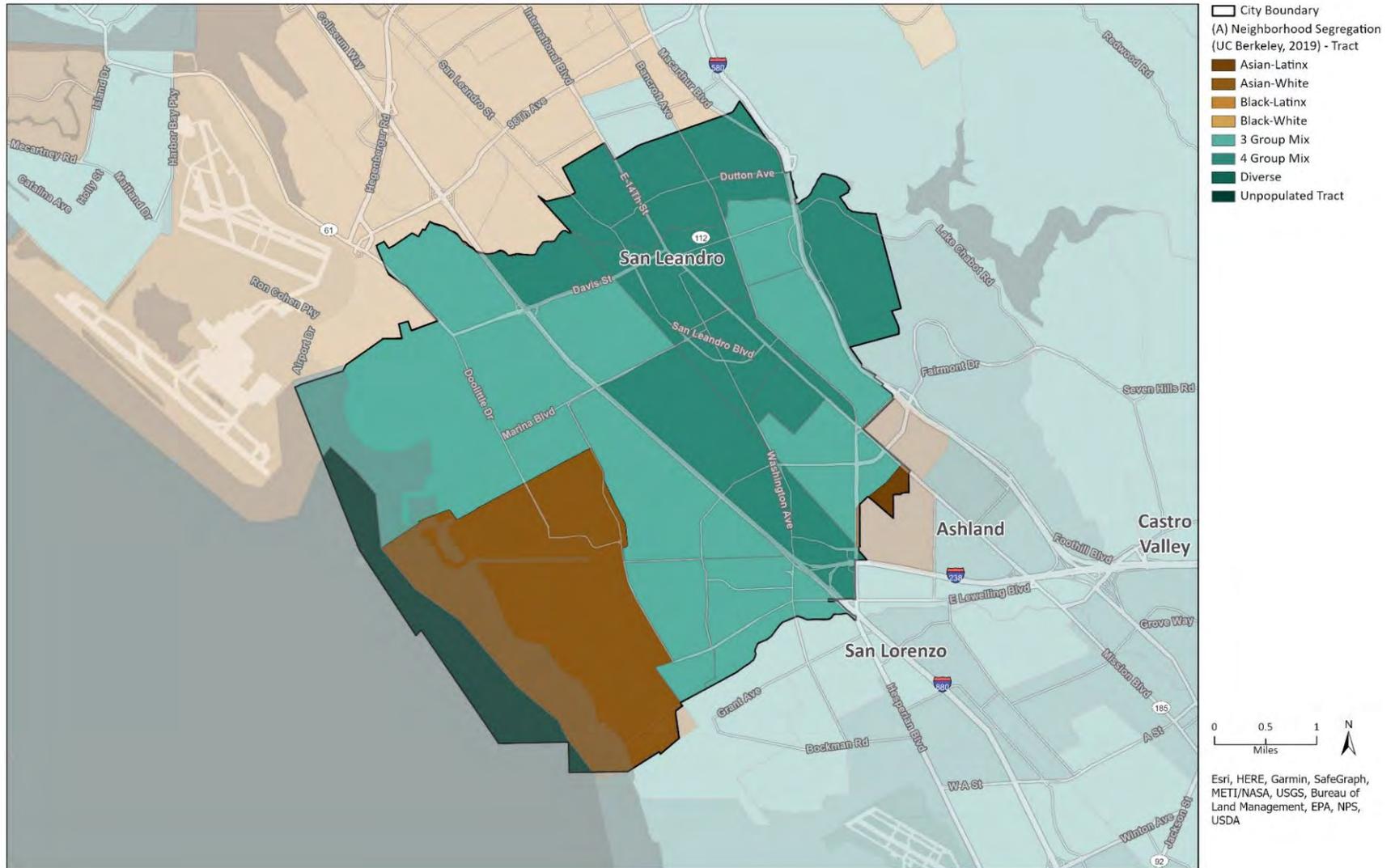
<sup>17</sup> Goatz, Damiano and Williams, 2019. <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/periodicals/cityscape/vol21num1/ch4.pdf>

Figure 5.23 Poverty Status (San Leandro)



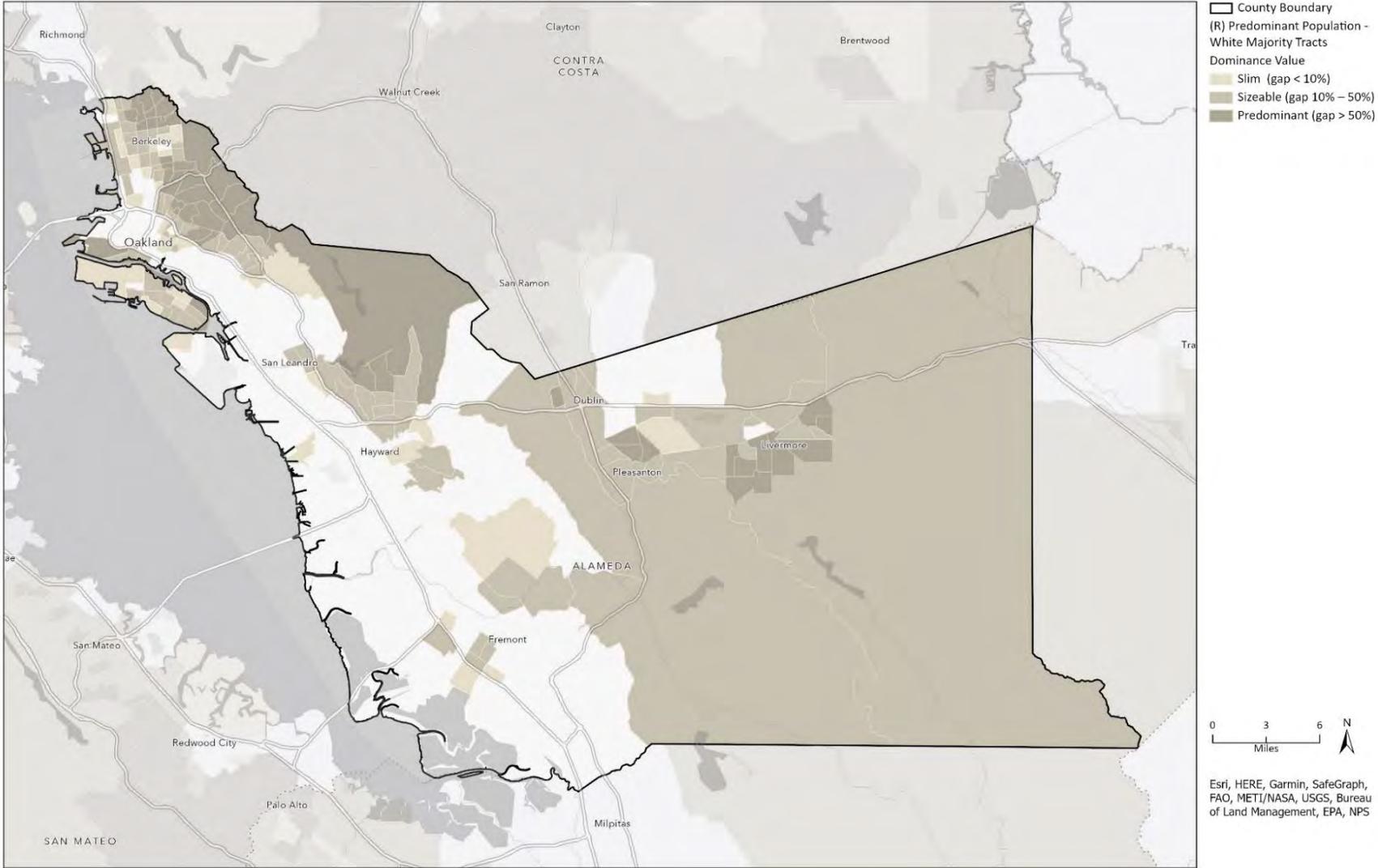
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Figure 5.24 Neighborhood Segregation (San Leandro)



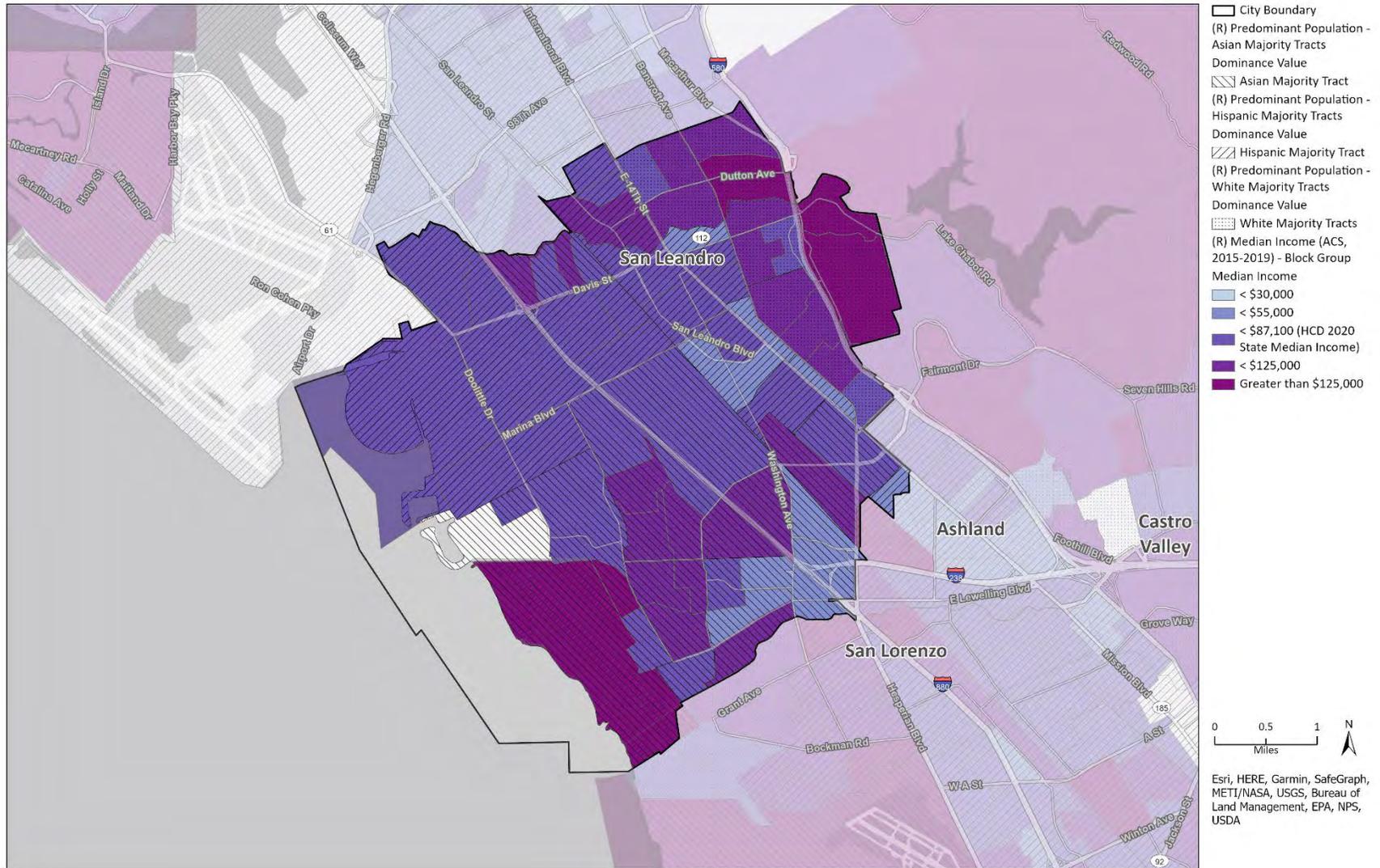
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Figure 5.25 Predominant White Population (Alameda County)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

Figure 5.26 Predominant Populations and Median Household Income (San Leandro)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

## 5.6 Disparities in Access to Opportunities

According to HCD guidance, land use policies and urban planning impact the ability of residents to access neighborhoods of opportunity, with high-performing schools, greater availability of jobs that afford entry to the middle class, and convenient access to transit and services. The limits on housing choice and access experienced by people within protected classes, such as race, sexual orientation, or disability, have far-reaching impacts on access to job opportunity, quality education, and mental and physical health.<sup>18</sup> This section analyzes the following place-based characteristics linked to opportunity indicators: quality education, employment, transportation, and healthy environment. The primary objective is to understand the disparity between communities in terms of access to real and potential economic benefits and quality of life.

### 5.6.1 Transit Access and Walkability

Reliable public transit access and active transportation options such as walking and biking are imperative for low-income residents and/or persons with disabilities to connect to employment opportunities. Lack of transportation options can impede fair housing choice and continue to reinforce barriers for low-income communities in accessing housing and employment opportunities.

#### Regional Trends

Alameda County generally has widespread access to public transit. Accessible transportation infrastructure includes Alameda Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit), Amtrak, and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART). AC Transit provides a variety of bus services as well as East Bay Bus Rapid Transit “Tempo” line along an approximately 18-mile arterial corridor connecting the cities of Oakland and San Leandro. Amtrak rail service has stations in Fremont, Hayward, Oakland, and Berkeley on the Capital Corridor line that extends north and south along I-880 and that connects Sacramento to San Jose.

Transit use is higher in parts of the region where the greatest investment in transit service has been made. Almost all major employment centers in Alameda County are served by some form of public transit. However, having regional access to jobs by means of public transit does not necessarily translate into stable employment. Some residents with unique needs, such as households with children, have unique travel patterns that may prevent them from obtaining work far from home due to childcare needs, access to schools, and other considerations.

Alameda County received an average AllTransit performance score of 7.1 which equates to a very high combination of trips per week and number of jobs accessible by transit.<sup>19</sup>

#### Local Trends

The City of San Leandro is widely accessible through local transit connections. According to AllTransit, 13.27 percent of workers in San Leandro take public transportation to work. The city has an AllTransit Performance Score of 7.7, higher than county as a whole. There are 11 total AC Transit routes available to San Leandro residents that offer local neighborhood service, early bird, all-nighter, and Transbay lines.

<sup>18</sup> HCD. 2021. [https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/affh/docs/affh\\_document\\_final\\_4-27-2021.pdf](https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/affh/docs/affh_document_final_4-27-2021.pdf)

<sup>19</sup> AllTransit.Org, 2021. <https://alltransit.cnt.org/>

Figure 5.27 illustrates transit access within a quarter-mile of transit stops for both bus routes and BART. Most of the city is within a quarter-mile access of a transit stop except for the Bay-O-Vista neighborhood on the eastern edge of the city. I-580 acts as a barrier to access to transit in this neighborhood. The San Leandro BART station located in Downtown San Leandro provides public transit lines connecting residents to other jurisdictions. The City is working with AC Transit on service improvements along East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, including the Tempo Line 1T line from uptown Oakland to the San Leandro BART station, which will increase transit access from Downtown. The Tempo Line 1T project was completed in June 2021 and delivered a range of infrastructure improvements to San Leandro including additional bike lanes and enhancements to existing infrastructure that improve mobility and safety for pedestrians and persons with disabilities.<sup>20</sup> The Amtrack Capital Corridor runs through San Leandro but does not have a transit stop in the city.

San Leandro, like most urban areas of the Bay Area, has neighborhoods with moderate to high walkability. Walk Score is a private company that offers a walkability index on its website, that measures the pedestrian friendliness of a given location by analyzing walking routes to nearby amenities and examining population density and road metrics, including block length and intersection density.<sup>21</sup> According to Walk Score, San Leandro has a walk score of 63 out of 100, which is categorized as “Somewhat Walkable.”<sup>22</sup> Downtown San Leandro has a Walk Score of 87, which is categorized as “Very Walkable.”

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) also has a walkability index, that ranks block groups according to their relative walkability.<sup>23</sup> The EPA walkability map, shown in Figure 5.28, shows that most of the city has a walkability score above that national average. The highest walkability scores are in Downtown toward the northern area of the city, and in the Washington Manor neighborhood in the southern area. Neighborhoods located in the southern areas of San Leandro had lower walkability scores compared to the rest of the city.

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<sup>20</sup> AC Transit, 2021. <https://www.actransit.org/tempo/project>

<sup>21</sup> Walk Score, 2021. <https://www.walkscore.com/methodology.shtml>

<sup>22</sup> Walk Score, 2021. [https://www.walkscore.com/CA/San\\_Leandro](https://www.walkscore.com/CA/San_Leandro)

<sup>23</sup> EPA, 2021. <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/national-walkability-index-user-guide-and-methodology>

Figure 5.27 Access to Transit Within a Quarter-Mile (San Leandro)

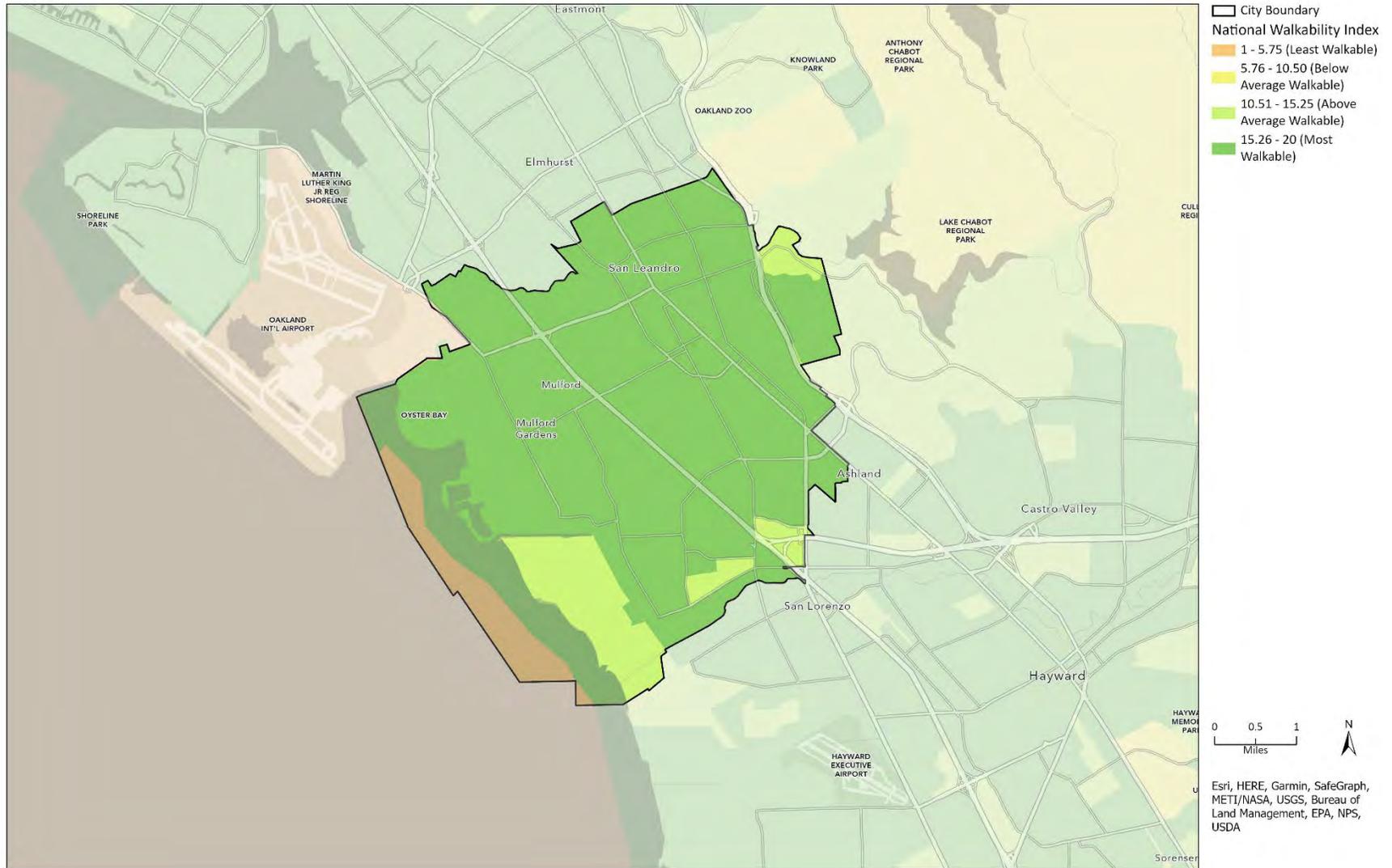


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Source: City of San Leandro and AC Transit, 2021

Figure 5.28 Walkability Index (San Leandro)



Source: National Walkability Index, 2021.

## 5.6.2 Access to Quality Education

Economics literature has consistently found about a 10 percent increase in wages/salary with each additional year of education.<sup>24</sup> Therefore, educational attainment is directly linked to housing opportunities. To assess educational opportunities by geography, this analysis uses TCAC education domain scores, which incorporate a variety of indicators including math and reading proficiency scores, high school graduation rates, and student poverty rates at the census tract level.

### Regional Trends

An overview of education outcomes across Alameda County is illustrated in Figure 5.29. Educational outcomes varied across Alameda County, as jurisdiction in the western portion of the county, including Oakland, San Leandro, and Hayward, generally had less positive education outcomes compared with the cities in the eastern portion of the county such as Dublin, Pleasanton, and parts of western Livermore. According to Kidsdata.org, a data compilation program of the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, Alameda County, high school graduation rates were highest among Asian-American students (95 percent) and non-Hispanic white students (91 percent). Comparatively, Black/African-American students (80 percent) and Hispanic/Latino students (81 percent) had lower graduation rates.

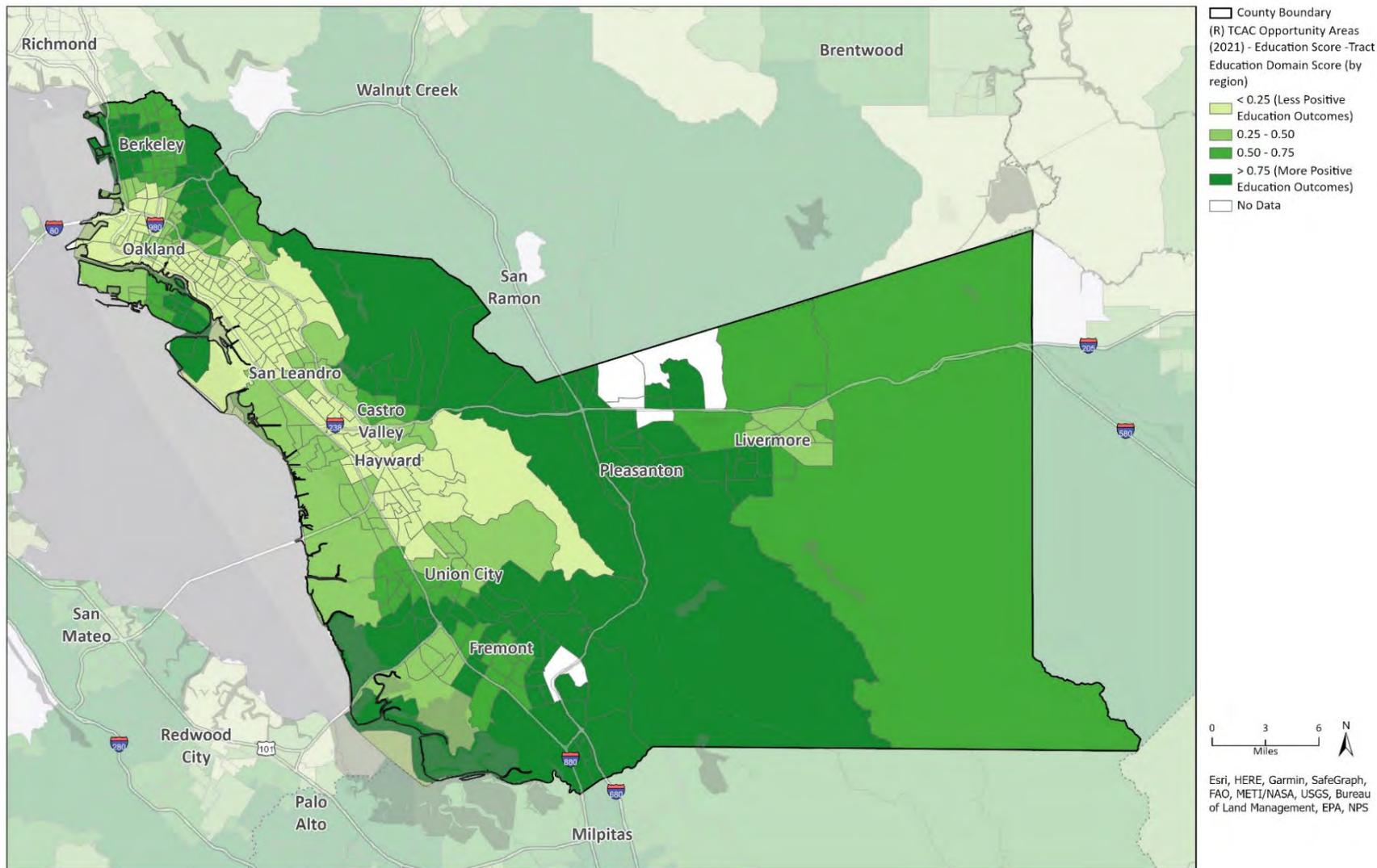
### Local Trends

San Leandro's youth are served by the San Leandro Unified School District (San Leandro USD) and San Lorenzo Unified School District (San Lorenzo USD). San Leandro USD provides students with programs that include transitional kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade elementary schools, two middle schools, one comprehensive high school, one alternative education high school, and one adult school.<sup>25</sup> San Lorenzo USD serves portions of San Leandro. San Lorenzo USD's Corvallis Elementary and Dayton Elementary are in the City of San Leandro, and Hillside Elementary serves a portion of eastern San Leandro. Figure 5.30 shows San Leandro's TCAC scores for education outcomes at the census tract level. As discussed, San Leandro has less positive education outcomes than other areas of the county, and no portion of the city has an outcome score considered to be good or excellent. The southeastern and northern portions of the city had the lowest degree of positive education outcomes. One area located east of the I-880 and north of Davis Street (census tracts 4325.02) had a high percentage of LMI populations in addition to low education scores.

<sup>24</sup> Annual Disability Statistics Compendium, 2020. <https://disabilitycompendium.org/annualreport>

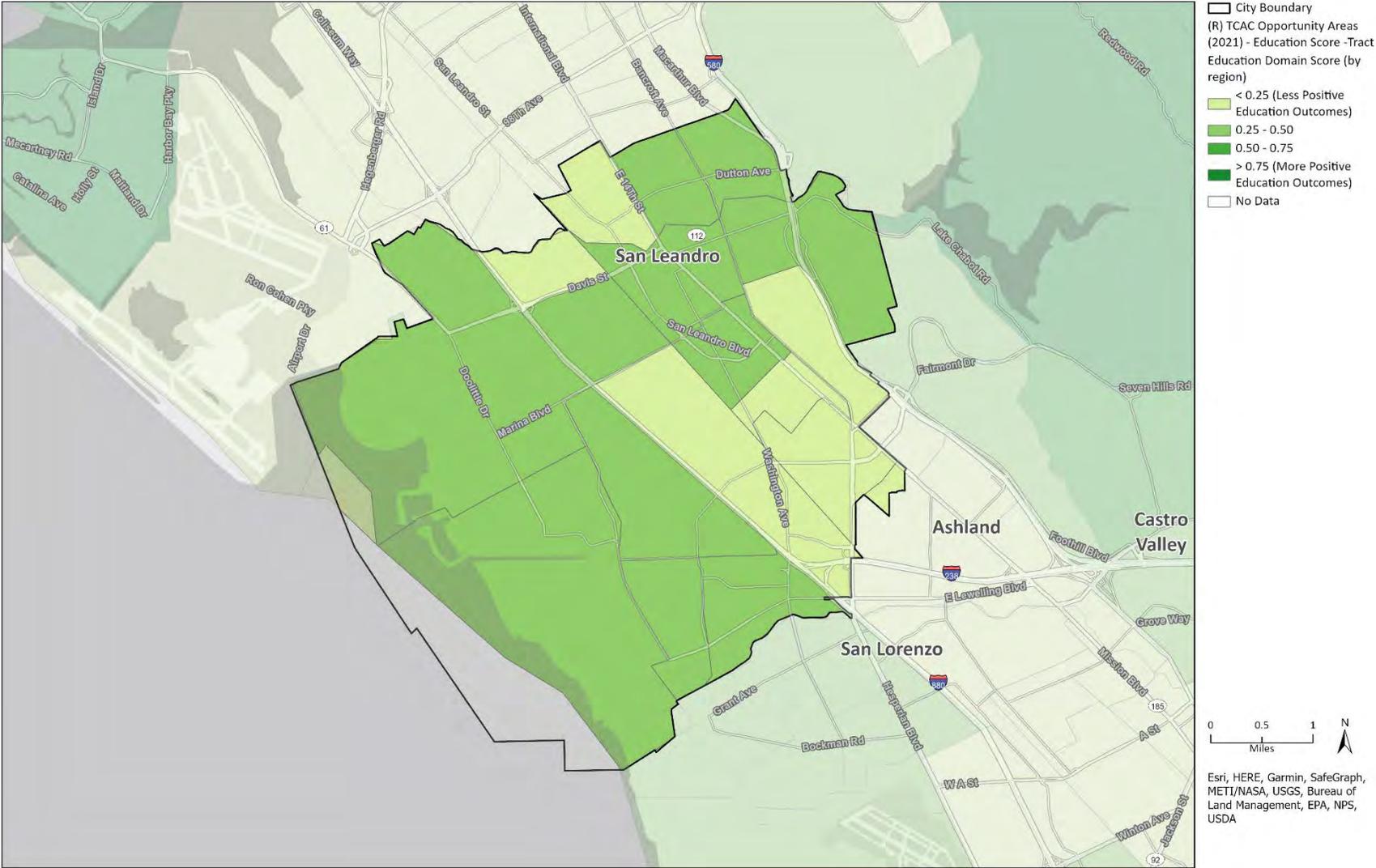
<sup>25</sup> San Leandro Unified School District <https://www.slusd.us/slusd/>

Figure 5.29 TCAC Opportunity Areas – Education Outcomes (Alameda County)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

Figure 5.30 TCAC Opportunity Areas - Education Outcomes (San Leandro)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

### 5.6.3 Economic Outcomes

Housing opportunities are directly related to economic opportunities. Access to high quality employment close to desired and affordable housing results in more housing opportunities and shorter commute times. The analysis for economic opportunities uses TCAC economic indicators, employment participation data from the ACS, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Equity Priority Communities (EPC), and the HUD Jobs Proximity Index.

TCAC economic opportunities are measured by census tract. They consider poverty, adult education, employment, job proximity, and median home values. A higher economic index score reflects more positive economic outcomes. The MTC EPC identifies concentrations of underserved populations in order to direct funding for housing and transportation equity.<sup>26</sup> The HUD Jobs Proximity Index assesses the accessibility to job opportunities at the census block group level.

### Regional Trends

Economic outcomes vary across Alameda County as shown in Figure 5.31. Areas with more positive economic outcome scores were identified in the northern, central, and southern portions of the county and near Berkeley, Dublin, Pleasanton, and Fremont, with some smaller areas around the cities of Alameda and Livermore. Conversely, the cities of Oakland, Hayward, and San Leandro had large concentrations of less positive economic outcomes.

According to ACS estimates, Alameda County had a labor force participation rate of 64 percent of person 16 years and over, which is approximately 2 percent lower than the labor force participation rate for the county in 2014. Table 5.11 shows employment status by disability status estimates for Alameda County for ACS 2010-2014 and 2015-2019. Overall, the percent of employed residents age 16 and older grew by nearly 5 percent. The portion of residents employed with a disability remained the same (3 percent), but the portion of unemployed residents with a disability increased from 7 to 9 percent.

**Table 5.11 Employment Status by Disability Status (Alameda County)**

Disability Status	Employed 2010-2014	Unemployed 2010-2014	Employed 2015-2019	Unemployed 2015-2019
No Disability	692,695 (97%)	69,499 (93%)	787,286 (97%)	35,569 (91%)
With a Disability	23,385 (3%)	5,570 (7%)	27,804 (3%)	3,665 (9%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>716,080 (90.5%)</b>	<b>75,069 (9.5%)</b>	<b>815,090 (95.4%)</b>	<b>39,234 (4.6%)</b>

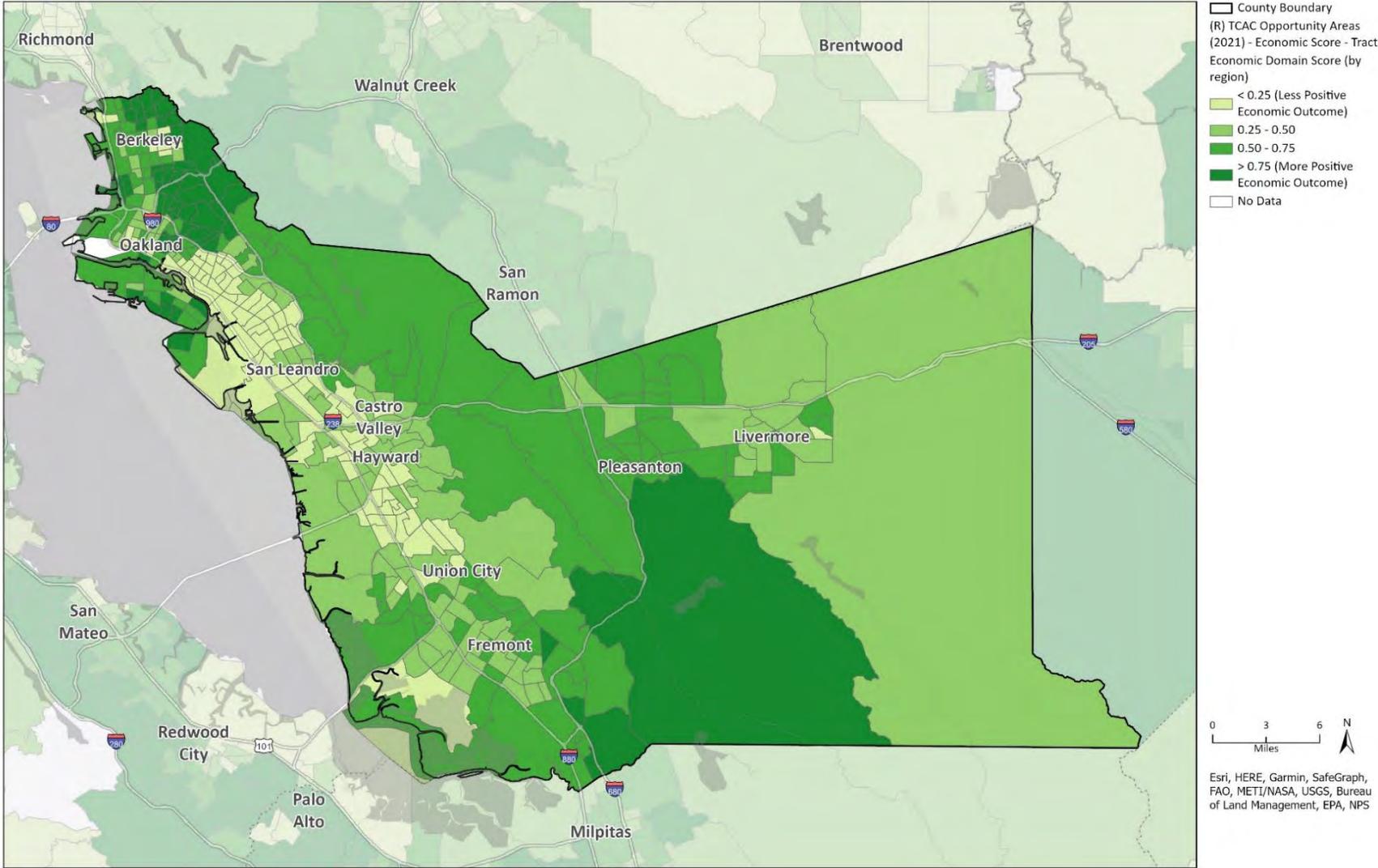
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey (ACS), Table C18120 Employment Status by Disability Status, 2010-2014, 2015-2019 Estimates.

### Local Trends

The TCAC opportunity maps help to identify patterns of negative and positive economic, educational and environmental outcomes across the state. Census tracts are ranked from low (negative outcomes) to highest resource (positive outcomes) based on TCAC's Opportunity Maps analysis. TCAC economic outcome scores vary across neighborhoods in San Leandro, as shown in Figure 5.32.

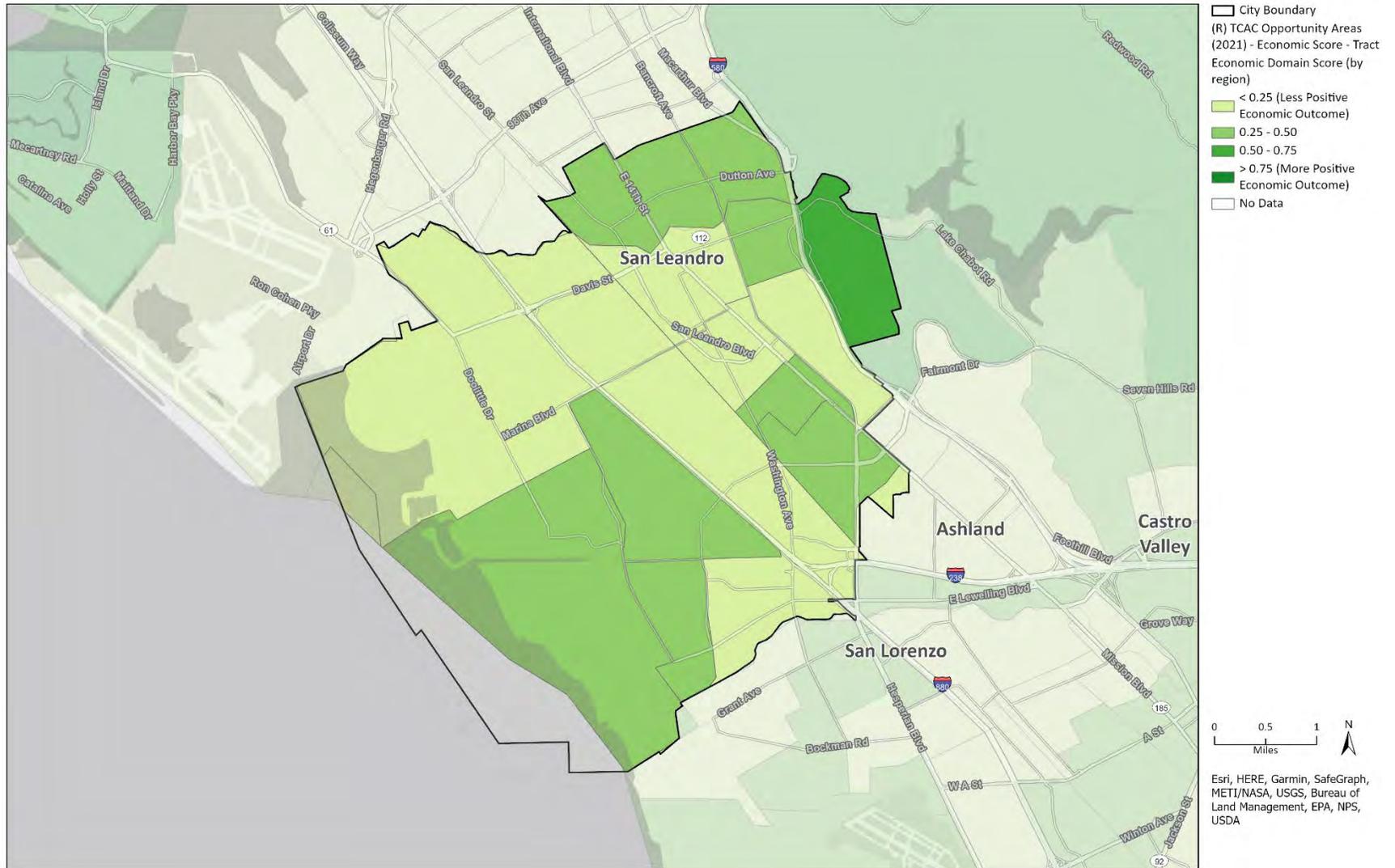
<sup>26</sup> MTC, 2021. <https://mtc.ca.gov/planning/transportation/access-equity-mobility/equity-priority-communities>

Figure 5.31 TCAC Opportunity Areas - Economic (Alameda County)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021.

Figure 5.32 TCAC Opportunity Areas – Economic (San Leandro)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

Generally, lower economic outcomes were in the northern part of the city near the Davis West, Eastshore, and Downtown neighborhoods, and in the southern areas of the city around the Floresta Gardens and Halcyon Foothill neighborhoods. Areas of more positive economic outcomes were in the northeastern and southwestern portions of San Leandro and in the Bay-o-Vista neighborhood. Generally, areas with lower economic outcome scores were in neighborhoods with a majority Hispanic/Latino or Asian-American population, whereas areas with higher economic outcomes such as the Bay-o-Vista neighborhood had a predominately non-Hispanic white population.

Employment status by disability status estimates is provided in Table 5.12. The labor participation rate of residents age 16 and older grew by 5 percent, the same increase as the county. Although the portion of residents with a disability increased among the unemployed in the county, this increase did not occur in San Leandro.

**Table 5.12 Employment Status by Disability Status (San Leandro)**

Disability Status	Employed 2010-2014 (percent of total employed)	Unemployed 2010-2014 (percent of total unemployed)	Employed 2015-2019 (percent of total employed)	Unemployed 2015-2019 (percent of total unemployed)
No Disability	40,271 (97%)	4,024 (93%)	42,836 (96%)	2,285 (93%)
With a Disability	1,168 (3%)	301 (7%)	1,848 (4%)	175 (7%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,439</b> <b>(90.5%)</b>	<b>4,325</b> <b>(9.5%)</b>	<b>44,684</b> <b>(95.0%)</b>	<b>2,460</b> <b>(0.5%)</b>

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey (ACS), Table C18120 Employment Status by Disability Status, 2010-2014, 2015-2019 Estimates.

San Leandro had a large concentration of EPCs in the central area of the city. According to MTC, the EPCs shown in Figure 5.33 have historically faced economic disadvantage and underinvestment.<sup>27</sup> In San Leandro, households in EPC-designated areas overlapped with communities that were predominately Asian American or Hispanic/Latino. To identify EPCs, census tracts were evaluated to determine if they contain concentrations of the following demographic factors:<sup>28</sup>

- Non-white population
- Low income households (less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level)
- Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- Zero-vehicle households
- Seniors age 75 and over
- Single-parent families
- Severely rent-burdened households

According to TCAC, census tracts with a designation of High Resource would indicate that the census tract has strong educational and economic opportunities, meaning opportunity for current and future residents. San Leandro does not have any High Resource census tracts. A large concentration of neighborhoods in the central area of San Leandro were categorized as low resource, while

<sup>27</sup> MTC, 2021. <https://mtc.ca.gov/planning/transportation/access-equity-mobility/equity-priority-communities>

<sup>28</sup> Bay Area Metro, 2021. <https://bayareametro.github.io/Spatial-Analysis-Mapping-Projects/Project-Documentation/Equity-Priority-Communities/#methodology>

neighborhoods in the southwest and northwest areas of the city were categorized as moderate resource. Approximately 74 percent of San Leandro residents lived in areas of low resource or high segregation and poverty and 26 percent residents lived in moderate resource areas, as shown in Table 5.13. The greatest fluctuations were from Non-white residents, who lived in moderate resource areas at a higher degree compared to other racial/ethnic groups; Hispanic/Latino residents lived in moderate resource areas at a lower degree compared to other racial/ethnic groups.

Access to employment opportunities has a significant impact on the type and size of housing a household can afford. HUD's Jobs Proximity Index utilizes origin-destination employment statistics to examine the distance from a given neighborhood to all job locations in the San Francisco Bay Area and assess the accessibility to job opportunities at the census block group level. Because the size of employment centers and the supply of labor differ across the San Francisco Bay Area, the distance from any single job location is positively weighted by the size of employment (job opportunities) at that location and inversely weighted by the labor supply (competition) to that location.<sup>29</sup>

Accessibility to employment opportunities differs across San Leandro, as shown in Figure 5.34. Neighborhoods with the highest access to employment opportunity are concentrated in the northwestern area of the city, which is predominantly zoned for industrial land uses and near the Oakland International Airport. Generally, accessibility to jobs decreases relative to the distance from that area, with the lowest scores in the southern and eastern areas of the city. Neighborhoods with the lowest job proximity scores had a greater share of single-family residential land and fewer industrial uses compared to areas with greater access to employment. Although it may appear counter-intuitive, neighborhoods with highest proximity to jobs, such as the northwestern area of the city, had the lowest TCAC economic outcome scores and higher rates of LMI populations compared to other areas of the city with lower proximity to jobs. Despite being in close proximity to employment, residents in the northwestern area of San Leandro may not benefit from high proximity to job centers, as this area has low TCAC economic outcome scores and a high share of LMI populations.

#### 5.6.4 Healthy and Safe Housing Environment

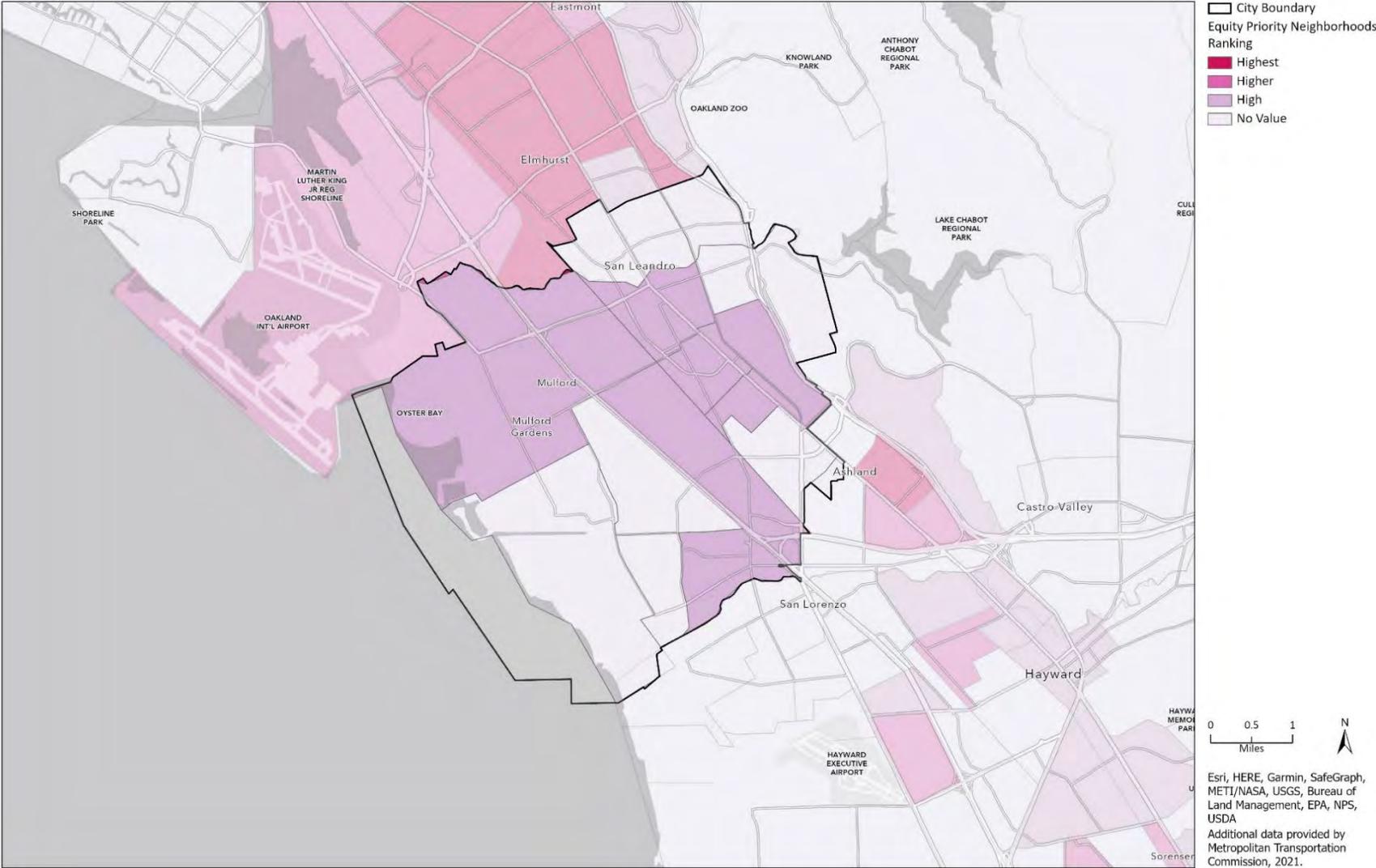
Healthy Environment in AFFH addresses disparities in access to environmentally healthy neighborhoods by protected class groups. An assessment of environmentally healthy neighborhoods can include air and water quality, safety, environmental hazards, social services, and cultural institutions. Recent California laws—Assembly Bill (AB) 1550, Senate Bill (SB) 535 and SB 1000 emphasize the importance of environmental justice as a fair housing issue. Environmental Justice, according to HUD, means ensuring that people have equal access to safe and healthy housing. HUD requires all entitlement jurisdictions to conduct reviews under the National Environmental Protection Act to determine if a proposed project creates adverse impacts due to environmental conditions. It furthers the requirement that human health deserves equal protection for all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income. Under Executive Order 12898, Federally assisted projects may also target funding to communities that have disproportionately high and adverse human health impacts on minority and low-income populations due to environmental conditions.<sup>30</sup> The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment developed CalEnviroScreen, a mapping tool that uses spatial data collected by various regulatory agencies (e.g., air quality indicators from Bay Area Air Quality Management District, water quality indicators from East Bay Municipal Utilities District, monitored chemical releases into the air or water table from

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<sup>29</sup>HUD, 2020. <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/FHEO/documents/AFFH-T-Data-Documentation-AFFHT0006-July-2020.pdf>

<sup>30</sup> HUD, 2021. <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-justice/>

Figure 5.33 Equity Priority Communities (San Leandro)



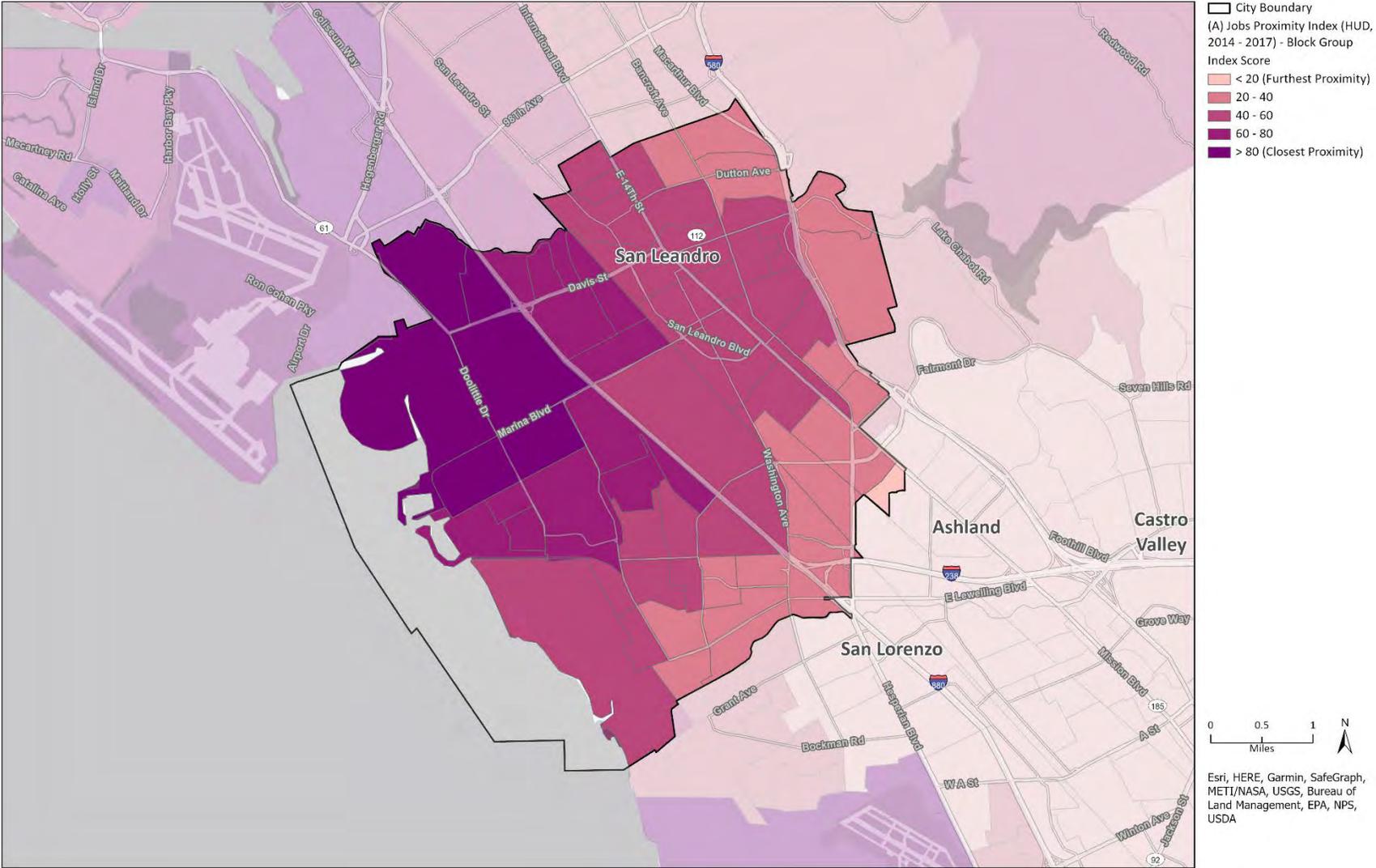
Source: MTC Equity Priority Communities Project, 2021

**Table 5.13 Population Living in Low, Moderate, or High Resource Area by Race (San Leandro)**

<b>Resource Category</b>	<b>American Indian or Alaskan Native</b>	<b>Asian American/API</b>	<b>Black/African-American</b>	<b>Non-Hispanic White</b>	<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	<b>Other Race or Multiple Race</b>	<b>Total</b>
Low Resource or High Segregation and Poverty Area (Percent of race/ethnic group)	286 (72%)	23,483 (74%)	6,604 (73%)	13,451 (65%)	19,877 (82%)	2,462 (70%)	66,163 (74%)
Moderate Resource Area (Percent of race/ethnic group)	109 (28%)	8,333 (26%)	2,501 (27%)	7,267 (35%)	4,527 (18%)	1,046 (30%)	23,783 (26%)
High/Highest Resource Area	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Totals (Percent of total population)</b>	<b>395 (&lt;1%)</b>	<b>31,816 (35%)</b>	<b>9,105 (10%)</b>	<b>20,718 (23%)</b>	<b>24,404 (27%)</b>	<b>3,508 (4%)</b>	<b>89,946 (100%)</b>

Source: California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC)/California Housing and Community Development (HCD), Opportunity Maps (2020); U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B03002

Figure 5.34 Job Proximity Index



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

Environmental Protection Agency, HUD socio-economic indicators, etc.). The dataset uses a methodology to identify communities disproportionately burdened by exposures to pollution, environmental effects of existing pollutants in communities, among other indicators of sensitive populations or socioeconomic factors. Residents in census tracts with high CalEnviroScreen scores as compared to other California census tracts (shown as percentiles) are disproportionately burdened by pollution and are more vulnerable to related effects.

## Regional Trends

The CalEnviroScreen map for Alameda County identifies the degree to which communities are considered burdened by pollution. Figure 5.35 shows that generally, the more industrialized, western portions of the county have less positive environmental outcomes, most notably near the Oakland International Airport northwest of San Leandro and the corridor along I-880 south of downtown Oakland.

## Local Trends

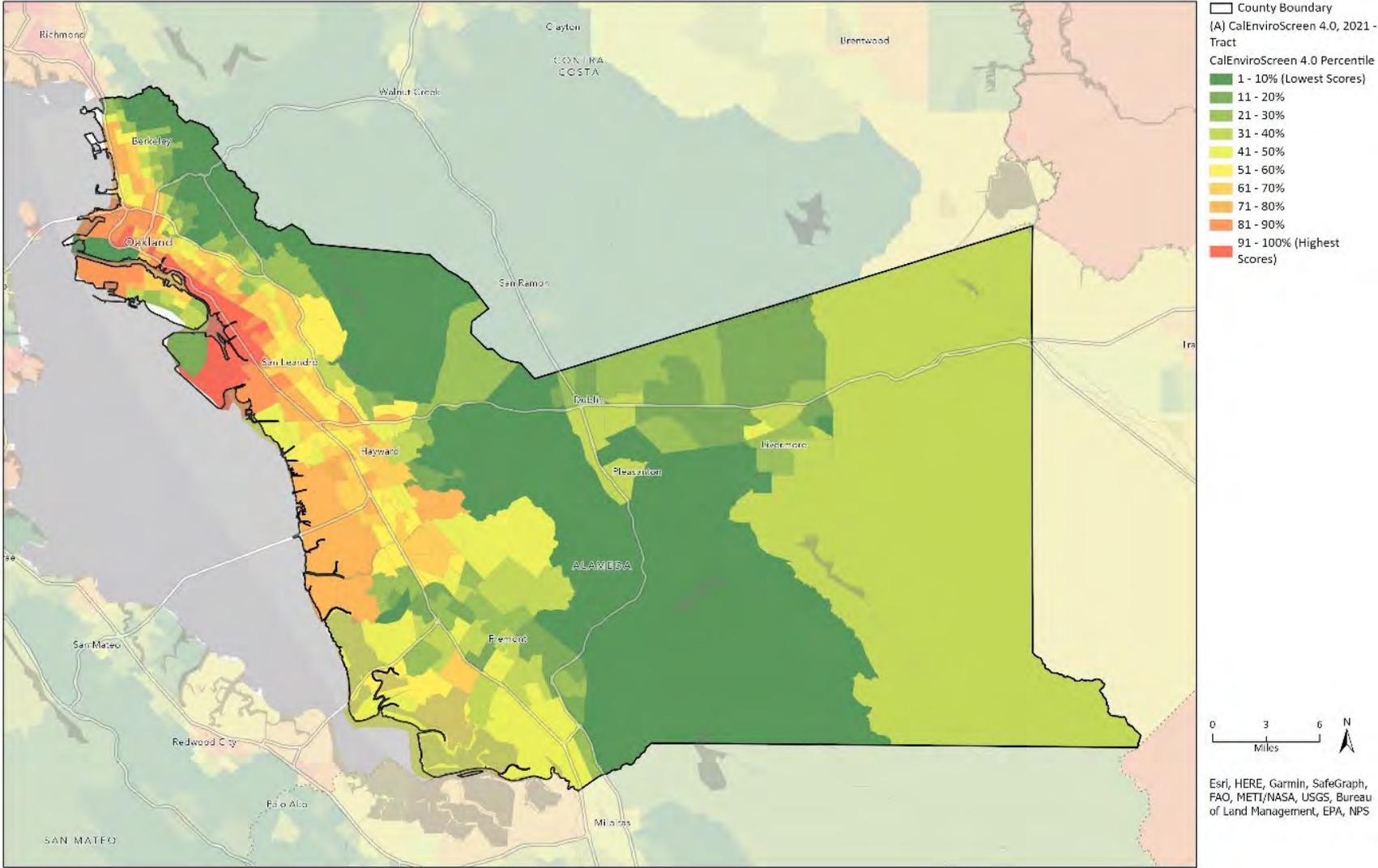
As shown in Figure 5.36, pollution burden varies across San Leandro communities. The northern portion of the city, including Downtown, Estudillo Estates and Bay-O-Vista neighborhoods, has more positive environmental outcomes than areas south and west of Downtown, which are closer to the I-880 freeway, the airport, and industrial areas. Areas close to the I-880 freeway and the airport such as the Eastshore, Davis West and Mulford Gardens Neighborhoods had a high pollution burden for diesel particulate matter, ozone, and traffic. Areas with the worst environmental outcomes were areas that had a predominant Hispanic/Latino or Asian-American population, as shown in Figure 5.36.

According to TCAC, environmental outcome scores vary across the city. Figure 5.37 shows that higher environmental health scores are concentrated in the western part of the city. Areas of lower environmental scores in the northwest of the city have majority non-Hispanic white population; lower environmental scores in the southern area of San Leandro are predominately Asian-American neighborhoods. Conversely, the northwestern area of the city has second to worst percentile i.e.: “less positive” environmental outcome scores, according to CalEnviroScreen 4.0 consolidated findings (Figure 5.36).

## 5.7 Disproportionate Housing Needs

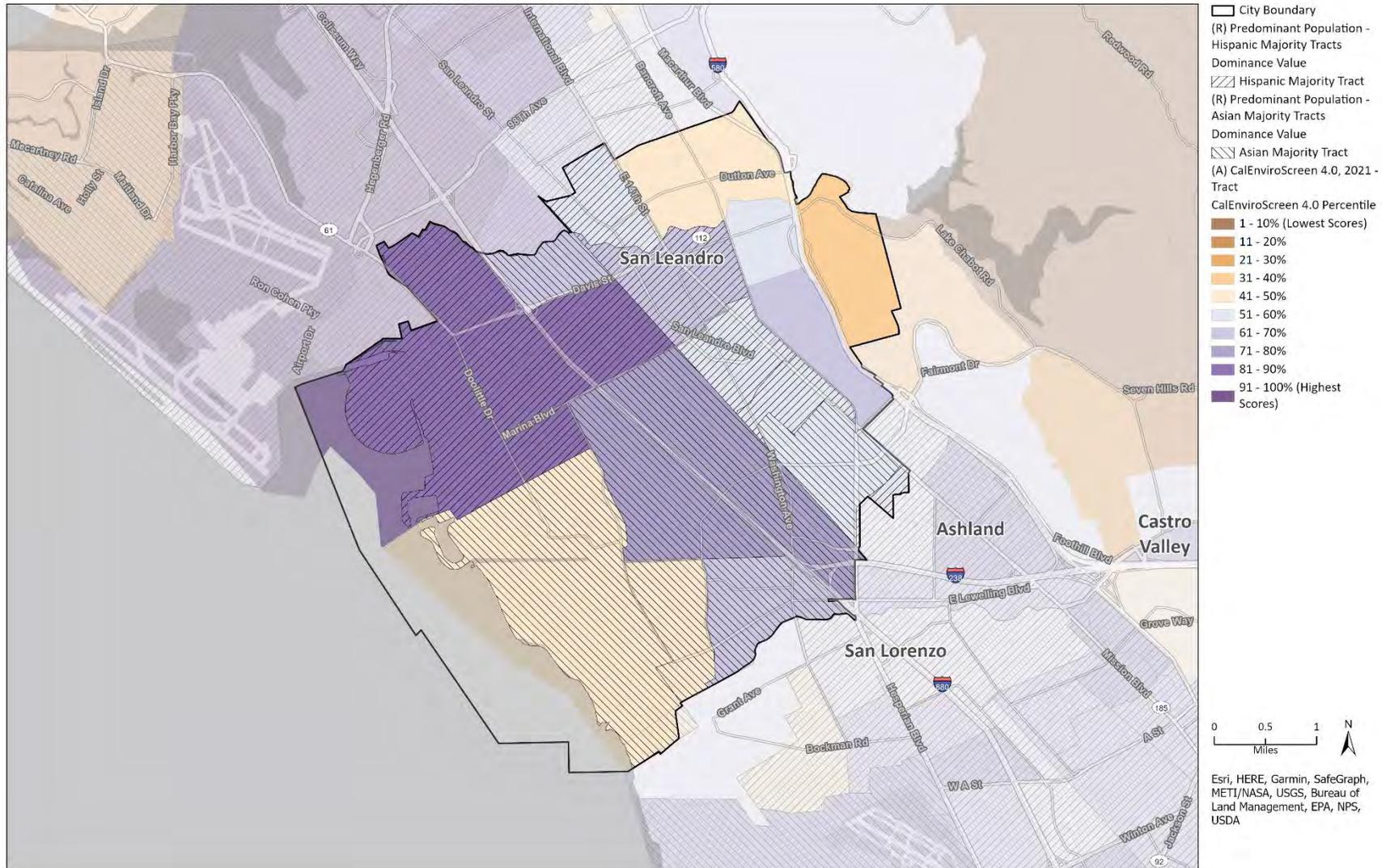
Disproportionate housing needs refers to a condition in which there are significant disparities in the proportion of members of a protected class experiencing a category of housing need, or the total population experiencing that category of housing need in the applicable geographic area. To analyze the extent of disproportionate housing needs in San Leandro, this section reviews data on housing cost burden and severe housing cost burden, overcrowding, homelessness, and substandard housing conditions. Information for this section relies on the HUD CHAS data.

Figure 5.35 CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Percentile Scores (Alameda County)



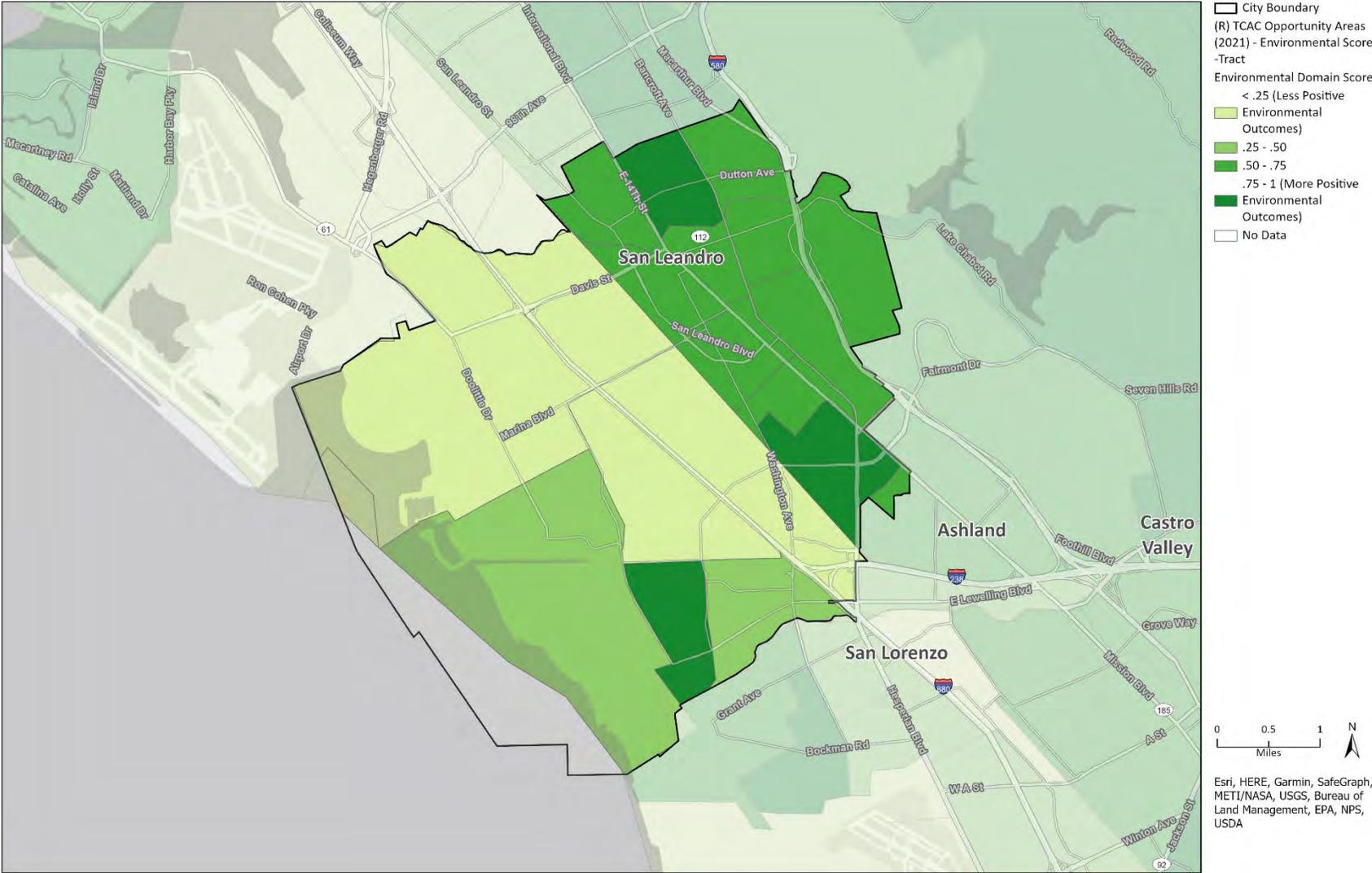
Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

Figure 5.36 CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Percentile Scores and Predominant Racial/Ethnic Populations (San Leandro)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

Figure 5.37 TCAC Opportunity Areas – Environment (San Leandro)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

### 5.7.1 Housing Cost Burden

Housing cost burden is defined as the proportion of a household's total gross income spent on housing costs. Households that spend at least 30 percent of their total gross income on housing costs (rent, mortgage, utilities, and other housing-related costs) are considered "cost burdened," and households spending over 50 percent on housing costs are considered "severely cost burdened." The higher the housing cost burden, the more likely residents are to live in overcrowded and substandard conditions and are less likely to afford to relocate. Low-income households and persons in protected classes disproportionately experience severe housing problems.

#### Regional Trends

Figure 5.38 shows areas of Alameda County where renter households experienced housing cost burden (spending more than 30 percent of household income on housing costs). As shown, paying more than 30 percent of gross income on rent is widespread across most of Alameda County, especially in the western portion of the county closest to the I-880 corridor and in the southern portion of the county south of Pleasanton. Similarly, housing cost burden among homeowners was most prevalent across the western area of the county, especially within the City of Oakland, San Leandro, Hayward, and Union City. An overview of homeowner housing cost burden is provided in Figure 5.39.

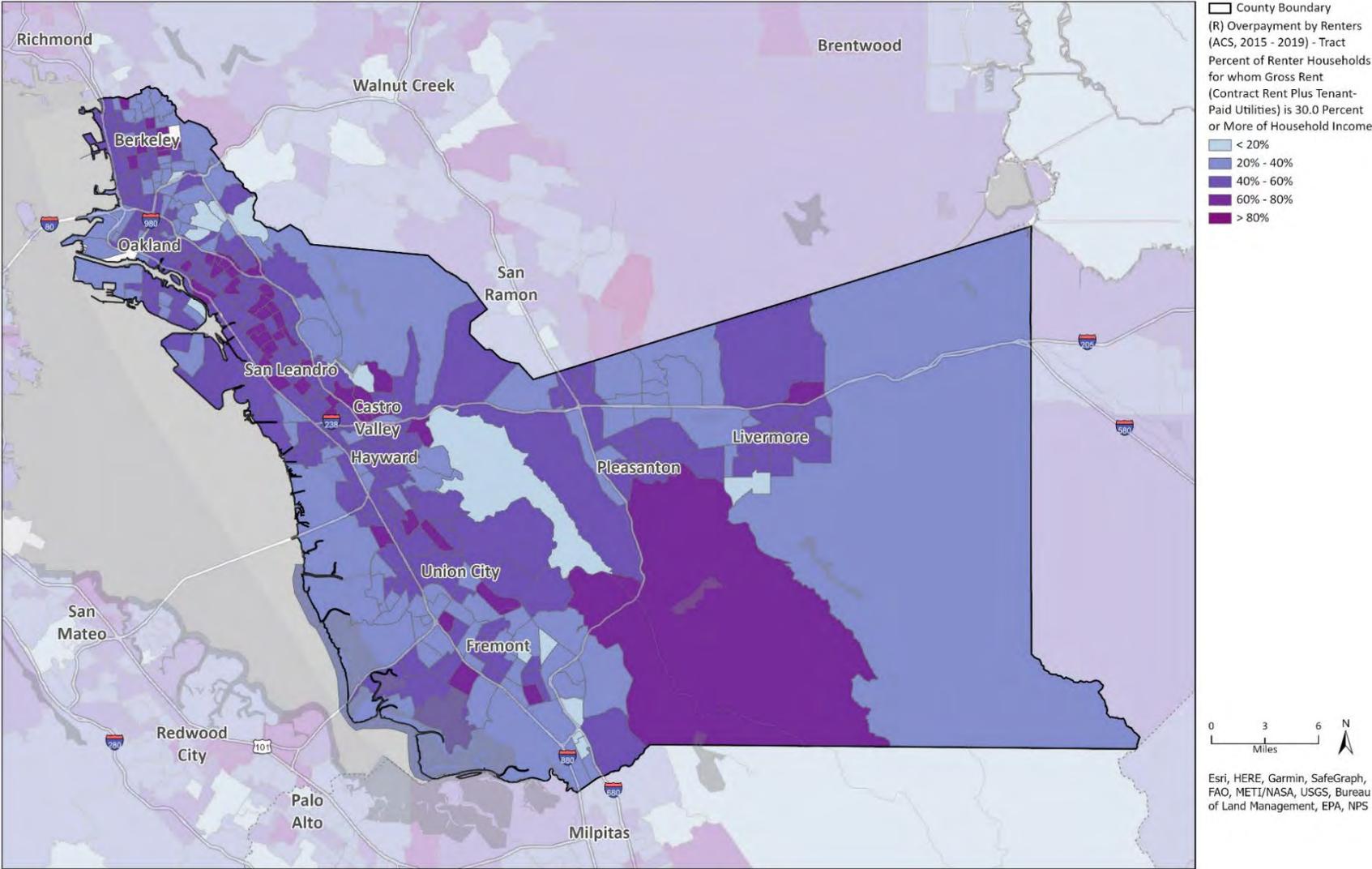
#### Local Trends

The following analysis describes geographic housing cost burden disparities by households that rent and those that own their homes. Housing cost burden among renters varied across San Leandro. As shown in Figure 5.40, most of the city had between 40 and 60 percent of renters experiencing housing cost burden, according to 2015-2019 ACS estimates. There were between 60 and 80 percent of renters in four areas of the city (Census tracts 4325.01, 4331.04, 4327.00, and a small portion of 4338—a census tract that is split with the other portion in unincorporated Alameda County) who experienced housing cost burden, reflecting the highest rate of housing cost burden in San Leandro. These areas are mainly west, south, and east of Downtown.

An overview of housing cost burden for owner-occupied households is provided in Figure 5.41. In contrast to renters, all Census tracts in the city contain 20-60 percent of owner-occupied households as being cost burdened, and no census tracts contain more than 60 percent of owner-occupied households as being cost burdened. Housing cost burden among owner-occupied households was more prevalent throughout the western and northern areas of San Leandro, according to 2015-2019 ACS estimates. Between 40 and 60 percent of owner-occupied households in neighborhoods including Downtown, Davis West, Mulford Gardens, Marina Faire, and Washington Manor experienced housing cost burden compared to less than 20 percent of households in the central and eastern areas of the city. Generally, areas with higher rates of overpayment by homeowners were identified as areas with majority Hispanic/Latino in the northern area, and majority Asian-American in the southern area of the city.

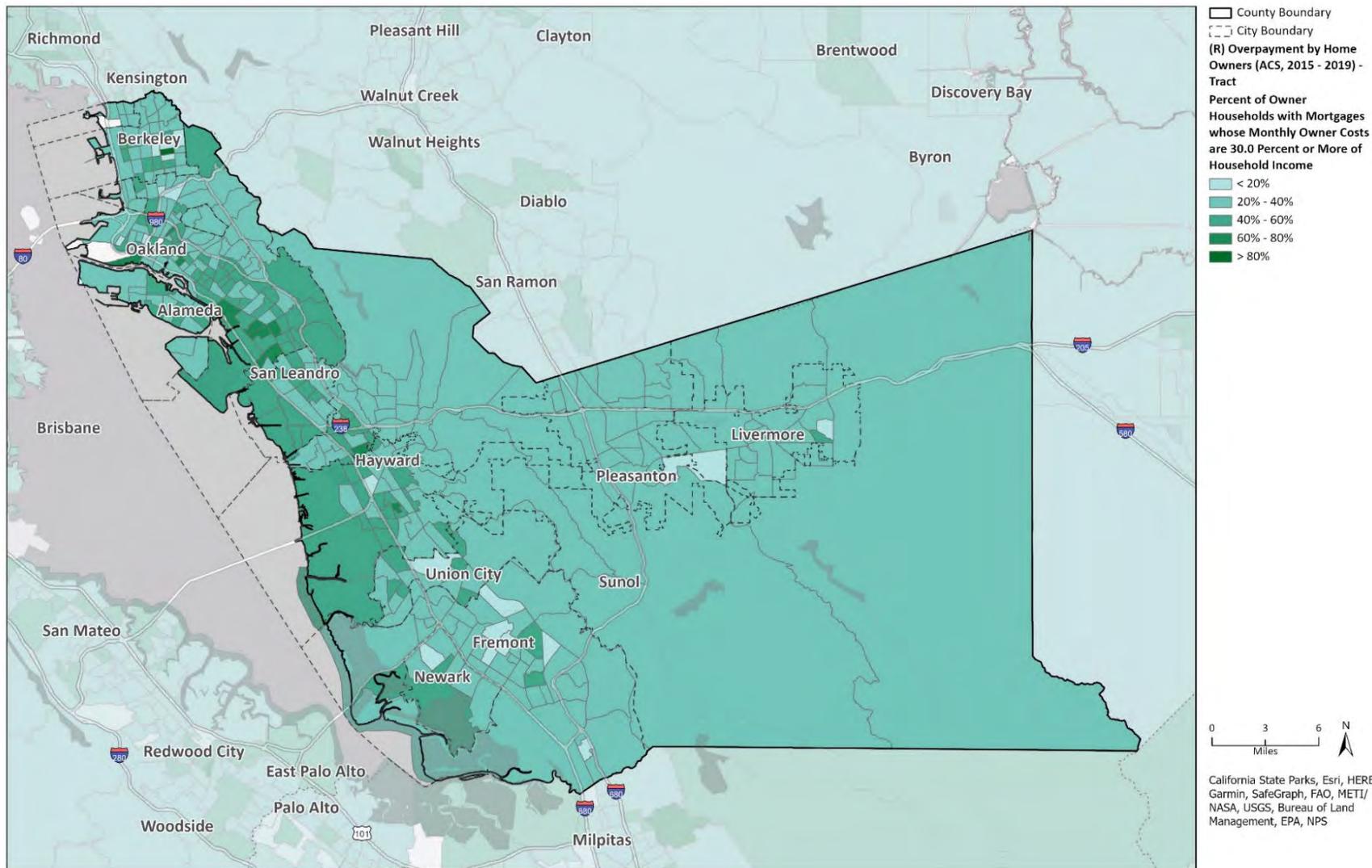
In Figure 5.42 two of the three neighborhoods with the highest rates of overpayment by renters had a majority Hispanic/Latino Population; one neighborhood had a majority non-Hispanic white population. Neighborhoods that had the highest rates of overpayment by renters in the northern area of San Leandro were predominately single-family residential (Eastshore and Estudillo Estates), compared to the central area of the city (such as Downtown), which is mostly multi-family residential. The lowest rate of overpayment by renters was in the Washington Manor neighborhood in the southern area of the city, which is predominantly single-family residential.

Figure 5.38 Overpayment by Renters (Alameda County)



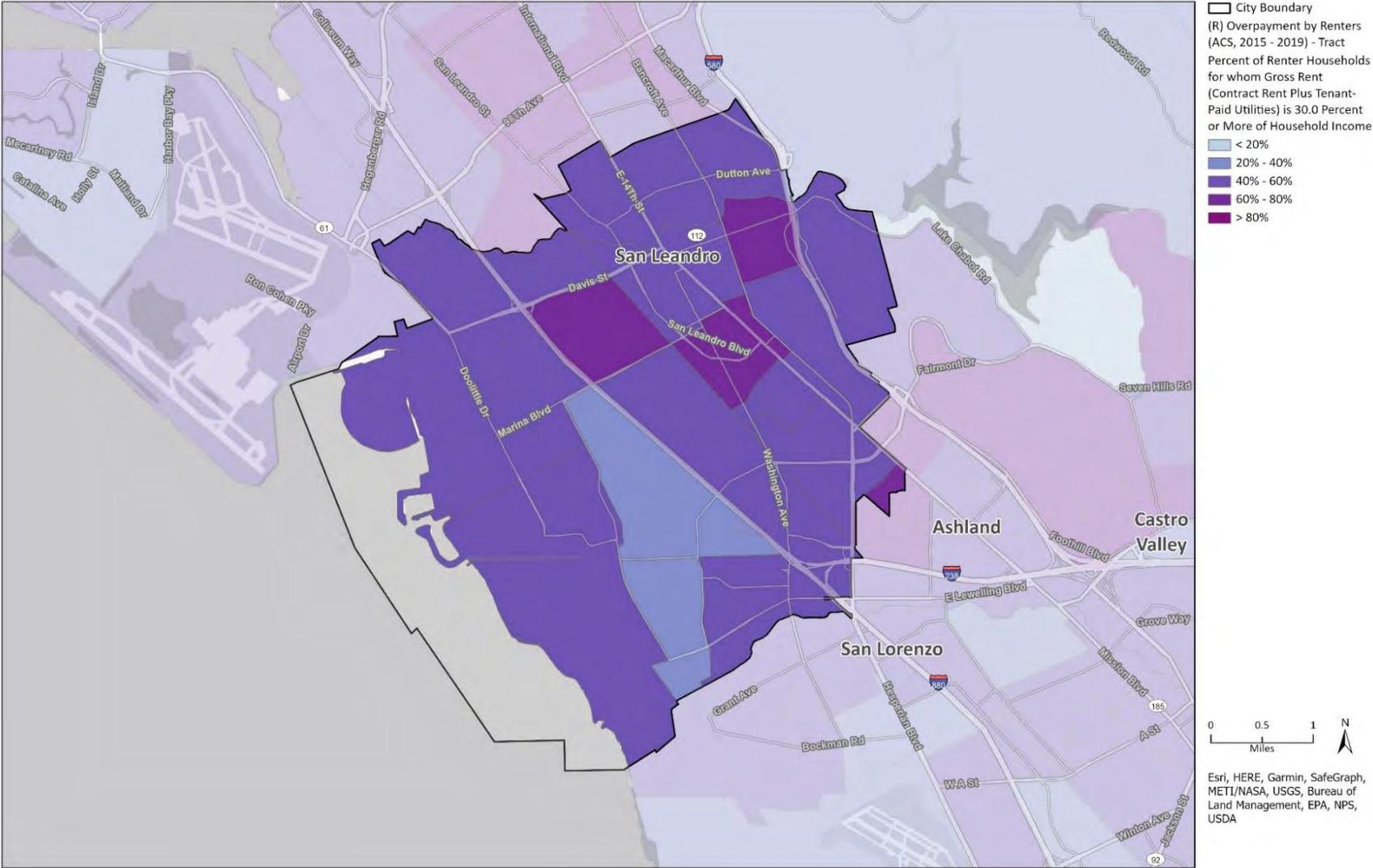
Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

Figure 5.39 Overpayment by Homeowners (Alameda County)



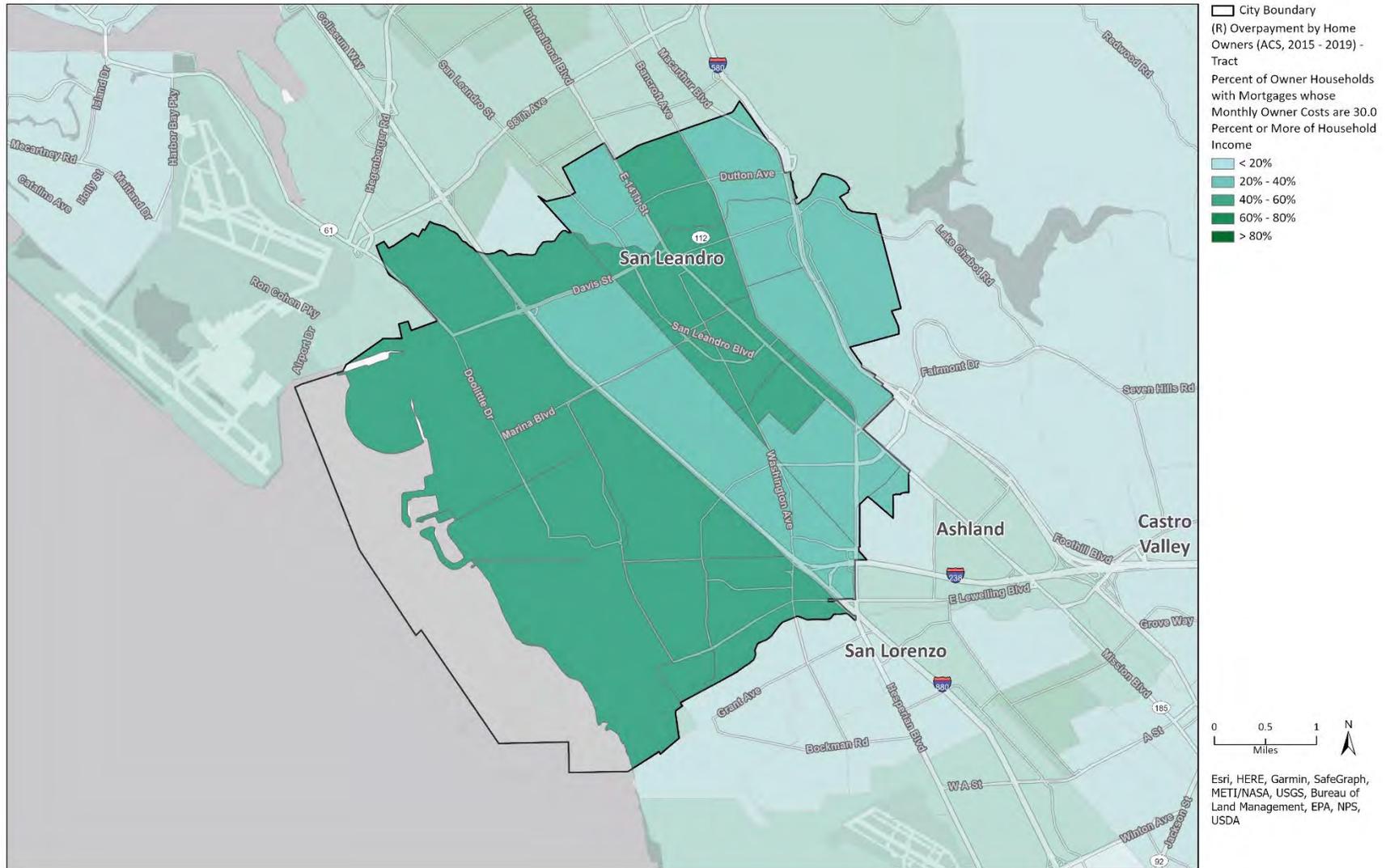
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Figure 5.40 Overpayment by Renters (San Leandro)



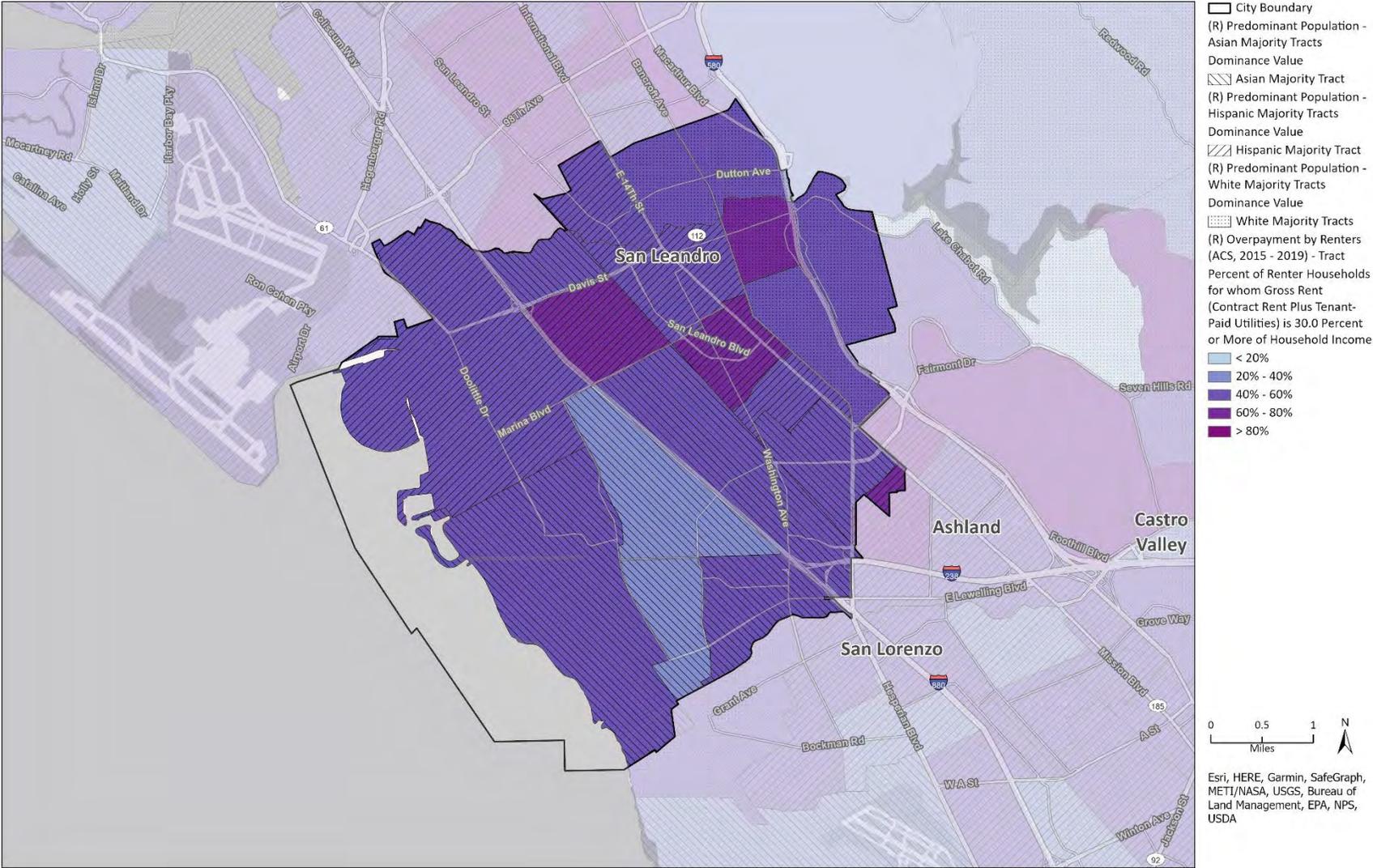
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Figure 5.41 Overpayment by Homeowners (San Leandro)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

Figure 5.42 Overpayment by Renters and Predominant Racial/Ethnic Populations (San Leandro)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

## 5.7.2 Overcrowding

Overcrowding is defined as housing units with more than one person per room (including dining and living rooms but excluding bathrooms and kitchen) while severe overcrowding refers to more than 1.5 persons per room. Overcrowding is a measure to understand the needs of large families where there are five or more persons per household. Generally, large households have special housing needs due to lower per capita income and the need for housing with three or more bedrooms.

Some large households may not be able to accommodate high-cost burdens for housing and accept housing with too few rooms. Potential fair housing issues emerge if non-traditional households are discouraged or denied housing due to a perception of overcrowding. Household overcrowding reflects various living situations, including housing units that are inadequately sized to meet a household's needs; the necessity or desire to have extended family members reside in an existing household; or unrelated individuals or families that share a single housing unit.

Not only is overcrowding a potential fair housing concern, but it can also potentially strain electrical systems in older housing that has not been updated or contribute to a perceived shortage of parking. As a result, some property owners/managers may be more hesitant to rent to large households, thus making access to adequately sized housing even more difficult. According to local fair housing service providers and property managers, addressing the issue of large households is complex as there are no set of guidelines for determining the maximum capacity for a unit. Fair housing issues may arise from policies aimed to limit overcrowding that have a disparate impact on specific racial or ethnic groups with different preferences for housing size and/or ability to pay according to the household size standards identified.

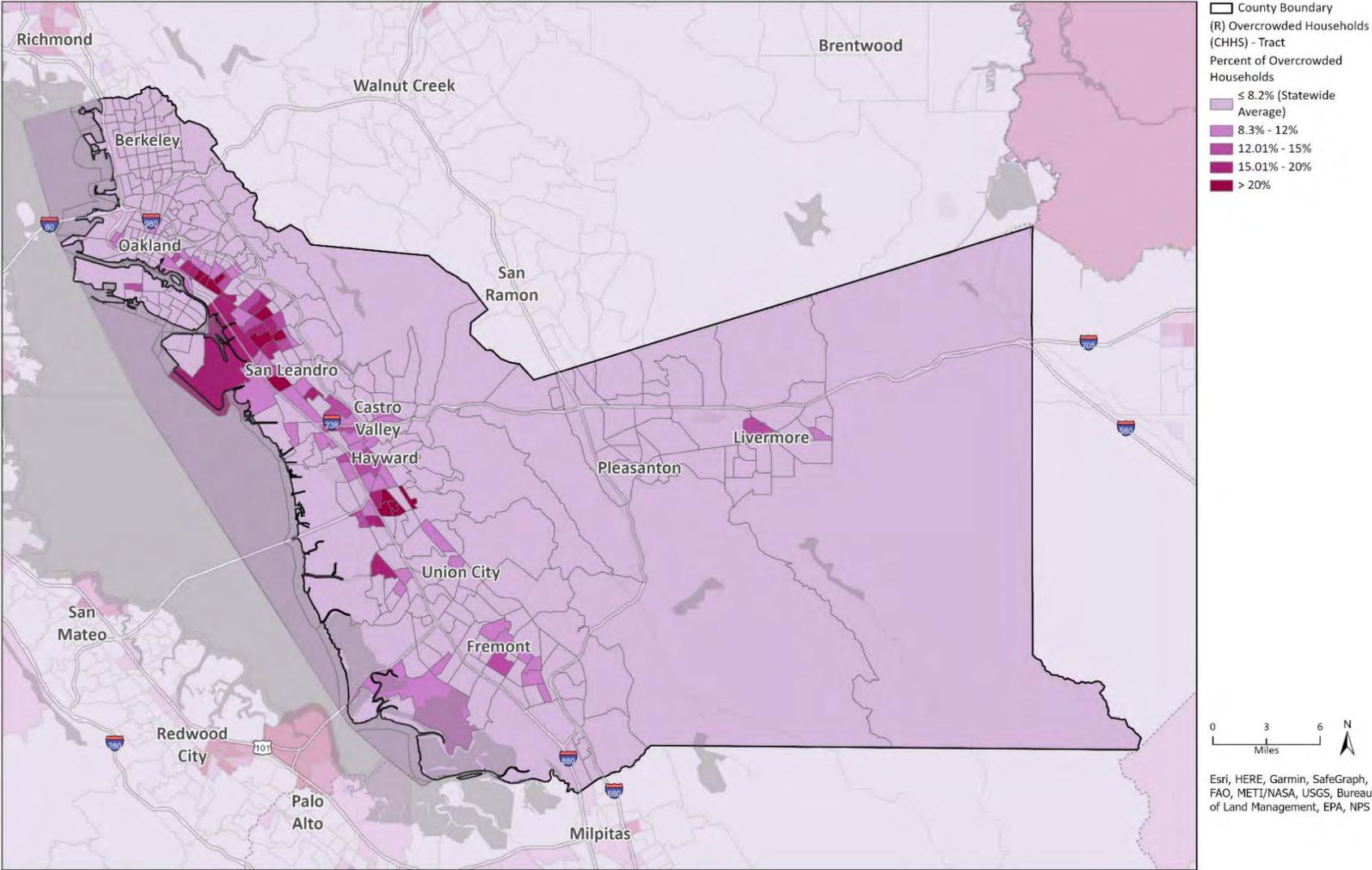
### Regional Trends

Alameda County had 62,587 large households, approximately 11 percent of total households. Owner-occupied households comprised a larger share of the total number of large households in the county. Overcrowding remains low overall in the county, but there is a disproportionate impact of overcrowding in households primarily occupied by non-white racial/ethnic groups. According to ACS 2015-2019 estimates, two percent of non-Hispanic white households were overcrowded (more than one occupant per room), compared to Hispanic/Latino (20 percent), Asian (10 percent) and Black/African American (5 percent) households. According to the California Department of Health and Human Services data shown in Figure 5.43, overcrowded housing is most prominent in the western region of Alameda County, mainly in urban centers such as the City of Oakland, San Leandro, Hayward, and portions of Fremont and Livermore.

### Local Trends

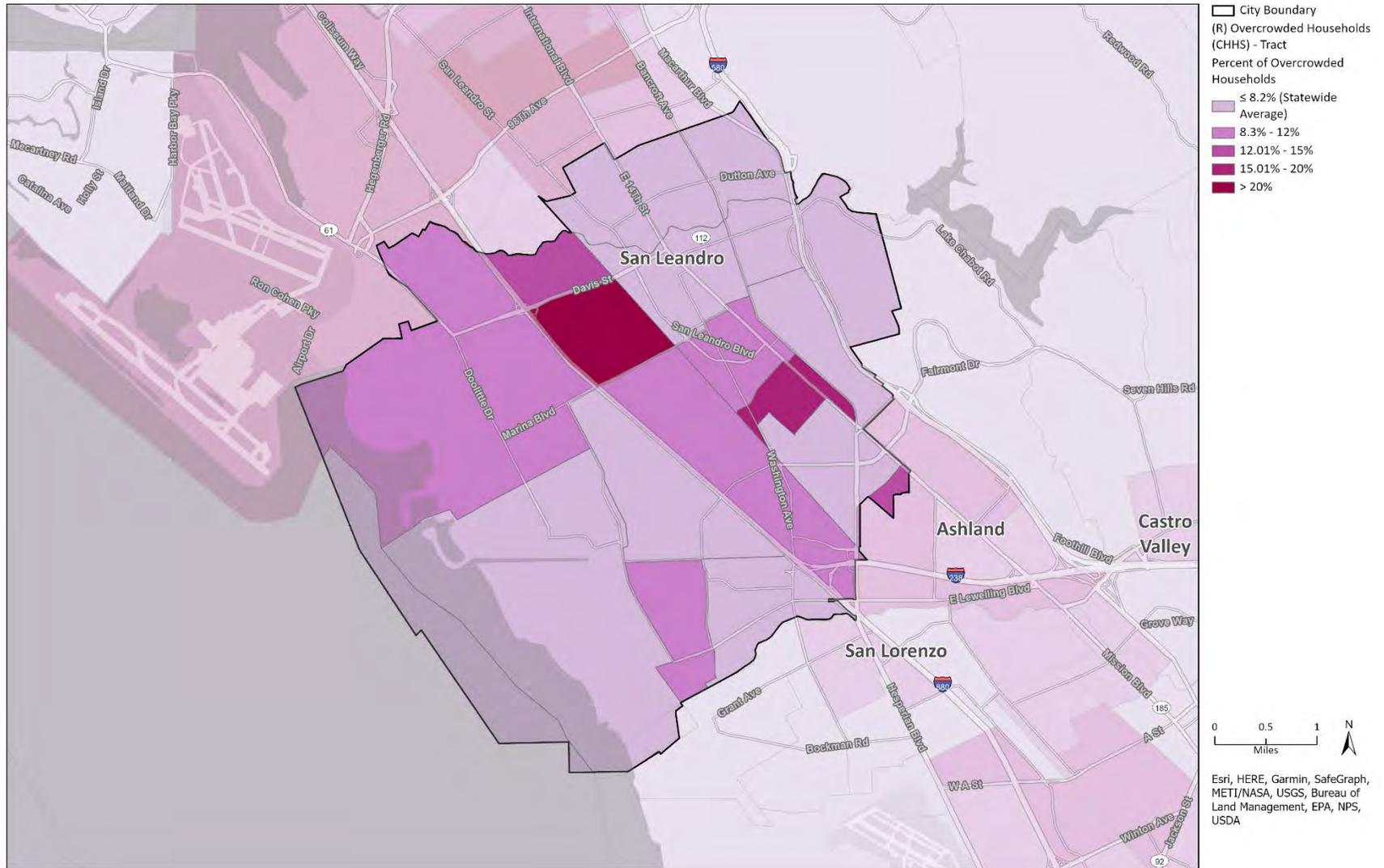
As discussed in Chapter 2, *Housing Needs Assessment*, San Leandro had 4,002 large households, approximately 13 percent of the total households. Owner occupied large households comprised of 59 percent of the total number of San Leandro households. Additionally, 8.1 percent of households in San Leandro are overcrowded, slightly higher than 7.8 percent for the county as a whole. San Leandro had an average of 2.85 persons per household in 2020, a slight increase from 2010, when the city had an average of 2.81 persons per household. As shown in Figure 5.44, neighborhoods with a higher degree of overcrowded households were identified in neighborhoods west of Downtown, in the northern area of the city. The census tract with the highest percent of overcrowded households was census tract 4325.01, in which approximately 22 percent of households were overcrowded. This area, which includes the Eastshore neighborhood, is primarily

Figure 5.43 Overcrowded Households (Alameda County)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

Figure 5.44 Overcrowded Households (San Leandro)

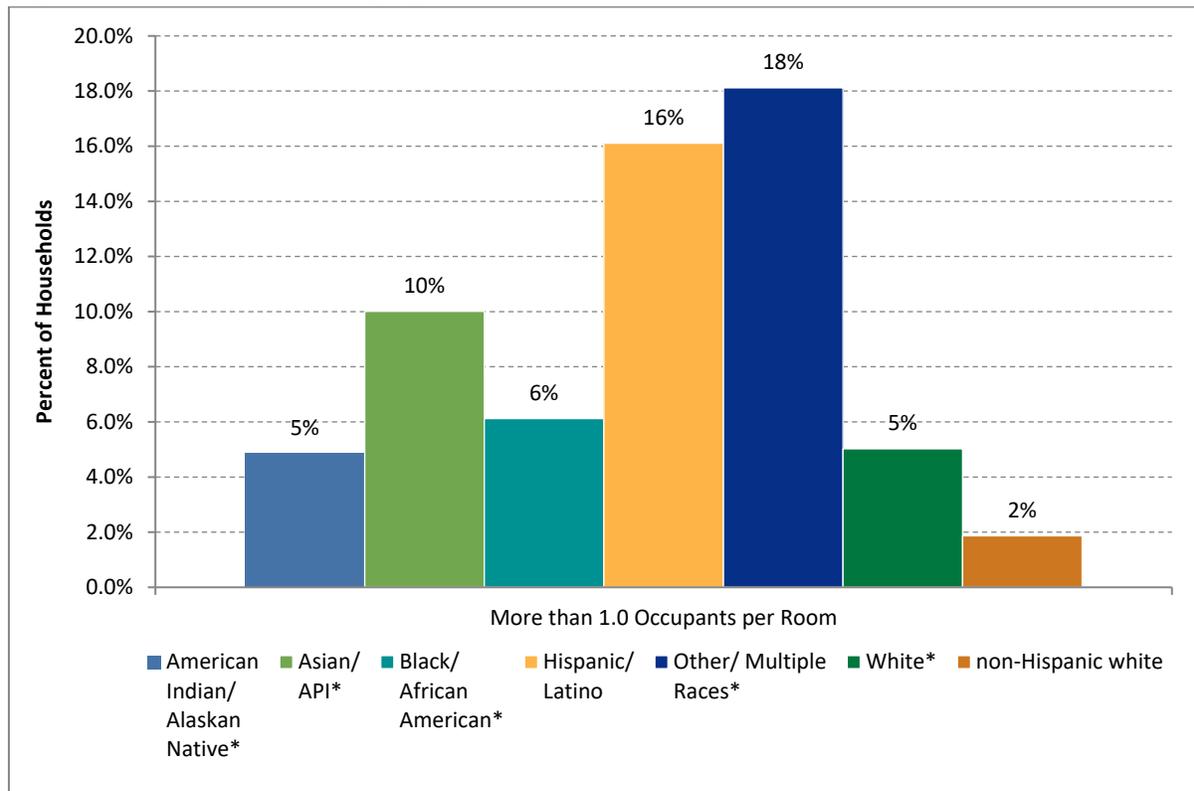


Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

single-family residential in the west but has a range of residential types including multi-family residential and mixed use to the east. The predominant population in this census tract is Hispanic/Latino.

According to the 2015-2019 ACS estimates shown in Figure 5.45, overcrowding was a more common housing issue for residents of San Leandro who identified as Asian American/Asian Pacific Islander (API), Hispanic/Latino, and those of other race or multiple races than for people who identified as white, Black/African American, or American Indian/Alaska Native. Overcrowding is also linked with household income. According to the 2013-2017 CHAS data for San Leandro, 7 percent of very low-income households and 9 percent of low-income households (those earning 30-50 percent and 51-80 percent AMI, respectively) lived in overcrowded conditions.

**Figure 5.45 Overcrowding by Race in San Leandro**



Notes: The Census Bureau does not disaggregate racial groups by Hispanic/Latino ethnicity. However, data for the white racial group is also reported for white householders who are not Hispanic/Latino. Since residents who identify as white and Hispanic/Latino may have very different experiences within the housing market and the economy from those who identify as white and non-Hispanic/Latino, data for multiple white sub-groups are reported here. The racial/ethnic groups reported in this table are not all mutually exclusive. Therefore, the data should not be summed as the sum exceeds the total number of occupied housing units for this jurisdiction. However, all groups labelled “Hispanic and Non-Hispanic” are mutually exclusive, and the sum of the data for these groups is equivalent to the total number of occupied housing units.

\*Hispanic and non-Hispanic

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B25014

### 5.7.3 Housing Problems

HUD considers housing units to be “standard units” if they are in compliance with local building codes. Many federal and State programs use the age of housing as a factor to determine a community’s housing rehabilitation needs. Housing age can be an important indicator of housing condition in a community. Like any other tangible asset, housing is subject to gradual physical or

technological deterioration over time. If not properly and regularly maintained, housing can deteriorate and discourage reinvestment, depress neighboring property values, and eventually impact the quality of life in a neighborhood. Typically, housing over 30 years old is more likely to have rehabilitation needs that may include replacing plumbing, roof repairs, foundation work, and other repairs. Housing units built before 1978 may have health risks such as lead-based paint and asbestos. Housing issues prompted by disrepair such as mold may elevate health conditions such as asthma.

## Regional Trends

According to the AI, housing problems are defined as units having incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than one person per room, and households with a cost burden greater than 30 percent. Severe housing problems are defined as all of the above and with a cost burden greater than 50 percent.<sup>31</sup> Approximately 44 percent of total households in Alameda County experienced housing problems, and another 25 percent of total households experienced severe housing problems. More than half of Black/African-American (56 percent) and Hispanic/Latino (59 percent) households experience housing problems compared to non-Hispanic white residents. Housing problems were significantly higher among larger households, as nearly 63 percent of large households experienced housing problems compared to 39 percent of households comprising of less than five persons.

A housing unit is considered substandard if it lacks complete plumbing or kitchen facilities. The County of Alameda had 7,450 substandard housing units which comprised approximately 3 percent of the total occupied units in the county, according to 2015-2019 ACS estimates. Of the 7,450 substandard units, approximately 34 percent lacked complete plumbing facilities and 66 percent lacked complete kitchen facilities.

Sixty-eight percent of Alameda County's housing stock is over 40 years old. These units are potentially in need of repair and modernization improvements. The northwestern area of Alameda County, generally from the community of San Lorenzo to the City of Albany, has the highest share of housing constructed prior to 1950, according to the Alameda County Health Department. Cases of lead poisoning are an indicator of older housing in poor conditions. A study conducted from 2007-2011 found that the area of the county with the most cases of lead poisoning among children was the western part of Oakland.<sup>32</sup>

## Local Trends

According to the AI, nearly 45 percent of total households in San Leandro experienced at least one housing problem.<sup>33</sup> Housing problems in San Leandro are slightly higher compared to Alameda County. According to the AI, Asian/Pacific Islanders, Black/African-American, and Hispanic/Latino households experienced the highest rate of housing problems at 45, 49 and 58 percent, respectively. In comparison, non-Hispanic white households experienced housing problems at a rate of 9 to 22 percentage points lower (36 percent). According to the 2015-2019 ACS, 3 percent (Table 2.27) of all occupied housing units in San Leandro units were considered substandard and over 74 (Figure 2.8) percent of the city's current housing stock is greater than 40 years old. Additionally, 66 percent of large households (five or more persons) in the city experienced housing problems compared to 40 percent of households of five persons or less, as referenced in the AI.

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<sup>31</sup> HUD, 2021. [https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/cp/CHAS/bg\\_chas.html](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/cp/CHAS/bg_chas.html)

<sup>32</sup> Alameda County Health Department. 2018. [https://www.acgov.org/cda/lead/documents/news/health\\_housinginoakland.pdf](https://www.acgov.org/cda/lead/documents/news/health_housinginoakland.pdf)

<sup>33</sup> Alameda County. 2020. [https://www.acgov.org/cda/hcd/documents/FinalAI\\_Combined\\_1-10-19.pdf](https://www.acgov.org/cda/hcd/documents/FinalAI_Combined_1-10-19.pdf)

## 5.7.4 Persons Experiencing Homelessness

### Regional Trends

The 2022 Alameda County EveryOne Counts! Point-in-Time (PIT) Count was the most recent evaluation of people experiencing homelessness in the county. According to the 2022 PIT count, there were 409 people experiencing homelessness in San Leandro (sheltered/unsheltered), a decrease of 9 people (2.2 percent) from 2019 (latest available comparable year). There were 312 individuals who were observed as being unsheltered in the city, a decrease of 32 people from 2019. Factors contributing to the rise in homelessness include a lack of housing affordable available for low- and moderate-income households, increase in the number of persons whose incomes fall below the poverty level, reductions in public subsidies, and lack of support for persons with extreme developmental, physical, and mental disabilities.

State law (Section 65583(a)(7)) requires municipalities to address the special needs of persons experiencing homelessness within their boundaries. “Homelessness,” as defined by HUD, describes the condition of an individual, who is not imprisoned or otherwise detained, who:

- Lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and
- Has a primary nighttime residence that is:
  - A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill);
  - An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or
  - A public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

EveryOne Home survey responses for Alameda County indicated that eviction/foreclosure/rent increase, job loss, and other money challenges were listed as three of the top five reasons individuals became homeless. Rent assistance was reported by nearly half of survey respondents when asked what might have prevented homelessness. Economic factors are also highlighted in employment status: 18 percent reported being employed and 36 percent reported they were looking for work.

### Local Trends

As discussed in Chapter 2, *Housing Needs Assessment*, the 2022 PIT count reported that 55 percent of sheltered individuals in San Leandro (54 people) were chronically homeless (individual has a disabling condition and has had four episodes of homelessness in the past three years or has been continuously homeless for one year or longer). More than one-third of sheltered individuals (36 percent) reported suffering from a mental health issue, 26 percent reported a substance abuse issue, and 12 percent were fleeing domestic and dating violence. Six percent were veterans and one percent had HIV/AIDS. Sheltered individuals were more likely to be male (56.7 percent) and most likely to be older than the age of 25 (74.2 percent). Approximately one in five sheltered individuals (22.7 percent) were young adults between the ages of 18 and 24, and 3.1 percent were younger than 18 years of age.

Black/African American residents had the largest overrepresentation in percent of sheltered individuals respective of city population share (37 percent of sheltered individuals versus 10 percent share of population). Asian Americans were the most underrepresented for sheltered individuals respective of city population share (3 percent of sheltered individuals versus 35 percent of population share). Other racial/ethnicity groups of sheltered individuals were closer to their respective city population shares.

The City's Human Services Department and its service providers meet bi-weekly to discuss case management and share updates on the known locations of San Leandro's unhoused population to facilitate outreach in areas of need, which include the following:

- Industrial areas;
- Commercial shopping centers, including Greenhouse Shopping Center near the I-880/State Route 238 interchange;
- Large vacant lots or underutilized properties in commercial or industrial areas;
- On or near UPRR/CalTrans/BART rights of way;
- Downtown;
- Community Centers and libraries (e.g., Marina Community Center and Main Library);
- Under bridges near Creeks (e.g., San Leandro Creek);
- Parks (e.g., Thrasher Park);
- Locations where homeless services are provided (e.g., laundry and shower services and food distribution locations); and
- San Leandro Shoreline and nearby industrial and commercial areas

To comprehensively address the needs of unhoused residents, Action 16.1 of Chapter 6, Housing Plan, directs the City to identify and pursue State, regional, and local funding to purchase a property for a Housing Navigation Center and shelter. The City will work with area service providers and Alameda County to open a facility available to people who are experiencing homelessness, or who are at risk of homelessness, by identifying immediate and long-term housing solutions, providing crisis management, accessing benefits that are important to housing stability, case management and housing navigation, and providing on-site access and referrals to medical, mental health, and substance use disorder services. The proposed shelter program will be low-barrier, using the housing first model and using trauma-informed care principles. The proposed service partners will offer primary medical care and wellness services and behavioral health clinicians that are experienced in crisis management, mental health, and substance use disorders.

More than one-quarter of unhoused individuals counted in the 2022 PIT count resided in their car or van (28 percent) and another 25 resided in an RV. Action 16.3 of the Housing Plan directs the City to identify at least one location for unhoused area residents who are living in their car and identify potential service partners and funding sources to manage an ongoing program, as needed. Services contemplated include restroom facilities and referrals to programs that assist with securing stable housing.

Actions 16.16 and 16.17 address Zoning Code Amendments that are being adopted concurrently with the Housing Element to comply with the provisions of AB 139 (2019-Quirk-Silva) and AB 2339 (2022-Bloom) by expanding the allowed locations of Emergency Shelters beyond the Limited Industrial (IL) District to include the General Industrial (IG) and Commercial Community (CC) Districts, subject to compliance with objective standards.

### 5.7.5 Displacement

Displacement, as defined by HCD, is used to describe any involuntary household move caused by landlord action or market changes. Shifts in neighborhood composition are often framed and perpetuated by established patterns of racial inequity and segregation. Movement of people, public policies, and investments, such as capital improvements and planned transit stops, and flows of private capital can lead to displacement. Displacement is fueled by a combination of rising housing costs, rising income inequality, stagnant wages, and insufficient market-rate housing production. Decades of disinvestment in low-income communities, coupled with investor speculation, can result in a rent gap or a disparity between current rental income of the land, and potentially achievable rental income if the property is converted to its most profitable use. These processes can disproportionately impact people of color, as well as lower income households, persons with disabilities, large households, and persons at-risk or experiencing homelessness.<sup>34</sup>

#### Regional Trends

As shown in Figure 5.46, residents in the western portion of Alameda County (Oakland, San Leandro, Hayward, Berkeley, and some parts of Fremont, Dublin, and Livermore) live in what are called “sensitive communities,” which means they are vulnerable to displacement.<sup>35</sup>

#### Local Trends

Most of San Leandro is considered vulnerable to displacement, as shown in Figure 5.47. Vulnerable areas in San Leandro were more likely to have a mix of single-family and multi-family zoning patterns, whereas areas identified as non-vulnerable were predominately single-family residential. Additionally, areas vulnerable to displacement had higher poverty rates, overcrowded households and were more likely to have predominant Hispanic/Latino or Asian American residents.

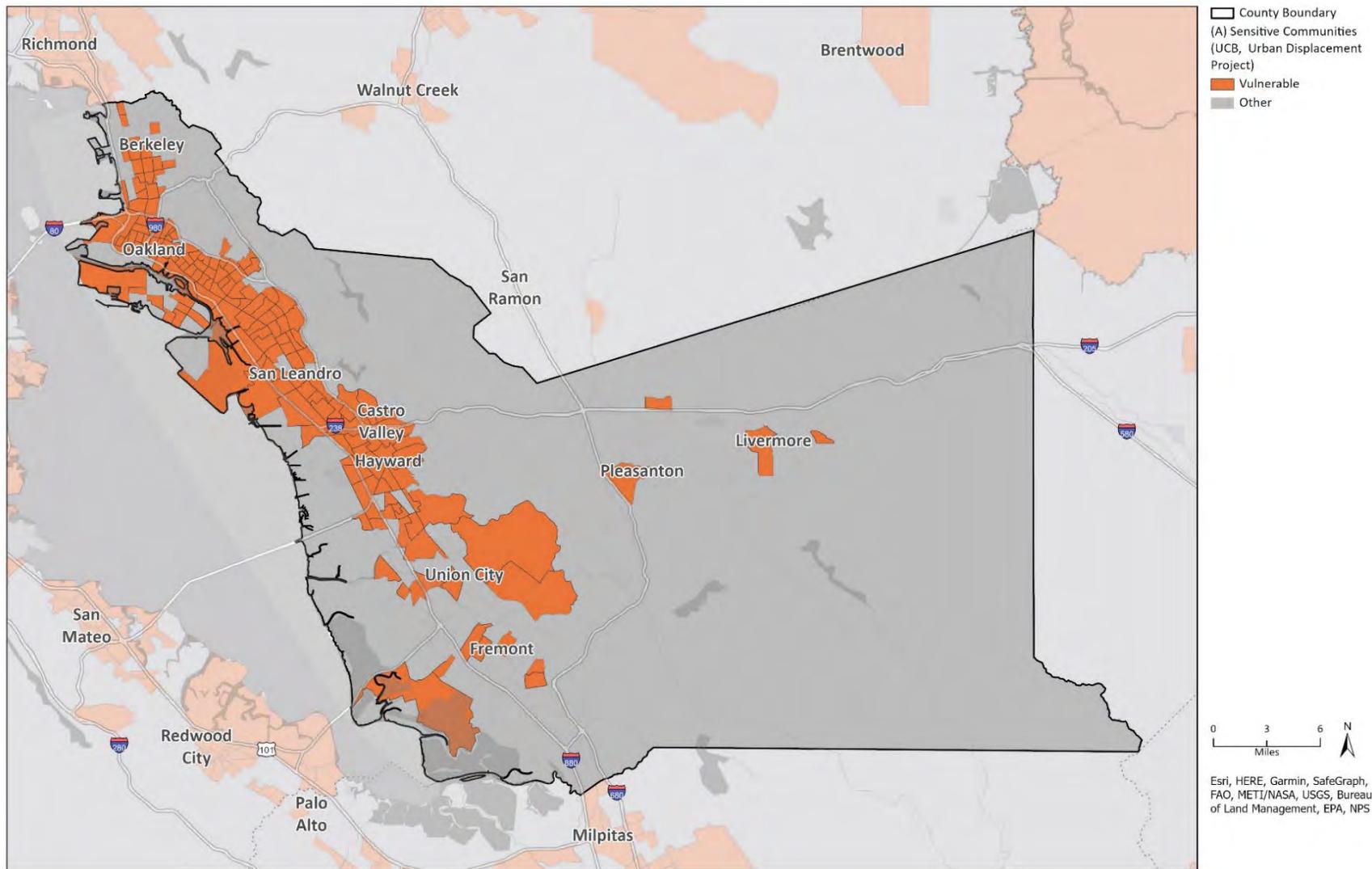
According to 2015-2019 ACS and UDP estimates shown in Figure 5.48, renter-occupied households in San Leandro were more likely to be at risk of, or experience, displacement and gentrification compared to owner-occupied households. Additionally, owner-occupied households were twice as likely as renter-occupied households to be stable moderate/mixed-income and located in exclusionary neighborhoods (high-income neighborhoods experiencing an increase in housing costs affordable only to high or mixed-high income households). UDP’s stable moderate/mixed-income category refers to census tracts that had moderate to high-income residents and were not at risk of becoming an exclusive neighborhood. Households living in areas categorized as at risk of becoming- or becoming exclusive represent areas that exhibited risk factors for future exclusion of lower-income neighborhoods.<sup>36</sup>

<sup>34</sup> HCD. 2021. [https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/affh/docs/affh\\_document\\_final\\_4-27-2021.pdf](https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/affh/docs/affh_document_final_4-27-2021.pdf)

<sup>35</sup> Urban Displacement Project, 2021. <https://www.urbandisplacement.org/maps/sf-bay-area-gentrification-and-displacement/>

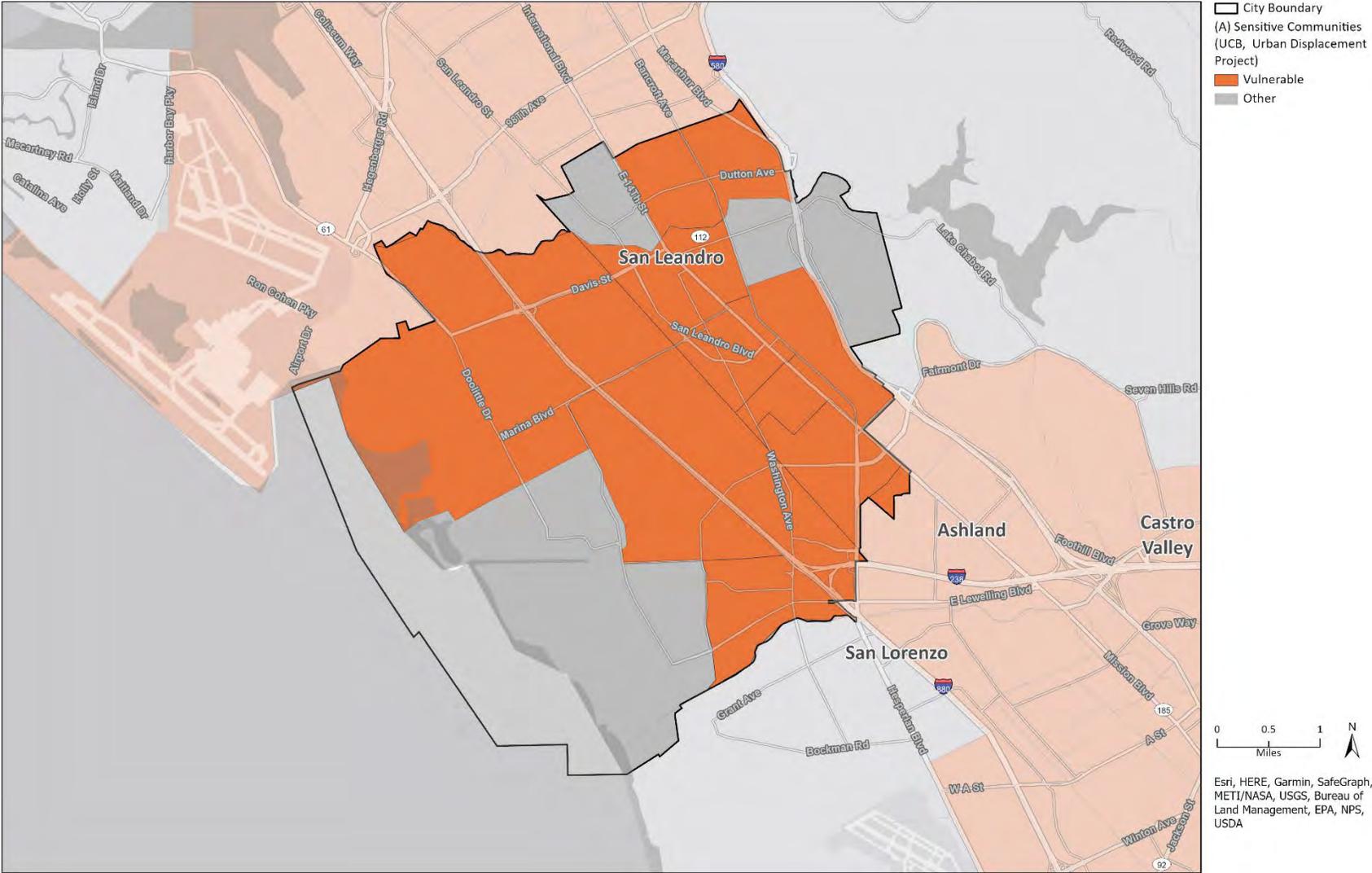
<sup>36</sup> UDP, 2020. [https://www.urbandisplacement.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/udp\\_replication\\_project\\_methodology\\_10.16.2020-converted.pdf](https://www.urbandisplacement.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/udp_replication_project_methodology_10.16.2020-converted.pdf)

Figure 5.46 Sensitive Communities (Alameda County)



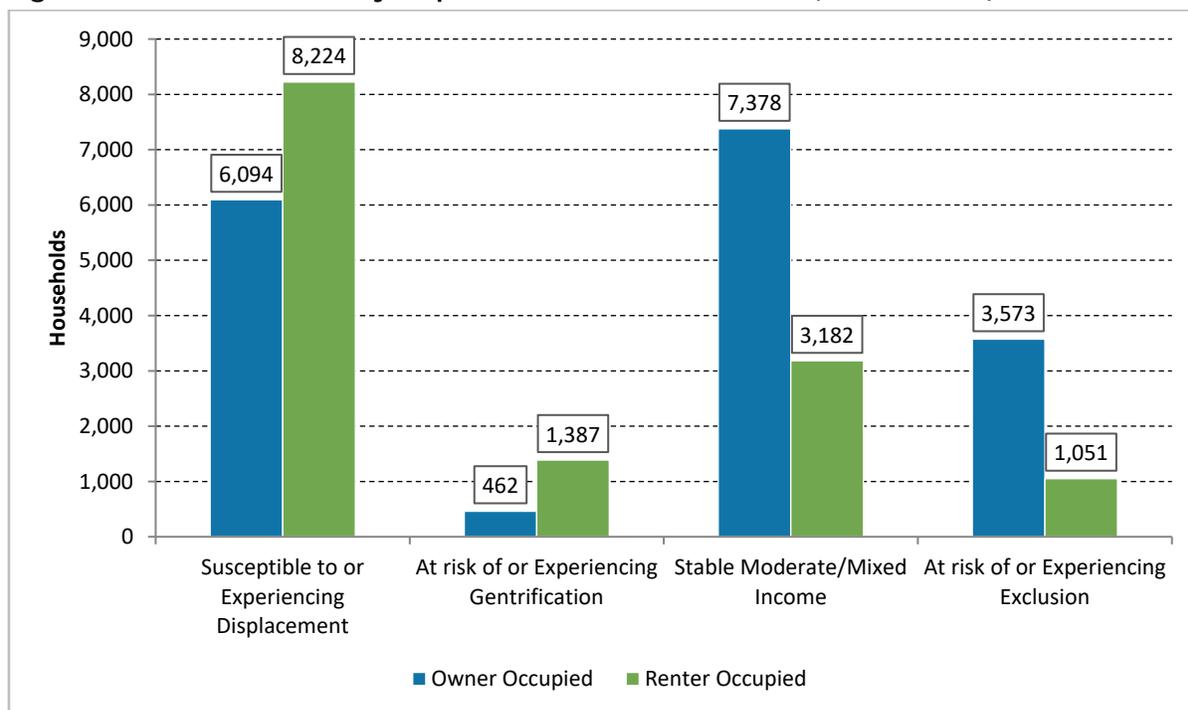
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Figure 5.47 Sensitive Communities (San Leandro)



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

Figure 5.48 Households by Displacement Risk and Tenure (San Leandro)



Notes: Displacement data is available at the census tract level. Staff aggregated tracts up to jurisdiction level using census 2010 population weights, assigning a tract to jurisdiction in proportion to block level population weights. Total household count may differ slightly from counts in other tables sourced from jurisdiction level sources.

Source: Urban Displacement Project for classification, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019), Table B25003 for tenure.

## 5.8 Local Area Knowledge

### 5.8.1 Historic Patterns of Segregation

#### Regional

Patterns of racial segregation are the byproduct of local and federal policies, private housing discrimination, and community prejudice. To understand present challenges to fair housing, it is necessary to review the history of actions that have led to regional patterns of segregation.

The earliest forms of racial exclusion in the Bay Area were the Spanish, Mexican and early U.S. settlers' colonization of Native Americans' land.<sup>37</sup> The Ohlone were and are the predominant Indigenous group of the Bay Area, including the Chochenyo and the Karkin in East Bay, the Ramaytush in San Francisco, the Yokuts in South Bay and Central Valley, and the Muwekma tribe throughout the region. Other Indigenous groups include the Graton Rancheria community (Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo), Kashaya, Patwin, and Mishewal Wappo in the North Bay, and the Bay Miwok in the East Bay.<sup>38</sup> Indigenous communities were forced from their land, which was then sold or given away.<sup>39</sup> In the 1850s, 119 California tribes signed treaties with the U.S. Special

<sup>37</sup> Roots and Race, UC Berkeley Belonging Institute, Haas Institute, 2019

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<sup>38</sup> Bay Area Equity Atlas, Indigenous Populations in the Bay Area, <https://bayareaequityatlas.org/about/indigenous-populations-in-the-bay-area>

<sup>39</sup> Rising Housing Costs and Re-Segregation in Alameda County, Urban Displacement Project, UC Berkeley. [https://www.urbandisplacement.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/alameda\\_final.pdf](https://www.urbandisplacement.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/alameda_final.pdf)

Commissioners which required them to formally surrender their land in exchange for 19 designated reservations, which lacked game, suitable agricultural lands and water.<sup>40</sup> From the start of colonization through the 1880s, the Ohlone population in the Bay Area dropped by almost 90 percent due to violence, displacement, and widespread disease brought by colonizers.<sup>41</sup>

In more recent history, starting in the 1880s, a series of laws targeted Asian populations through federal restrictions on immigration (Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882) and by barring Asian immigrants from owning land (California Alien Land Law of 1913 and 1920).<sup>42</sup> In 1942, over 100,000 Japanese Americans across the country were forced to sell or abandon their homes and were sent to internment camps.<sup>43</sup> At the end of their internment, many Japanese Americans struggled to find housing due to poverty, restrictive covenants, and racism.<sup>44</sup>

In the early 1920s, cities in the Bay Area began adopting zoning ordinances which led to the establishment of exclusive single-family home zones. By establishing specific areas of cities which did not allow more affordable housing types, cities began to be more segregated based on class and race/ethnicity. Exclusionary zoning created areas of concentrated poverty and concentrated wealth. High-poverty areas typically have limited employment and educational opportunities, creating an environment difficult to achieve income and housing mobility. By preventing households from moving into areas of higher resource opportunity, exclusionary zoning perpetuated the cycle of poverty.<sup>45</sup> Historic evidence shows that zoning intentionally segregated communities, enforcing racially motivated biases against targeted groups.<sup>46</sup>

Starting in the 1930s, Bay Area communities were impacted by redlining, which is the practice of federally sanctioned discriminatory mortgage lending that either steered or opted against providing loans to borrowers based on the racial or socioeconomic status of the neighborhood in which a property is located. Redlining, a government-sponsored system of denying mortgage loans and services to finance the purchase of homes in specific areas, served as a tool to limit homeownership opportunities, as federally insured and long-term mortgages were routinely denied to often non-white persons seen as “undesirable”. Redlining directed both public and private capital to white households and away from Black/African American, non-white, immigrant, and Jewish households. As homeownership is one of the most significant means of intergenerational wealth building in the United States, these redlining practices had long-term effects in creating wealth inequalities.<sup>47</sup>

Between 2000 and 2015, mainly due to quickly rising housing prices caused in part by the massive boom in the technological industry, Alameda County experienced significant and uneven shifts in racial, ethnic, and class-based neighborhood divisions. As housing costs increased throughout the county, neighborhoods in Oakland and Berkeley lost thousands of low-income households while experiencing increases in low-income Hispanic/Latino and Asian Households. By 2015, low-income Black/African American households in Alameda County had decreased by four percent since 2000,

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<sup>40</sup> State of California Native American Heritage Commission, <http://nahc.ca.gov/resources/california-indian-history/>

<sup>41</sup> Roots and Race, UC Berkeley Belonging Institute, Haas Institute, 2019  
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<sup>42</sup> History of Racial Injustice, California Law Prohibits Asian Immigrants from Owning Land. <https://calendar.eji.org/racial-injustice/may/3>

<sup>43</sup> Japanese-American Internment During World War II. U.S. National Archives. <https://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/japanese-relocation>

<sup>44</sup> For Japanese Americans, Housing Injustices Outlived Internment, New York Times, 2020.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/20/magazine/japanese-internment-end-wwii-trailer-parks.html>

<sup>45</sup> The Century Foundation. <https://tcf.org/content/facts/understanding-exclusionary-zoning-impact-concentrated-poverty/?agreed=1&agreed=1>

<sup>46</sup> Roots and Race, UC Berkeley Belonging Institute, Haas Institute, 2019  
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<sup>47</sup> Mapping Inequality: Redlining in New Deal America. <https://dsl.richmond.edu/panorama/redlining/#loc=16/37.725/-122.162&city=oakland-ca&area=D19>

while low-income Hispanic/Latino and low-income Asian American Households increased by 48 percent and 35 percent, respectively. In total, low-income households of color in Alameda County had increased by 20 percent. Low-income Black/African American, Asian American, and Hispanic/Latino populations grew significantly in southern Alameda County cities such as San Leandro, Hayward, and the unincorporated communities of Ashland and Cherryland. Some of these shifts were involuntary moves that resulted from eviction, foreclosure, large rent increases, uninhabitable housing conditions or other reasons that are beyond a household's control, otherwise known as "displacement." Increases in housing prices in Alameda County contributed to new concentrations of poverty and racial segregation in the county and perpetuated disparities in access to high-resource neighborhoods. In 2015, low-income white households were seven times more likely to live in higher resource tracts than moderate- and high-income Black households. Access to higher resource neighborhoods for Hispanic/Latino households in 2015 closely resembled that of Black households, and Asian American households' access to higher resource neighborhoods was similar to that of white households.<sup>48</sup>

## Local

San Leandro settlement began as a farming town. Some of San Leandro's early settlers were from the Portuguese Azores. San Leandro's large Portuguese population in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries earned the town the moniker "the Portuguese Capital of the West."<sup>49</sup>

Census data shows that in 1950, 99.7 percent of the population in San Leandro was considered white.<sup>50</sup> By 1970, this percentage had only marginally decreased to 97 percent. Comparatively, in Oakland, 84 percent of the population was considered white in 1950, and 12.4 percent of the population was considered Black/African American. By 1970, 59.1 percent of Oakland's population reported as white, and 34.5 percent reported as Black/African American.<sup>51</sup>

Anecdotal evidence suggests it is likely San Leandro was a "sundown town." "Sundown town" is a city, county or region that was intentionally "all white" by forcing out anyone considered Black/African American and other people of color by force, law, or custom. Local performer/comedian Brian Copeland explains:

Throughout the 1950s and 60s, San Leandro's ten homeowners' associations, which represented nearly two-thirds of all property owners, colluded to restrict the presence of Blacks in the city. The associations decided who would be on the city council and pressured council members to reject any proposal that would make it easier for people of color to locate here. The associations also made certain that member homeowners agreed not to sell their homes to Blacks. Realtors maintained 'gentlemen's agreements' not to show homes to Blacks.<sup>52</sup>

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<sup>48</sup> Urban Displacement, University of California, Berkeley. 2019. Rising Housing Costs and Re-Segregation in the San Francisco Bay Area. [https://www.urbandisplacement.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/bay\\_area\\_re-segregation\\_rising\\_housing\\_costs\\_report\\_2019.pdf](https://www.urbandisplacement.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/bay_area_re-segregation_rising_housing_costs_report_2019.pdf)

<sup>49</sup> San Leandro Historic Society. <https://www.sanleandrohistory.org/san-leandro-history.html>

<sup>50</sup> Prior to the 1960 census, it was common practice for census takers to identify the race of those they were counting, which may have led to a misrepresentation of local demographics. Additionally, the race, ethnicity, and origin categories available to choose between were limited. In 1950, the categories available were White, Negro, American Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, and Other. By 1970, the racial categories were White, Negro, or Black, Indian (American), Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Hawaiian, and Other. The 1970 census also included a category for "origin or decent," listing central or South American, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, and Other Spanish. <https://www.pewresearch.org/interactives/what-census-calls-us/>

<sup>51</sup> Bay Area Census, <http://www.bayareacensus.ca.gov/>

<sup>52</sup> History and Social Justice, Sundown Towns, Tougaloo University. <https://justice.tougaloo.edu/sundowntown/san-leandro-ca/>

Following a 1948 Supreme Court ruling that racially restricted covenants violated the Constitution, San Leandro maintained its racial exclusivity through homeowners' associations that reportedly kept a "vigilante-like" watch on local real estate agents to ensure that none would show homes to African Americans and that the City government took no action to stop this intimidation.<sup>53</sup>

Historic redlining in San Leandro is displayed on Figure 5.49. Area descriptions created by agents of the federal government's Home Owners' Loan Corporation (HOLC) between 1935 and 1940 assigned grades to residential neighborhoods that reflected their "mortgage security" that would then be visualized on color-coded maps. Neighborhoods receiving the highest grade of "A"—colored green on the maps—were deemed minimal risks for banks and other mortgage lenders when they were determining who should receive loans and which areas in the city were safe investments. Those receiving the lowest grade of "D," colored red, were considered "hazardous."<sup>54</sup>

The HOLC map of the Oakland area included two neighborhoods that encompassed approximately two thirds of San Leandro. The first neighborhood, identified as "hazardous," was adjacent and west of Washington Avenue and east of the former Southern Pacific Railroad tracks, which ran on the current railroad tracks through the center of the city. Nearby were the San Leandro Plow Company and the Daniel Best Manufacturing Company, which evolved into the Caterpillar Tractor Company. In the HOLC map, "adjoining industrial area with attendant odors, smoke, etc." is listed as a detrimental influence in the neighborhood, indicating a high level of pollution. At the time, this neighborhood included residential and industrial zoned parcels. HOLC identified the makeup of the neighborhood as predominantly factory workers and common laborers, with 20 percent foreign born individuals, and an "infiltration of negroes (very slowly)."<sup>55</sup>

The second neighborhood included on the HOLC map was identified as "Definitely declining." This neighborhood encompassed the area east of Washington Avenue to Grand Avenue. According to the HOLC map, "Very little new construction in this district and prospects for future activity rests largely on increase of industrial development in San Leandro and southeast Oakland...[the] Northeast part of [the neighborhood], together with undeveloped territory adjoining, might easily develop into high grade." The makeup of the region was identified as predominantly factory workers, artisans, and service workers, with 10 percent foreign born and "no threat of infiltration [of people of color and immigrants]."<sup>56</sup>

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<sup>53</sup> Roots and Race, UC Berkeley Belonging Institute, Haas Institute, 2019

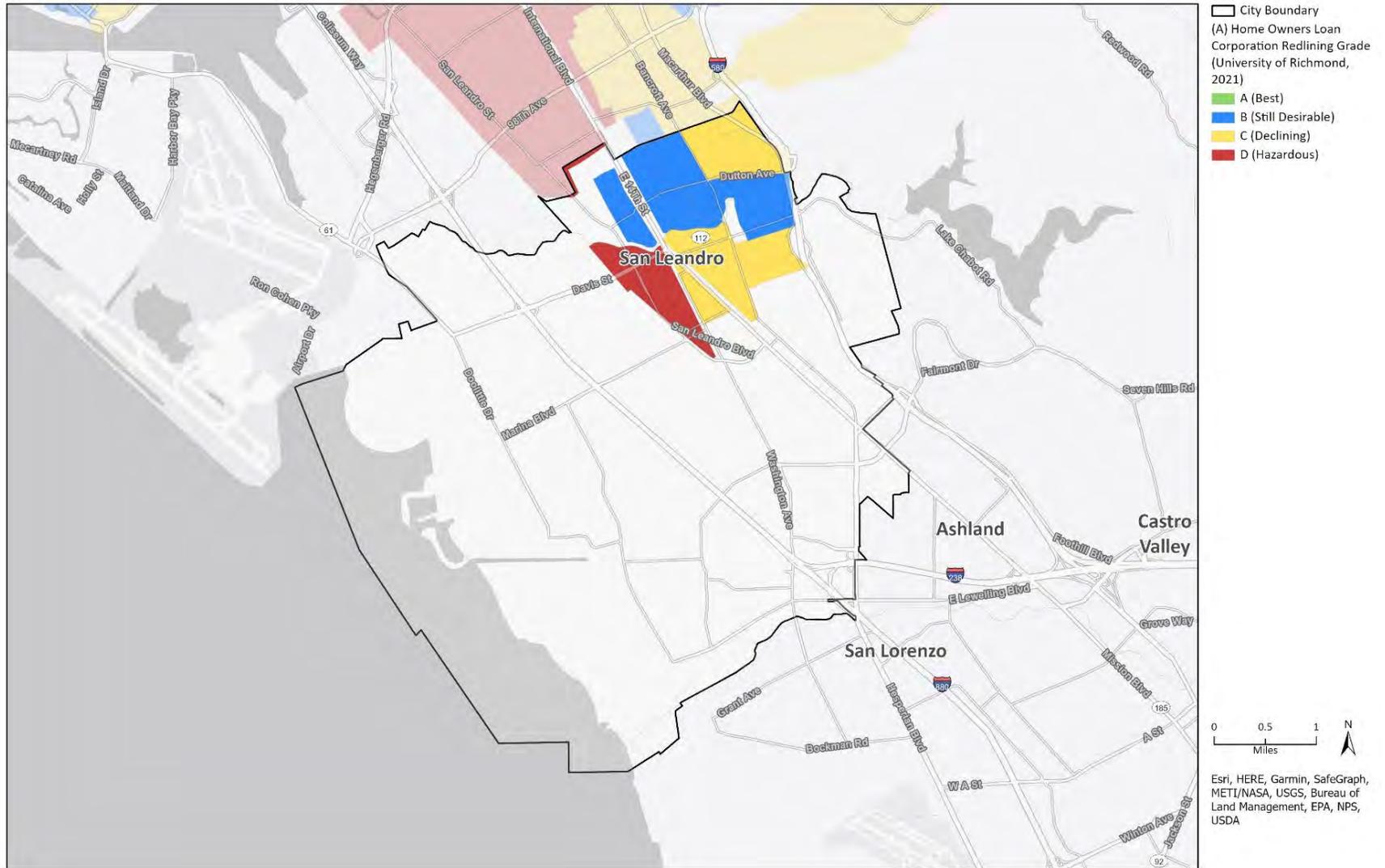
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<sup>54</sup> Robert K. Nelson, LaDale Winling, Richard Marciano, Nathan Connolly, et al., "Mapping Inequality," American Panorama, ed. Robert K. Nelson and Edward L. Ayers, accessed April 21, 2022. <https://dsl.richmond.edu/panorama/redlining/#loc=12/37.81/-122.319&city=oakland-ca>

<sup>55</sup> Ibid.

<sup>56</sup> Ibid.

Figure 5.49 Historic Redlining Map (San Leandro)



The present makeup of the neighborhood rated “hazardous” is predominantly Asian American and Hispanic/Latino. Comparatively, the neighborhood rated “Declining” is predominantly non-Hispanic white and Hispanic/Latino. The census tracts with the highest income levels in San Leandro are currently located in both neighborhoods. Notably, the area identified by HOLC as having the potential for receiving a higher grade is one of the three census tracts in San Leandro with the highest incomes (Figure 5.18). Notably, the neighborhood receiving the lower rating by the HOLC map currently receives higher TCAC education access scores than the rest of the city.

The post-war era brought migration to the Bay Area, and the population continued to swell in the 1950s and 1960s. In San Leandro, farm fields were sold to developers. Annexation of surrounding fields for industrial development and housing subdivisions, completed the transition from orchards to suburb. San Leandro left behind the “sunshine-and-flowers” identity and began billing itself as the “City of Industry.”<sup>57</sup> The pace of growth slowed as the city reached its natural limits during the 1960s. On the east, steep hills created a barrier to large-scale development. On the west, most of the shoreline had been acquired for park uses. The focus of new development shifted to smaller infill sites, including greenhouses and nurseries, and other properties that had been bypassed during the boom years.<sup>58</sup>

In May 1967, the United States Commission on Civil Rights held hearings to determine causes of racial disparity in San Leandro, with a specific focus on segregation and housing. The Commission received testimony from sources including the mayor, a reverend, the secretary of a Homeowners Association, and a bank teller.<sup>59</sup> The sources attributed the segregation in San Leandro to racial prejudice in the community and racism amongst lending institutions and real estate groups.

In 1968, the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing partnered with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to conduct a demonstration project in the San Francisco Bay Area with the goal of reversing patterns of segregation. The project, called the Bay Area Demonstration Project, set out to create a comprehensive regional authority with power to plan and implement housing and economic opportunity for non-white residents in the region. In 1971, the Bay Area Demonstration Project developed a highly critical report called *Patterns and Practices of Housing Discrimination in San Leandro*, which found the city to be one of the most extreme examples of racially restricted suburbs. The findings are quoted directly below:

- San Leandro was not 99.9 per cent white by accident. For 25 years, Federal monies and powers, municipal policies, practices of the real estate and home finance industries and pressures by property owners' associations operated to exclude Blacks and other minority residents.
- The real estate industry in San Leandro reflected widespread patterns and practices of housing discrimination. The Southern Alameda Real Estate Board, which served San Leandro, refused to exchange multiple listings with the integrated Oakland board. This refusal barred Oakland's minority population from the opportunity to purchase homes in San Leandro by denying these home seekers essential information about available housing on the market. The racist intent of this refusal to share listings was shown by the Southern Alameda board's willingness to exchange listings with the Contra Costa Real Estate Board which serviced an overwhelmingly white area.

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<sup>57</sup> San Leandro Historic Society. <https://www.sanleandrohistory.org/san-leandro-history.html>

<sup>58</sup> San Leandro General Plan. <https://www.sanleandro.org/DocumentCenter/View/1279/Chapter-2-San-Leandro-in-Perspective-PDF>

<sup>59</sup> Home Free? New Vistas in Regional Housing, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. 1974. Accessed: January 4, 2021 <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/Home-Free-1974.pdf>

- The Federal Government bore major responsibility for the creation of this all-white community. The racial character of San Leandro was determined in large measure by FHA and VA-supported subdivisions built and marketed on a discriminatory basis in the 1950's during a period of rapid growth.
- Federal support of patterns and practices of residential discrimination continued, despite the mandate of the 1968 Civil Rights Act requiring all Federal agencies to administer their programs in a manner to affirmatively advance open housing and open communities. Federal monies expended in this racially-restricted community by various Government agencies during the fiscal year ending June 1969, exceeded \$40 million (adjusting for inflation, this would be over \$300 million in 2022 dollars), a substantial part being in grants and contracts. There was no evidence that open housing was a consideration in the administration of any of these programs.
- In the year 1969-70, FHA provided insurance on mortgages totaling more than \$1,700,000 (adjusting for inflation, this equates to approximately \$13,023,204) for properties sold on a closed housing market. Similarly, during the fiscal year ending June 1969, VA-guaranteed home loans totaled more than \$1.6 million (adjusting for inflation, this equates to over \$12 million in today's dollars).
- The City of San Leandro had taken no action to eliminate exclusionary practices and to open housing opportunities without regard to race, color or national origin. A proposal for a human rights commission was defeated 5-2 by the City Council. San Leandro was the only municipality in the country that refused to participate in the Alameda County Housing Authority's leased housing program to provide living quarters for families of modest income.
- Twelve homeowners' associations blanketing the entire community dominated city politics and maintained a vigilante-like watch on local real estate brokers to make sure that none adopted an open housing approach to the handling of properties listed for sale.
- Mortgage lending institutions were the "silent partners" sustaining patterns and practices of housing discrimination in San Leandro. In 1970, FHA- insured mortgages alone brought six of these institutions business totaling \$ 1.3 million in loans.
- Housing discrimination denied Blacks and other minorities equal access to 36,200 jobs in San Leandro. An estimated 600 Black employees of firms under contract to the U.S. Department of Defense, for example, were forced to live elsewhere and commute to work.
- Housing discrimination built a white educational system in San Leandro. Almost 10,000 children attended the city's primary and secondary schools, 9,752 whites; 21 Blacks.<sup>60</sup>

At the suggestion of the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing, the Association of Bay Area Governments began to address fair share allocations and formed a Housing Task Force to assist the agency in developing a plan for metropolitan housing.

In the years following the 1963 California Fair Housing Act, which took effect in 1966, San Leandro experienced its recent transformation into one of the most diverse cities in California.<sup>61</sup> This act is the primary state law banning discrimination in housing accommodations because of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, ancestry, disability and familial status.<sup>62</sup> This law was

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<sup>60</sup> Home Free? New Vistas in Regional Housing, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. 1974. Accessed: January 4, 2021 <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/Home-Free-1974.pdf>

<sup>61</sup> San Leandro History, San Leandro Historical Society. <https://www.sanleandrohitory.org/san-leandro-history.html>

<sup>62</sup> California Fair Employment and Housing Act - FEHA - Government Code 12900 - 12996

then further backed up by the National Housing Act, which prohibited housing discrimination by race, color and creed.<sup>63</sup>

In the early 2000s, the City began to reinvest in its housing stock, and gained almost 20,000 residents in two decades. Racial and ethnic diversity continued to increase during this time, as much of the city's growth was fueled by an increase in foreign-born residents and young families. By 2014, San Leandro's population was 32 percent Asian American, 28 percent Hispanic/Latino, 24 percent non-Hispanic white, 11 percent Black/African American, making it one of the most diverse cities in the San Francisco Bay Area and the state. Although Alameda County experienced an overall decrease in low-income Black households from 2000 to 2015, parts of San Leandro saw increases in this group. Low-income Asian American households also moved to San Leandro during this time.<sup>64</sup>

Recognizing the evolving racial/ethnic demographics within San Leandro, and the historic segregation of minority residents and unequal access to housing opportunities, the City has promoted policies that focus on the needs of an increasingly diverse population. In June 2022, the San Leandro City Council passed a resolution acknowledging the previous use of discriminatory housing practices such as exclusionary covenants, and supporting Alameda County's efforts to implement a program that will assist in the redaction of unlawfully restrictive covenants.<sup>65</sup>

To support residents of all economic and racial/ethnic backgrounds, the City offers Spanish and Chinese translation of City housing programs, including tenant relocation assistance, rent review, and first-time homebuyer seminars, among others. The City also maintains a Rent Review Board to assist tenants and landlords public and mutually settle disputes related to significant rent increases in residential rental units. There is also a user-friendly Google translator function for the City website, including Housing Services Division webpage. The City strengthened tenant protections and assistance through the creation of a legal aid/eviction defense services program by contracting with Centro Legal de la Raza. The City also created an emergency rental assistance program during height of COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-21 to assist tenants who had lost income.

The City has also invested in affordable housing development and acquisition and provided support to local organizations assisting the homeless, persons at risk of homelessness, and others with special housing needs. To provide affordable housing opportunities, the City continue to help fund affordable rental housing, such as Marea Alta and La Vereda, that are scattered around the city, prioritized in amenity rich areas near the city's two BART stations. The City expanded homeless services and is also pursuing acquisition/rehabilitation of the Nimitz Motel to create an interim homeless navigation center. The City also enhanced mobile home park protections by creating a Mobile Home Park Overlay Zone and amended the Mobilehome Rent Stabilization Ordinance to protect RV owners.

Additionally, the city's industrial areas evolved to keep pace with the technology industry due to the changes in its growing workforce. San Leandro has promoted higher density development around its two BART stations, creating a transit-oriented development pattern.<sup>66</sup>

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<sup>63</sup> The California Fair Housing Act 9The Rumford Act), Black Past, Herbert G. Ruffin II, <https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/california-fair-housing-act-rumford-act-1963-1968/>

<sup>64</sup> Urban Displacement, University of California, Berkeley. 2019. Rising Housing Costs and Re-Segregation in the San Francisco Bay Area. [https://www.urbandisplacement.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/bay\\_area\\_re-segregation\\_rising\\_housing\\_costs\\_report\\_2019.pdf](https://www.urbandisplacement.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/bay_area_re-segregation_rising_housing_costs_report_2019.pdf)

<sup>65</sup> City of San Leandro. June 21, 2022. Resolution of the San Leandro City Council Denouncing Discriminatory Practices of the Past and Affirming that San Leandro is a Welcoming Place for All.

<https://sanleandro.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=10999493&GUID=BE57AADC-E692-47EF-8AD4-ED52FC3AD640>

<sup>66</sup> San Leandro General Plan. <https://www.sanleandro.org/DocumentCenter/View/1279/Chapter-2-San-Leandro-in-Perspective-PDF>

## 5.9 Stakeholder and Community Input

Community workshops were held on four different occasions, October 27, 2021, November 6, 2021, December 9, 2021, and January 19, 2022. Common concerns raised by participants included the need for more affordable housing to meet needs for unhoused, low income, very-low income, and housing for the “Missing Middle.” AFFH-related concerns included gentrification, overcrowding, parking, housing for people of color and people vulnerable to displacement, people experiencing homelessness, and transportation accessibility.

Three stakeholder meetings were held virtually on January 12 and 14, 2022 with housing providers, service providers, community-based organizations, representatives of labor unions, and representatives of affordable and market rate housing organizations. Meetings included thorough discussions regarding housing and community needs, homelessness and special needs, and barriers to affordable housing. Stakeholders suggested strengthening or developing strategies and policies such as voucher programs and efforts the City could undertake to promote affordable housing development. Throughout the Community Workshops and the Stakeholder meetings, the public raised awareness for their concerns regarding housing in San Leandro. Topics such as affordable housing, housing for people of color, gentrification, access to transportation, homelessness and safety were of utmost concern for residents, stating that the City should look for ways to address these concerns with the best possible methods that will not contribute to displacement of any persons regardless of age, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status.

### 5.9.1 Fair Housing Capacity

The most recent Alameda County Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (2020) stated the following regarding fair housing enforcement capacity:

Stakeholders and participating jurisdictions have commented that inadequate funding and organizational capacity are the primary limitations on expanding or improving fair housing enforcement. HUD directs recipients of CDBG funds to use the grant’s administrative or social services allocations for fair housing activities, including creation of an analysis of impediments. However, HUD also caps those allocation amounts, which limits participating jurisdictions from using more of these funds on fair housing activities.

Participating jurisdictions generally do not use any other public or private source of funding for their fair housing activities. While participating jurisdictions have limited funding to offer fair housing organizations, fair housing organizations have other funding sources, such as HUD’s Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP); however, these organizations generally do not have many other private funding sources. Other fair housing activities are funded from federal and state resources, such as services provided by the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity and Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

The number of fair housing organizations and their respective capacities has also constrained the amount of fair housing activities. Participating jurisdictions commented that a reduction in the number of fair housing organizations has lessened fair housing activities overall.

According to HUD guidance, a common factor for fair housing complaints can be a lack of affordable housing supply. According to the California Housing Partnership’s Housing Emergency Update for Alameda County, federal and state funding to Alameda County for affordable housing has declined by 80 percent since 2008, leaving a deficit of approximately \$124 million annually (California Housing Partnership, 2018). Additionally, while LIHTC production and preservation in Alameda

County has increased by 67 percent overall from 2016, the state production and preservation has decreased by 23 percent. Lastly, the report finds that Alameda County needs 52,291 more affordable rental homes to meet the need. To combat this lack of state and federal funding, local tax initiatives have been approved, including the County's Measure AI, Berkeley's Measure O, and Emeryville's Measure C; however, due to the demand for affordable housing, the need still far exceeds these local measures.

In discussions with the Alameda County Collaborative in March 2022, the executive director of ECHO Housing identified the following constraints to capacity on fair housing efforts in the region:

- Inadequate funding from HUD and some local jurisdictions.
- Inadequate number of fair housing organizations active in the East Bay.
- Lack of affordable housing supply for persons on public assistance, accessible housing for persons with disabilities, and senior citizens.<sup>67</sup>

## 5.10 Other Relevant Factors

Incorporated in 1872, San Leandro's development history is similar to many other California cities. The center commercial and industrial areas of the city formed around the railroad lines, and surrounding agricultural lands shifted to housing developments in the post-war era of the 1940s and 50s. The boom in manufacturing jobs in this time created the need for housing, and the city's current form and character was defined during this era, when nearly half of the city's current housing stock was constructed. Higher-paying skilled manufacturing jobs were often exclusionary to non-white employees. Post wartime, white residents in the East Bay were able to find other work in newly developing service sectors of the economy, and move to new homes in the burgeoning suburbs, while non-white employees competed for a dwindling supply of manufacturing jobs and could afford only the cheap housing found in deteriorated sections of the East Bay.<sup>68</sup> Combined with the persistent racist housing practices, San Leandro's focus on single-family housing development during the time was the result of, and cause for, maintaining exclusionary, all-white suburbs. The city's outward growth reach its peak in the 1960s, as housing extended to the city's natural boundaries, and housing growth started to decline, as it did for all Bay Area cities beginning in the 1970s.<sup>69</sup> Today, single-family housing comprises 66 percent of the city's housing stock, higher than Alameda County (52 percent), and other areas of the Bay Area such as Santa Clara County (50 percent), San Mateo County (54 percent), and Marin County (60 percent).<sup>70</sup> Today, much of the city's residentially zoned areas are designated for single-family homes.

San Leandro has also been impacted by national and regional trends. The Bay Area has added nearly two jobs for every housing unit built since 1990. The deficit in housing production has severely impacted housing affordable to lower- and middle-wage workers and priced out many households from homeownership. Over the 25 year period from 1990 to 2015, there was a net decrease in the number of households earning between \$35,000 and \$149,999 in the Bay Area, as these households declined from 64 percent to 52 percent of total households in the region.<sup>71</sup> During the same period,

<sup>67</sup> Rocha, Marjorie A., Executive Director, ECHO Housing. 2022. Personal communication with Alameda County Collaborative. March 15, 2022.

<sup>68</sup> Arroyo, Cauhutemoc. Black Labor and Race Relations in East Bay Shipyards During World War II. 2022. <https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/jimcrow/links/misclink/shipyards.htm>

<sup>69</sup> Plan Bay Area 2040. The Bay Area Today. 2019. <http://2040.planbayarea.org/the-bay-area-today>

<sup>70</sup> ABAG. The Bay Area's Missing Middle Housing Market. 2021. [https://abag.ca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021-09/MMWG\\_Bay\\_Area\\_Middle\\_Housing\\_Market\\_Sept\\_2021.pdf](https://abag.ca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021-09/MMWG_Bay_Area_Middle_Housing_Market_Sept_2021.pdf)

<sup>71</sup> Plan Bay Area 2040. The Bay Area Today. 2019. <http://2040.planbayarea.org/the-bay-area-today>

households earning over \$150,000 increased from 17 percent to 27 percent of the total households in the region. Overall housing growth declined during the 2008 Great Recession, as it did in the Bay Area and most of the nation, and households were hit with foreclosures. In 2011, the California Legislature approved the dissolution of the state’s redevelopment agencies, which eliminated a significant source of funding for affordable housing.<sup>72</sup>

Despite these challenges, the city has become much more diverse than years past, in terms of both racial and ethnic diversity and housing stock. The city found itself at the forefront of a nationwide effort to re-direct growth back toward the developed cores of major metropolitan areas and has taken action to designate much of the city’s commercial and transit-connected areas as multifamily and mixed-use districts, including the 2007 Downtown TOD and the 2018 Bay Fair TOD planning efforts.

### 5.10.1 Access To Transportation for Persons with Disabilities

San Leandro’s main public transportation systems are operated by AC Transit and the BART transit system. AC Transit operates eleven bus lines that extend throughout San Leandro and the western portion of Alameda County. To assist persons with disabilities, AC Transit busses are equipped with accessibility improvements including the “kneeling” bus feature which lowers the bus several inches, priority seating for persons with disabilities and seniors, and the “Wheelchair Marking and Tether Strap Program” providing proper securements for wheelchairs.<sup>73</sup> The BART transit system services San Leandro and offers connectivity to surrounding jurisdiction throughout Alameda County and the San Francisco Bay Area. BART stations and trains include a range of accessibility features to assist persons with disabilities including discounted fares, Braille/tactical signs in at BART facilities, telecommunication device for the deaf in each BART station, and marked locations for persons with limited mobility. Additionally, BART coordinates with local paratransit operators to assist individuals whose disability prevents them from accessing, boarding or riding BART trains.<sup>74</sup> While most areas of San Leandro are within a quarter-mile of a AC Transit bus routes (see Figure 5.27), there are segments of the city that are not in close proximity to existing transit service, including the Heron Bay and Bay-O-Vista neighborhoods. Residents with disabilities residing in these areas may have limited access to transportation as the Heron Bay and Bay-O-Vista neighborhoods are located in census tracts that contain a slightly higher rate of persons with disabilities, compared to other areas of San Leandro.

### 5.10.2 Access to Home Ownership

As previously mentioned, governmental constraints enacted throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century impacted homeownership opportunities for non-white populations.

To understand current racial/ethnic disparities among homeownership opportunities, this analysis reviews mortgage application filing and acceptance by race using the latest available data. As shown in Table 5.14, for the two-year period of 2018 and 2019, there were 3,452 mortgage applications filed in San Leandro. Of the known racial/ethnic categorization of mortgage applications, most were filed by Asian American/API residents and non-Hispanic white residents. In comparison, Hispanic/Latino applicants comprised 13 percent, Black/African-American applicants comprised 6

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<sup>72</sup> UC Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor and Employment. What Really Caused the Great Recession? 2018. <https://irle.berkeley.edu/what-really-caused-the-great-recession/>

<sup>73</sup> AC Transit, 2022.

[https://www.actransit.org/accessibility#:~:text=All%20AC%20Transit%20buses%20are,use%20of%20lifts%20or%20ramps\).](https://www.actransit.org/accessibility#:~:text=All%20AC%20Transit%20buses%20are,use%20of%20lifts%20or%20ramps).)

<sup>74</sup> Bay Area Rapid Transit, 2022. <https://www.bart.gov/guide/accessibility/paratransit>

percent, and American Indian or Alaskan Native applicants comprised less than 1 percent of total mortgage loan applications. Asian American residents were slightly overrepresented for mortgage applications relative to proportion of population (36 percent of applications, 34 percent of population). Applications from non-Hispanic white residents were proportional to population (both 23 percent). However, Black/African American residents were underrepresented for mortgage applications (6 percent of applications, 10 percent of population), as were Hispanic/Latino residents (13 percent of applications, 27 percent of population), and American Indian/Alaska Native (less than 1 percent of applications, 1 percent of population).

**Table 5.14 Mortgage Applications and Acceptance by Race, 2018 and 2019**

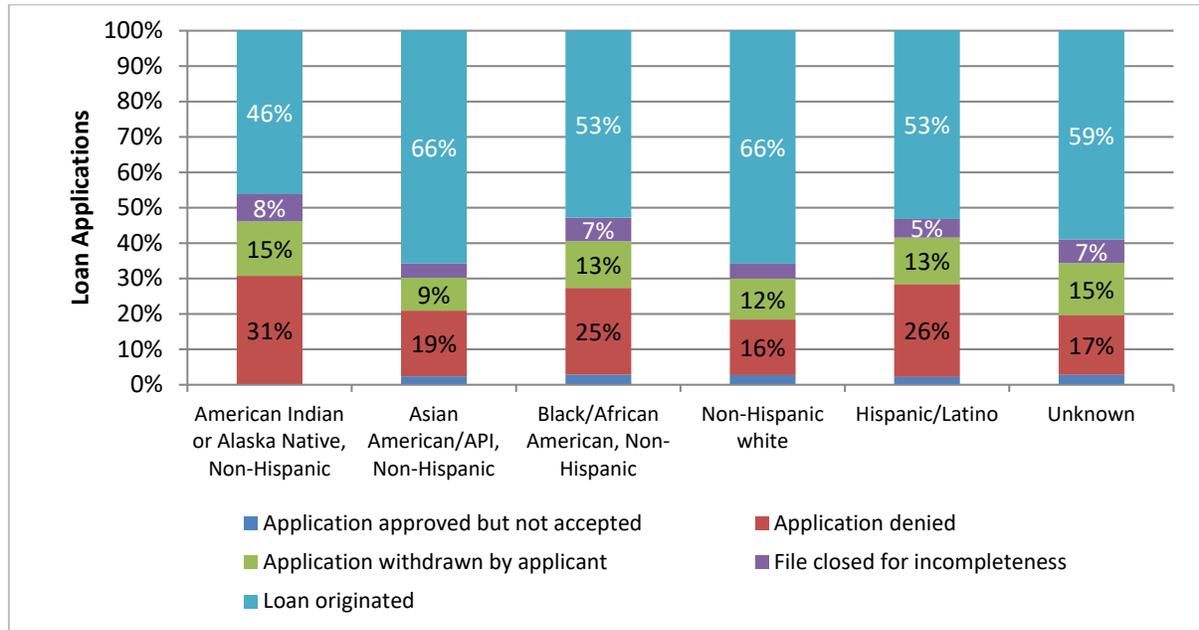
Racial/ Ethnic Group	Application Approved but Not Accepted	Application Denied	Application Withdrawn by Applicant	File Closed for Incompleteness	Loan Originated	Total Application
American Indian or Alaska Native, Non- Hispanic	0	4	2	1	6	13 (<1%)
Asian American/API, Non-Hispanic	30	233	117	50	826	1,256 (36%)
Black/African- American, Non- Hispanic	6	52	28	14	112	212 (6%)
Non-Hispanic White,	22	125	92	34	525	798 (23%)
Hispanic/Latino	10	120	60	24	243	457 (13%)
Unknown	20	121	105	48	422	716 (21%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>3,452 (100%)</b>

Notes: “Loan originated” means that the application was accepted a loan was made by a financial institution to the applicant. “File incomplete or withdrawn” means a loan was not originated because the application was withdrawn before a credit decision was made or the file was closed for incompleteness. “Application denied” means a loan was not originated because the financial institution did not approve the mortgage application. “Application approved but not accepted” means the financial institution approved the loan application but the applicant did not complete the transaction and a loan was not originated. For the purposes of this graph, the “Hispanic or Latino” racial/ethnic group represents those who identify as having Hispanic/Latino ethnicity and may also be members of any racial group. All other racial categories on this graph represent those who identify with that racial category and do not identify with Hispanic/Latino ethnicity.

Source: Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council's (FFIEC) Home Mortgage Disclosure Act loan/application register (LAR) files

As shown in Figure 5.50, approximately 66 percent of Asian American/API and non-Hispanic white mortgage applicants had their loans originated, compared to 53 percent of Hispanic/Latino and African-American applicants. Asian American/API and non-Hispanic white applicants had the lowest rates of denied applications. American Indian/Alaskan Native applicants had the highest denial rate at 31 percent, followed by Hispanic/Latino applications (26 percent), and Black/African-American applicants at 25 percent.

**Figure 5.50 Mortgage Rates and Acceptance by Race (San Leandro)**



Source: Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council's (FFIEC) Home Mortgage Disclosure Act loan/application register (LAR) files

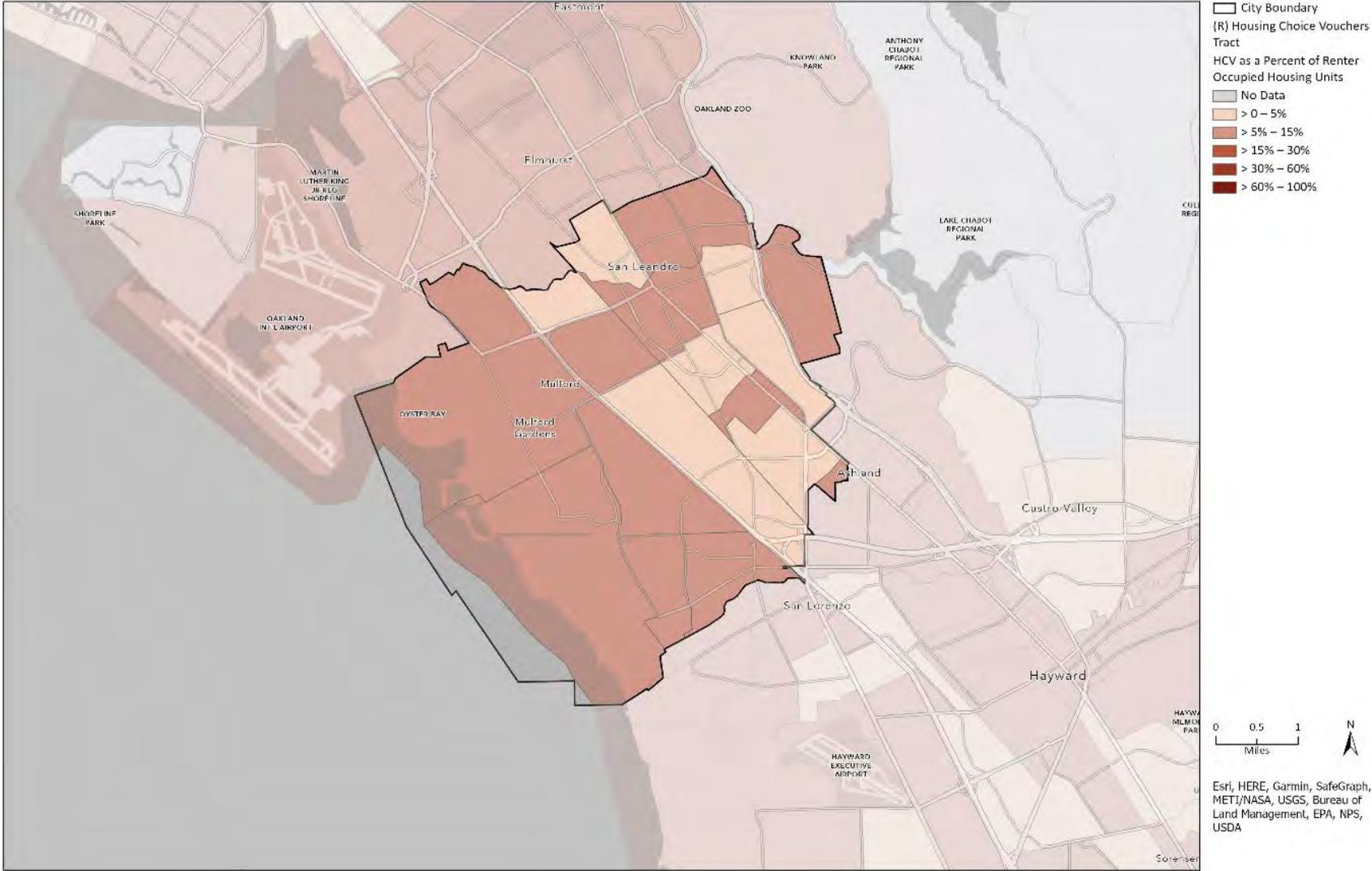
## 5.11 Subsidized Housing

In cooperation with the Housing Authority of Alameda County (HACA), the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program provides assistance to rent-burdened residents and will continue to seek opportunities to increase rental assistance and reduce overpayment. The federal CDBG funds were allocated to meet the following goals to primarily benefit low to moderate income residents:

- Public service activities for low- and moderate-income households
- Rehabilitation of existing housing stock
- Enhanced public services
- City and nonprofit capital improvements/ infrastructure
- Program and planning administration, including fair housing

HUD estimates show that 798 households in San Leandro receive HCVs. Figure 5.51 shows HCV as a percent of renter occupied units by census tract. Nearly 80 percent of HCV household are in low resource areas, compared to 20 percent in moderate resource areas. Census tract 4326.00, a low resource area near Downtown, contains the largest share of HCV recipients (27 percent) in the city.

Figure 5.51 Housing Choice Vouchers



Source: AFFH Viewer, 2021

## 5.12 Housing Sites Inventory Analysis

This portion of the AFFH analyzes the relation between the housing opportunity sites and AFFH-related issues. Government Code Section 65583(c)(10) requires the housing opportunity sites to be analyzed with respect to AFFH to ensure that sites designated for low-income households are dispersed equitably throughout the city rather than concentrated in areas of high segregation and poverty or low-resource areas that have historically been underserved, and conversely, that sites designated for above moderate-income households are not concentrated in areas of high resources. By comparing the sites inventory to the fair housing indicators in this assessment, this section analyzes whether the sites included in the Housing Element sites inventory improve or exacerbate fair housing conditions, patterns of segregation, and access to opportunity.

### 5.12.1 Housing Sites by TCAC Opportunity Area

For purposes of evaluating fair housing, resource levels designated by TCAC/HCD denote access to economic and educational opportunities such as low-cost transportation, jobs, and high-quality schools and the quality of environmental factors in the area such as proximity to hazards and air quality. TCAC has a composite opportunity score for each census tract. Most of the city (61.5 percent of the city by acreage) is considered “low resource” while areas in the northeast and southwest are considered “moderate resource” (38.5 percent of the city by acreage). As noted, the city does not have any areas considered “high resource.” Figure 5.52 and Figure 5.53 show the location of the Housing Element opportunity sites by TCAC-designated resource area. The housing opportunity sites are designated by income category – whether the sites could accommodate housing appropriate for low-, moderate-, or above moderate-income households. The “appropriateness” of sites for various affordability levels is dictated by State housing element law and HCD guidance and includes allowable density, size of site, realistic capacity, existing use(s), and other factors. More information about the sites and income designations is available in Section 4, *Housing Resources*.

Almost all of the housing opportunity sites are in low resource areas, including Downtown, South Area, and Bay Fair TOD neighborhoods due to the availability of vacant and underutilized sites in these areas, and the potential for mixed-use, transit-oriented development. Moderate-resource areas are generally characterized by established low- and medium-density residential neighborhoods with fewer opportunities for redevelopment. However, two sites (with a realistic capacity for 19 moderate-income units representing three percent of the sites inventory) are in moderate-resource areas. For the 17 opportunity sites in low-resource areas (with a realistic capacity for 2,636 units), the greatest percent of units (40 percent) could be appropriate for above-moderate households (compared to 31 percent low income and 29 percent moderate income). The opportunity sites could generate housing opportunities at all income levels in low-resource areas, providing not only opportunities for housing, but also committing City resources to infrastructure, economic development, and community organizing supports and/or grant funding for these areas to assist with transition to higher opportunity areas.

The City will be able to satisfy the RHNA with a large number of planned and approved projects. To understand the overall picture of housing development during the eight-year planning period, this analysis considers those units. Planned and approved projects will add 94 lower-income, 26 moderate-income, and 1,895 above moderate-income units in low resource areas, and 220 lower-income, four moderate-income, and 40 above moderate-income units in moderate resource areas.

Figure 5.52 Housing Opportunity Sites by TCAC Resource Area, North

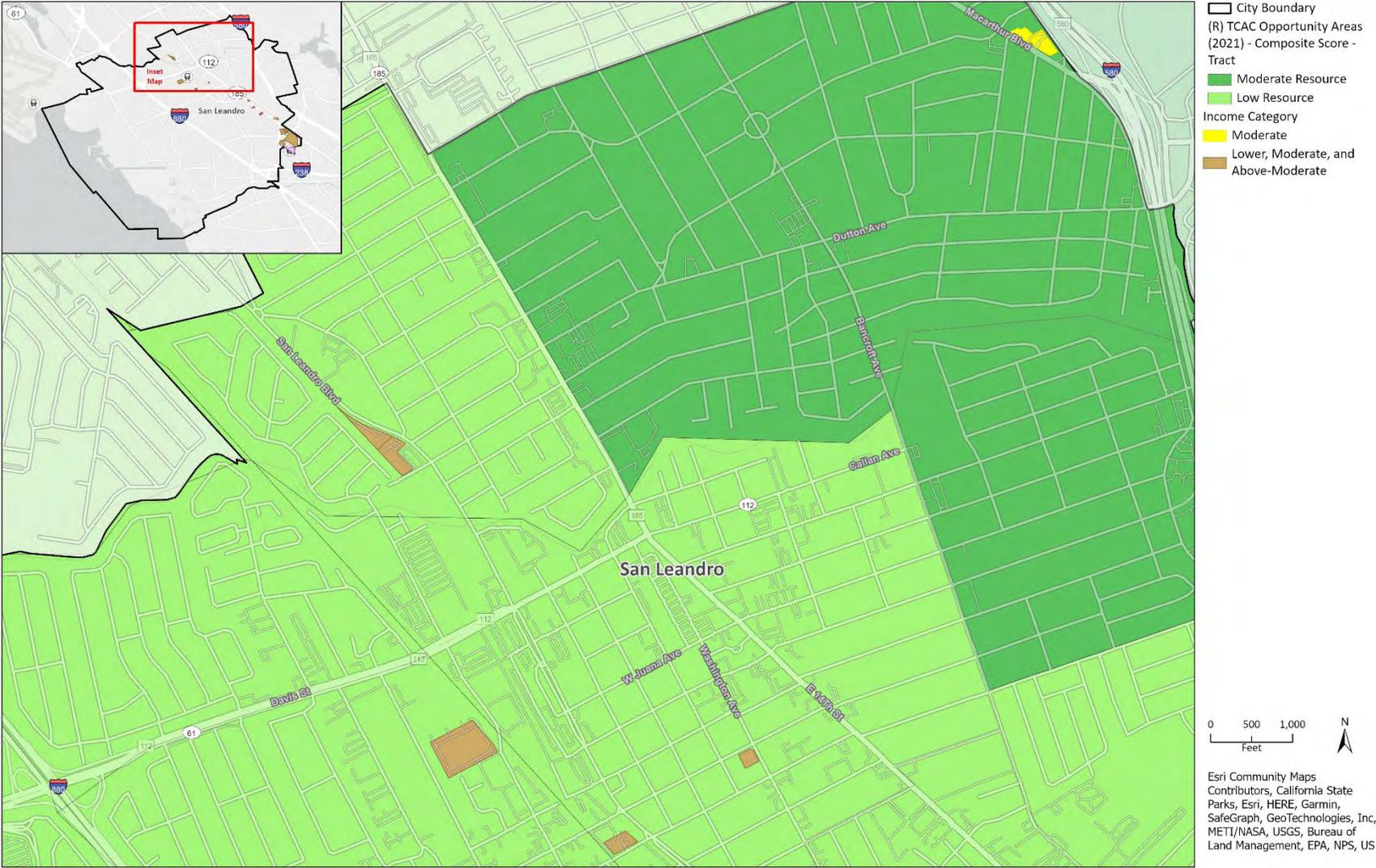
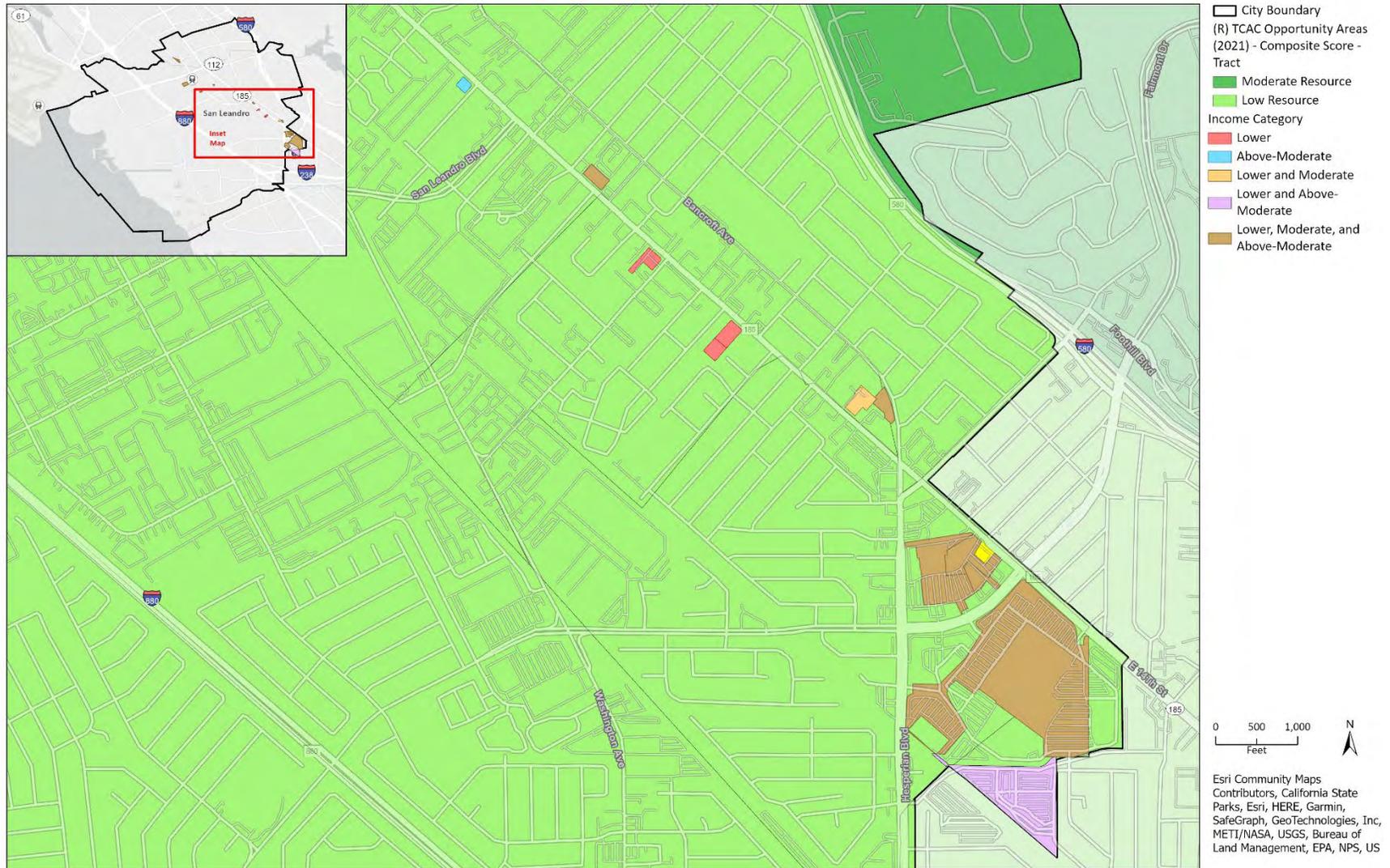


Figure 5.53 Housing Opportunity Sites by TCAC Resource Area, South



The planned and approved projects and the housing opportunity sites will add the following units to lower-resource areas in the city:

- 1,129 lower-income units (80.5 percent of total lower-income units)
- 800 moderate-income units (97.2 percent of total moderate-income units)
- 2,952 above moderate-income units (98.7 percent of total above moderate-income units)

The planned and approved projects and the housing opportunity sites will add the following units to moderate-resource areas in the city:

- 220 lower-income units (19.5 percent of total lower-income units)
- 23 moderate-income units (2.8 percent of total moderate-income units)
- 40 above moderate-income units (1.3 percent of total above moderate-income units)

The planned and approved projects, together with the housing opportunity sites, will add a higher percentage of lower-income units in moderate resource areas (19.5 percent) than moderate or above moderate-income units (2.8 and 1.3 percent, respectively). Conversely, the City will add a higher share of moderate and above moderate-income units in low resource areas (97.2 percent and 98.7 percent, respectively) than lower-income units (80.5 percent). Therefore, overall housing development during the planning period will not increase patterns of segregation and will increase integration by household income in terms of access to opportunity.

### 5.12.2 Sites by Income Population

Census tracts with more than 50 percent low- and moderate-income (LMI) households are located throughout the northwestern and central neighborhoods of the city. LMI communities comprise approximately 30 percent of the city's total area by acreage. As shown in Figure 5.54 and Figure 5.55, almost all of the sites inventory by acreage is in LMI communities, including Downtown and South Area neighborhoods. This is due to the availability of vacant and underutilized sites in these areas and the potential for mixed-use, transit-oriented development. For the opportunity sites in these areas, approximately 30 percent of proposed units are appropriate for above-moderate income households, 30 percent appropriate for moderate-income households, and 40 percent for low-income households. The Downtown and South Area neighborhoods will benefit from an even mix of households at all income levels. The housing sites inventory includes 19 units of moderate-income housing in the northeastern neighborhood with the lowest percent of LMI households, which could add housing opportunities for moderate-income households in the most affluent neighborhood of the city. The sites inventory will improve the mixture of housing opportunities by income level in the city and will not exacerbate segregation by income between neighborhoods.

### 5.12.3 Sites by Overcrowded Households

As shown in Figure 5.56 and Figure 5.57, the census tract with the highest percentage of overcrowded households overlaps with the eastern portion of Downtown San Leandro and continues west to I-880, south of Davis Street. This area is characterized by a mixture of low-, medium-, and high-density residential development. One site in the inventory (opportunity site 19) is in this census tract, with a realistic development capacity of 397 units: 199 low-, 119 moderate-, and 139 above-moderate income units. This site, a warehouse and surface parking lot, will not displace existing residents but will add housing at all income levels to alleviate overcrowding

conditions. The sites inventory assumes that the sites in the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street South Area (which experiences overcrowding) between Downtown and the Bay Fair TOD could accommodate 240 units, 163 of which will be appropriate for low-income households. The sites inventory will not exacerbate overcrowding conditions but will add new housing opportunities in areas that need them.

#### 5.12.4 Sites by Overpayment by Renters

As shown in Figure 5.58 and Figure 5.59, all housing opportunity sites are located in census tracts where at least 40 percent of renter households have a housing cost burden (greater than 30 percent of household income is spent on housing costs). The housing opportunity sites will provide housing opportunities for a mix of income levels, including 814 housing units appropriate for low-income households and 788 units appropriate for moderate-income households, most of which will likely be rental units based on trends in planning entitlements and developer interest. The sites inventory will add new housing opportunities in areas that need them. According to the Urban Displacement Project from UC Berkeley, new market-rate construction in gentrifying areas neither worsens nor eases rates of moving out, but rather increases rates of people moving in across all socio-economic groups, particularly high-socio-economic residents. New market-rate housing production slightly increases displacement for lower-income people, and slightly decreases moving out for high-income people.<sup>75</sup>

To counter potential impacts of gentrification, the City already enacts anti-displacement strategies, including tenant relocation assistance, preservation of existing affordable housing, assistance with free legal services for lower-income households facing displacement, and educational outreach. The City contracts with the nonprofit ECHO Housing to provide San Leandro tenants and/or landlords information on their housing rights and responsibilities, while the nonprofit Centro Legal de la Raza provides eviction defense and legal counseling. The City also maintains a Rent Review Board to assist tenants and landlords public and mutually settle disputes related to significant rent increases in residential rental units. Under Program 9 in Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*, the City will review its current Rent Review Board Ordinance and Tenant Relocation Ordinance with input from tenants and property owners/managers, ensuring representation across the economic spectrum, and update as appropriate. The City will also prepare a local displacement study, and prepare a report on the development of a rental assistance program to provide relief to tenants and landlords to avoid the displacement of vulnerable communities.

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<sup>75</sup> Urban Displacement Project. 2022. New Development for Whom? How New Housing Production Affects Displacement and Replacement in the San Francisco Bay Area. [https://www.urbandisplacement.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/IGS\\_1\\_New-Production\\_Brief\\_03.01.22.pdf](https://www.urbandisplacement.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/IGS_1_New-Production_Brief_03.01.22.pdf)

Figure 5.54 Housing Opportunity Sites by Income Population, North

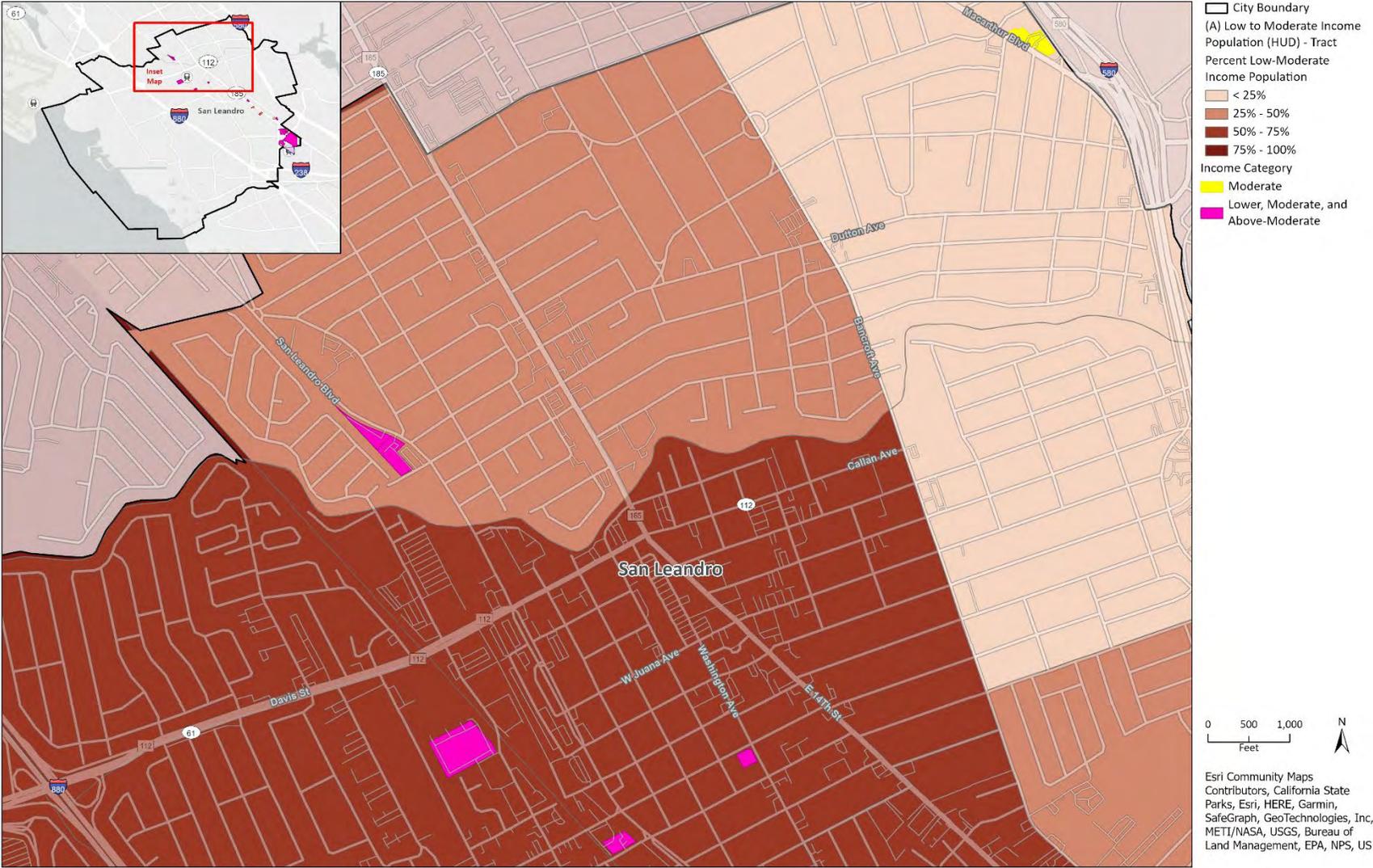


Figure 5.55 Opportunity Sites by Income Population, South

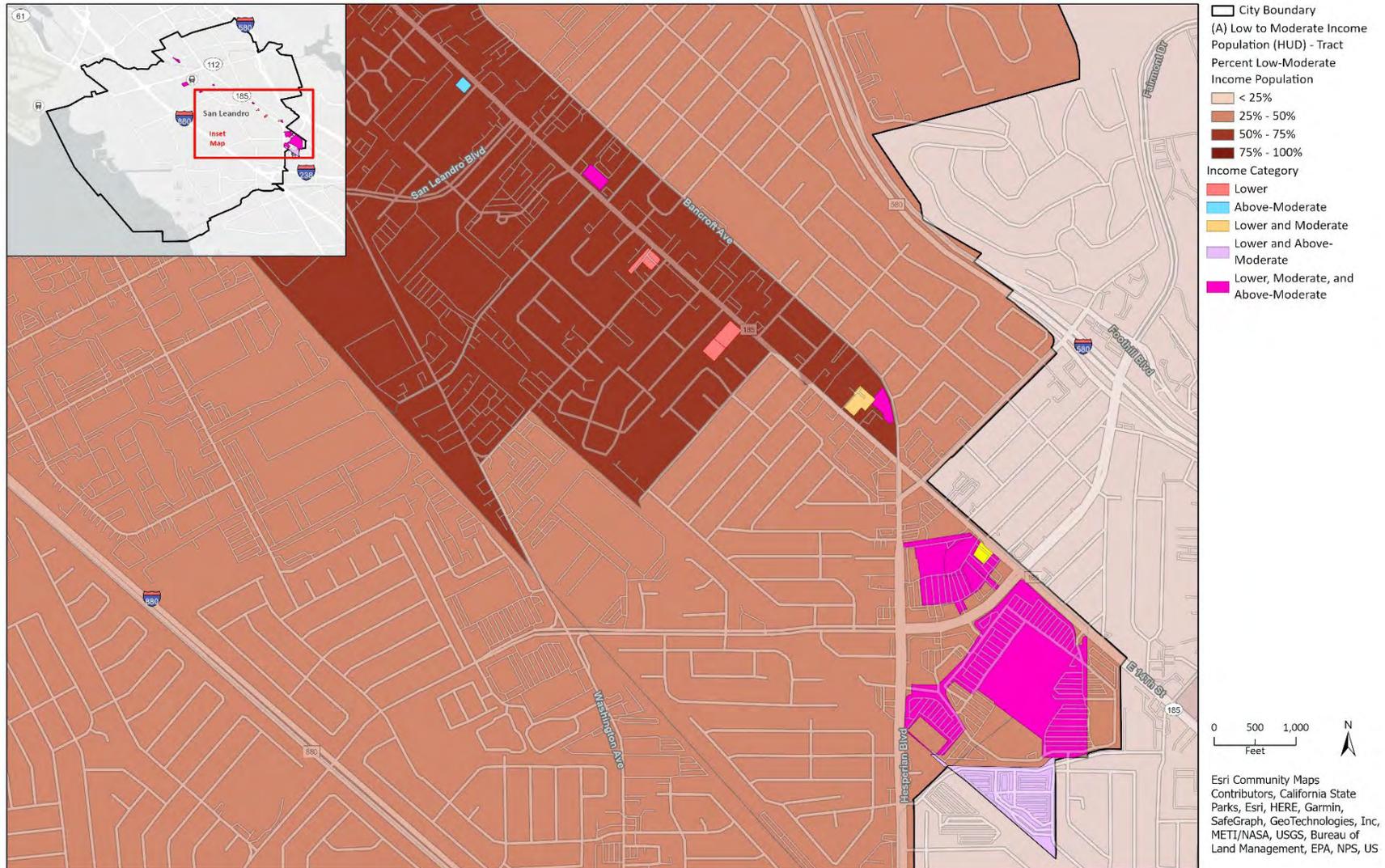


Figure 5.56 Housing Opportunity Sites by Overcrowded Households, North

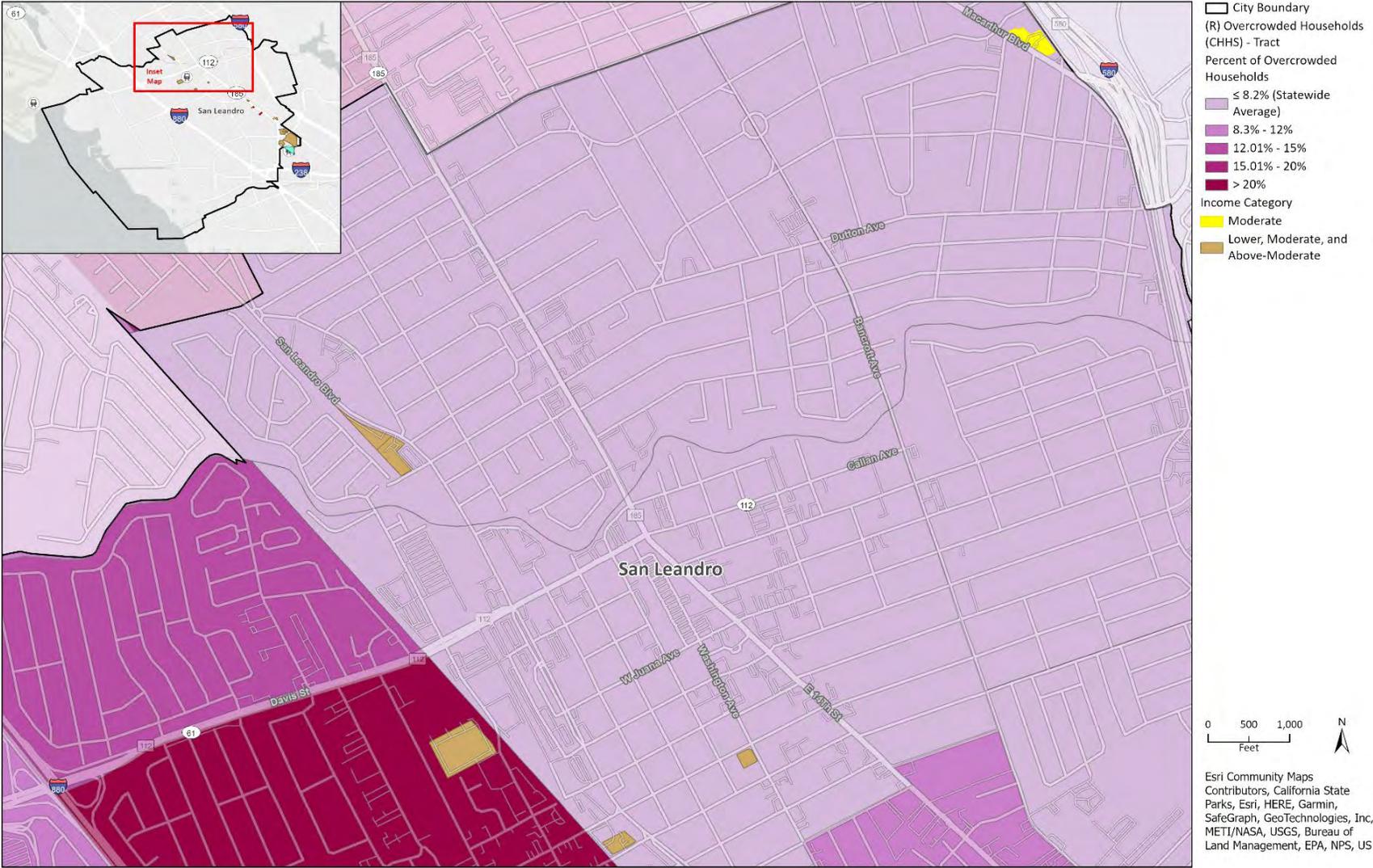


Figure 5.57 Housing Opportunity Sites by Overcrowded Households, South

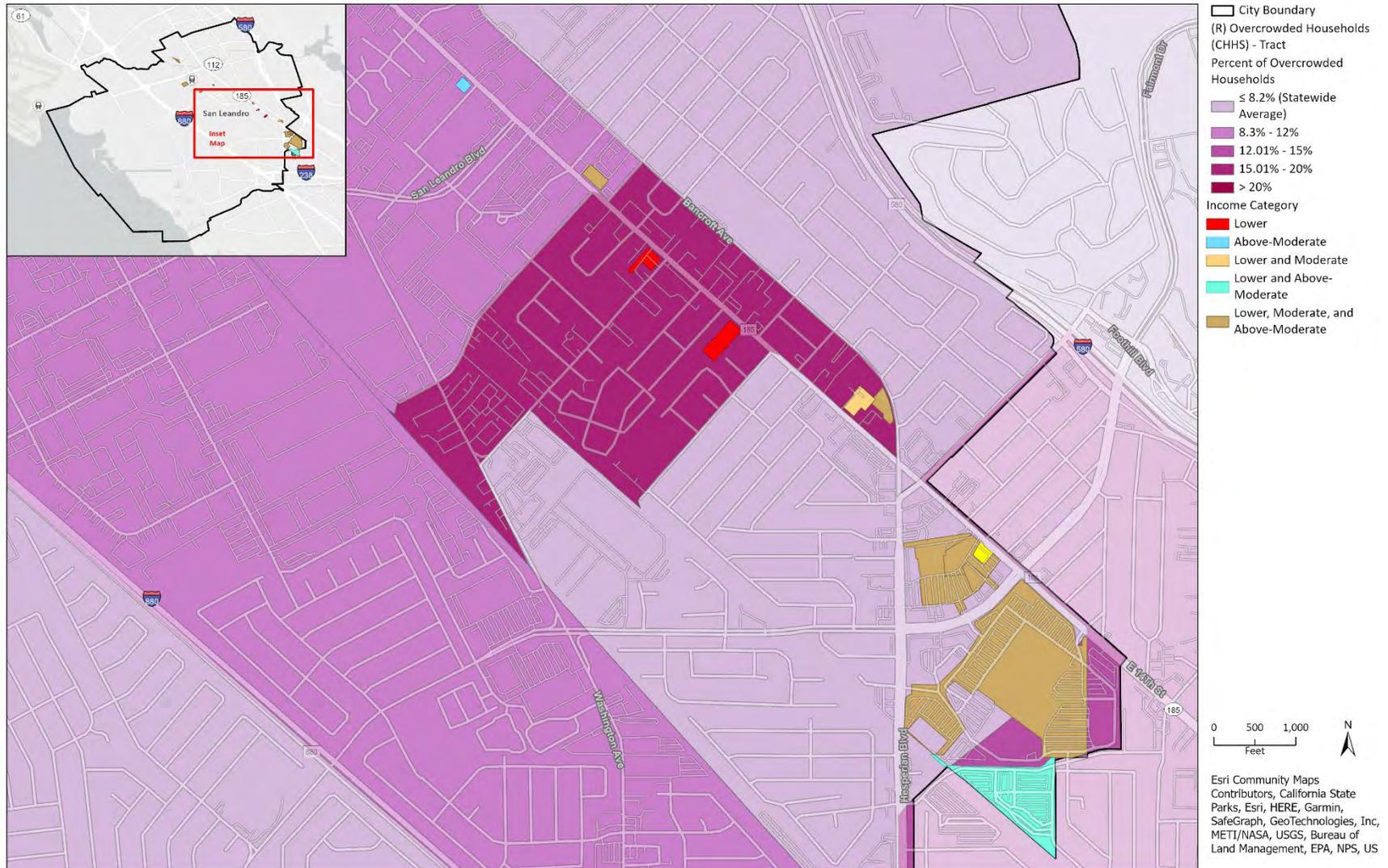


Figure 5.58 Housing Opportunity Sites by Overpayment by Renters, North

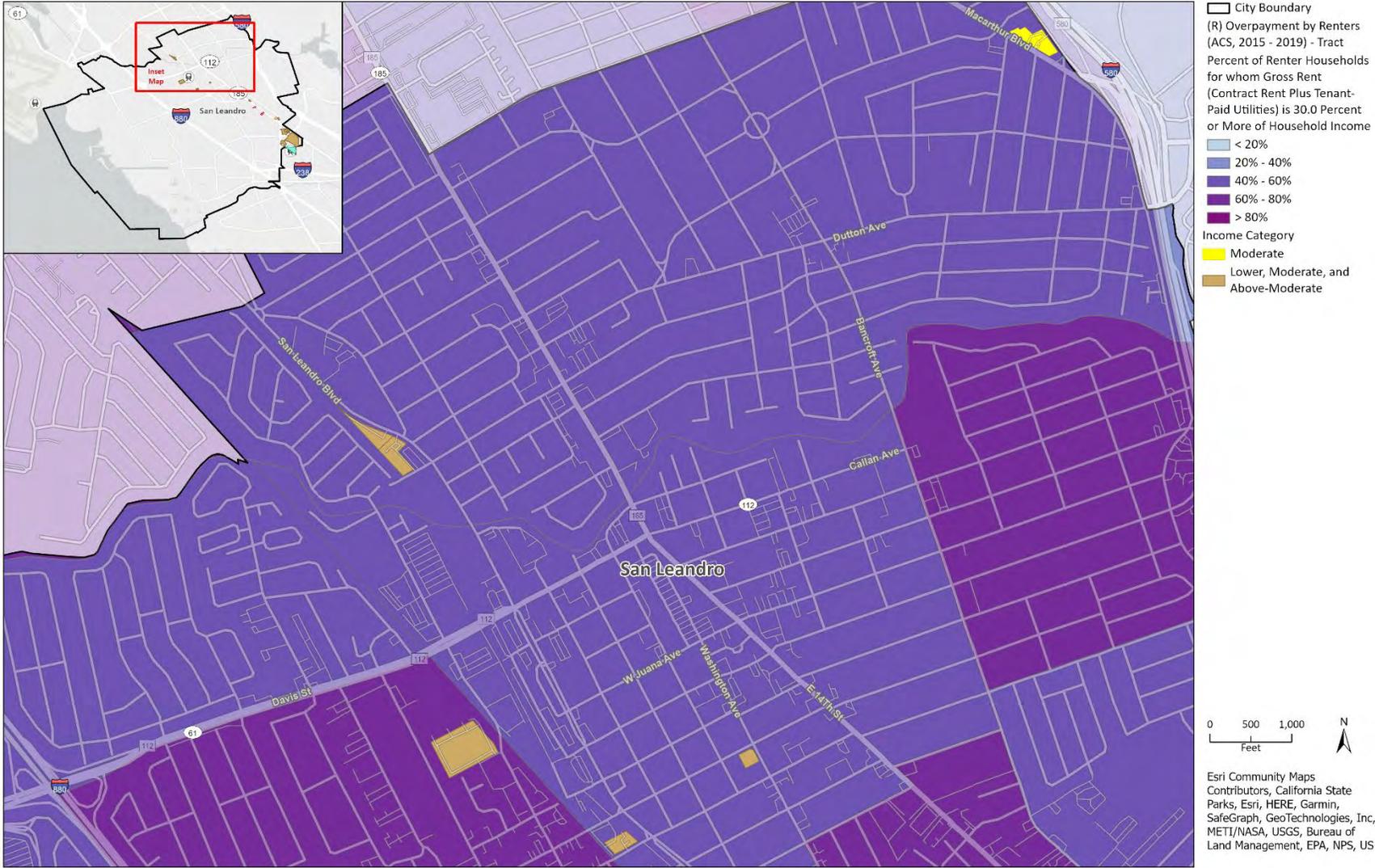
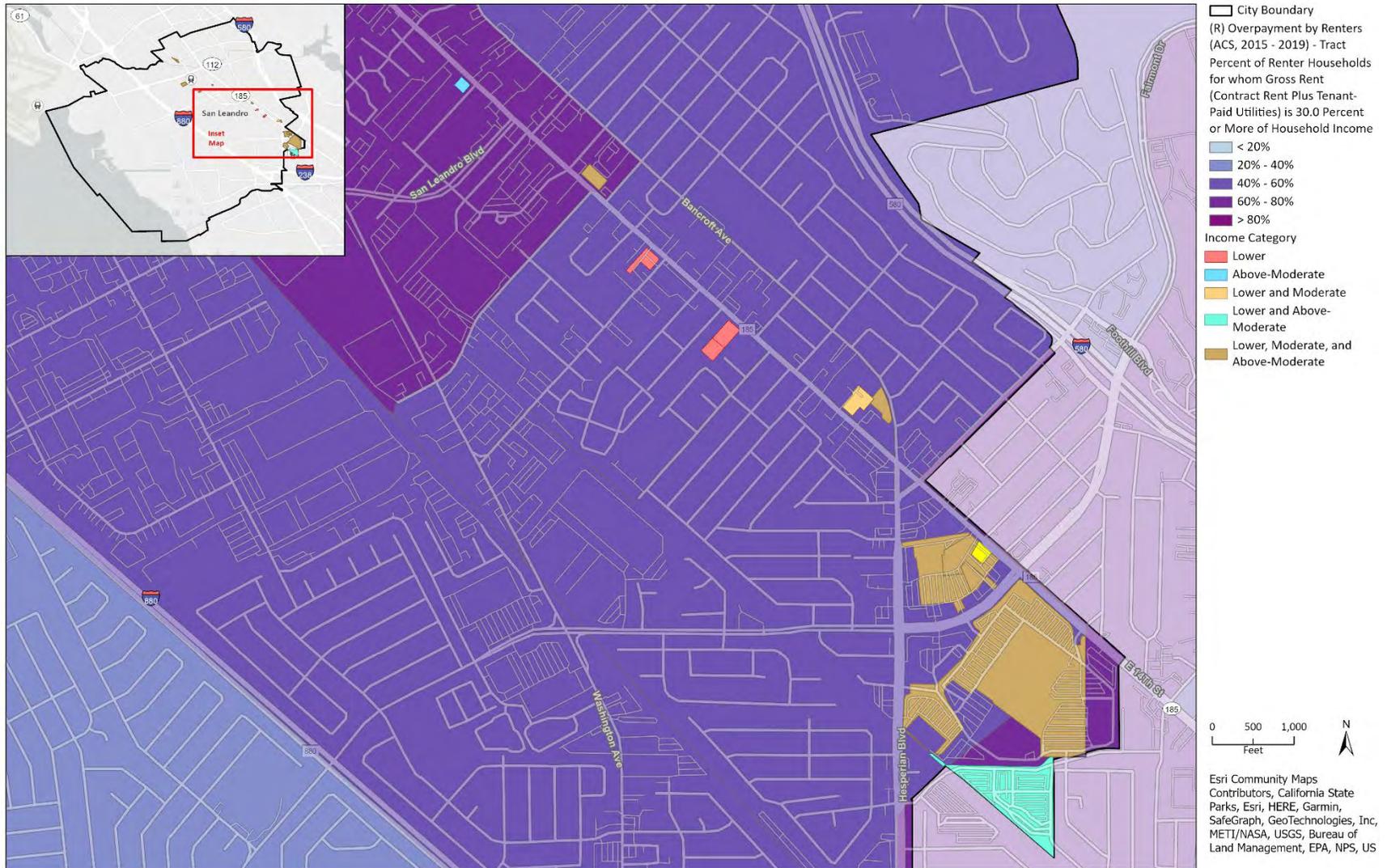


Figure 5.59 Housing Opportunity Sites by Overpayment by Renters, South



### 5.12.5 Sites by Areas of Integration and Segregation

San Leandro has no R/ECAPs per HUD’s definition; therefore, no housing opportunity sites are located in R/ECAPs. Neighborhoods adjacent to I-580 in northeastern San Leandro have the highest range in median income levels and can be considered a concentrated area of affluence, but these areas are not extremely segregated by racial/ethnic group and contain a three- or four-group mix. Housing opportunity sites in this area could accommodate 19 units appropriate for moderate-income housing. As shown in Figure 5.60 and Figure 5.65, the sites inventory will add housing opportunities mostly in the central area of the city and BTOD, which have a mix of racial and ethnic populations and are not dominated by any one racial or ethnic group, according to data from the UC Berkeley Urban Displacement Project Neighborhood Segregation index (2019).

Some communities in central San Leandro with slim or sizeable dominance of Hispanic/Latino and/or Asian American households are also LMI communities. Other communities in the northern and southern parts of the city with a larger share of LMI populations and dominance of Hispanic/Latino and/or Asian American households include the Davis and Manor/Bonaire neighborhoods. No housing opportunity sites are located in those neighborhoods. Housing opportunity sites accommodate a mix of income levels in areas that already have a diverse mix of ethnic and racial groups. Therefore, the Sites Inventory will not contribute to segregation based on race/ethnicity or income level.

As discussed in Section 2, *Housing Needs Assessment*, approximately 10.4 percent of the city’s population over the age of five has one or more disabilities. For persons with disabilities who live independently or with other family members, independent living can be supported with special housing features, financial support, and in-home supportive services. Location of housing is also an important factor for persons with mobility restrictions who rely on public transportation for travel. As shown in Figure 5.62 and Figure 5.63, the South Area south of Marina Boulevard has the highest percentage of residents with disabilities (20-30 percent). This area includes medium and high-density residential development and San Leandro Hospital. Development of inventory sites in this area could add an estimated 12 units appropriate for low-income households, 14 for moderate-income households, and 26 units for above moderate-income households. Inventory sites in the BTOD area near the BART station could also accommodate 1,695 units, which will allow more residents to live near transit and will create housing opportunities for residents who are unable to drive. Additionally, the City has included policies and programs to increase housing access and opportunities for residents with disabilities (see Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*).

### 5.13 Sites by Communities Vulnerable to Displacement

As shown in Figure 5.64 and Figure 5.65, 62 percent of the city’s total area is considered vulnerable to displacement. All sites except for two are in areas considered vulnerable to displacement. Low-income families are being priced out of neighborhoods, and with the demand for luxury apartments, limited funding for affordable housing development, and the rising cost of living in the Bay Area, it is likely that new above-moderate development in areas already sensitive to displacement will result in higher rents, resulting in the eventual displacement of some existing residents. It is important to provide affordable housing in sensitive areas to reduce the potential for displacement of lower-income residents and to implement other strategies to prevent displacement.

Seventeen sites of the inventory (over 96 percent of the total units) are in areas considered vulnerable to displacement. The sites inventory includes capacity for 212 units appropriate to low-

income households in the Downtown area, which is sensitive to displacement, as well as 163 lower-income units in the South Area and 439 low-income units in the BTOD area. The overall sites inventory includes a buffer of 28 percent for low-income units and 25 percent for moderate-income units. Larger sites, such as those in BTOD, could accommodate housing opportunities at a mix of income levels to counter the effects of above-moderate housing development. More than half (59 percent) of the units in the overall sites inventory could create housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income households.

San Leandro's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance requires that 15 percent of new residential developments units be made affordable to low- and moderate-income households, depending on whether the project is intended as ownership or rental housing. Currently, all new residential development must provide at least 15 percent of the total units as inclusionary units restricted for occupancy by moderate-, low-, or very low-income households at either the affordable rent or affordable ownership cost appropriate for the income of the household. As described in Program 12 of Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*, the City will conduct an economic feasibility study to guide any decisions on changes to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, including the consideration of an increased inclusionary housing component and/or changes to the in-lieu fee structure. Based on the findings of the evaluation and the study, the City will consider amendments to the ordinance with the goal of increasing the amount of affordable housing built in the city while ensuring the requirements do not pose a constraint to overall housing production. Additionally, the City has included several AFFH programs to protect vulnerable residents from displacement, as detailed in Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*.

## 5.14 Sites by CalEnviroScreen Score

Figure 5.66 and Figure 5.67 shows the housing opportunity sites across CalEnviroScreen scores measuring risk of potential exposures to pollutants and the adverse environmental conditions caused by pollution.<sup>76</sup> The city has seven CalEnviroScreen scores ranging from 31 to 40 percent (fourth decile, medium risk) to 81 to 90 percent (ninth decile, higher risk). Most units in the sites inventory (2,282 units, or 86 percent of the total) are in the medium risk areas of 41 to 70 percent. One site on 4.55 acres, with 397 units (15 percent of the inventory), is in a higher risk area of 81 to 90 percent. This site could accommodate 119 lower-income units, 139 moderate-income units, and 139 above moderate-income units. Therefore, the sites inventory would not concentrate lower-income units in areas of higher pollution burden. More information on CalEnviroScreen, impacted areas, and City policies regarding environmental justice concerns is included in the Environmental Justice Element.

## 5.15 Sites Analysis Summary Data

Table 5.15 summarizes the sites inventory by development priority area, sites, number of units by income level, and census tract characteristics.

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<sup>76</sup> California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. 2022. <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/pollution-indicators>

Figure 5.60 Housing Opportunity Sites by Racial/Ethnic Segregation, North

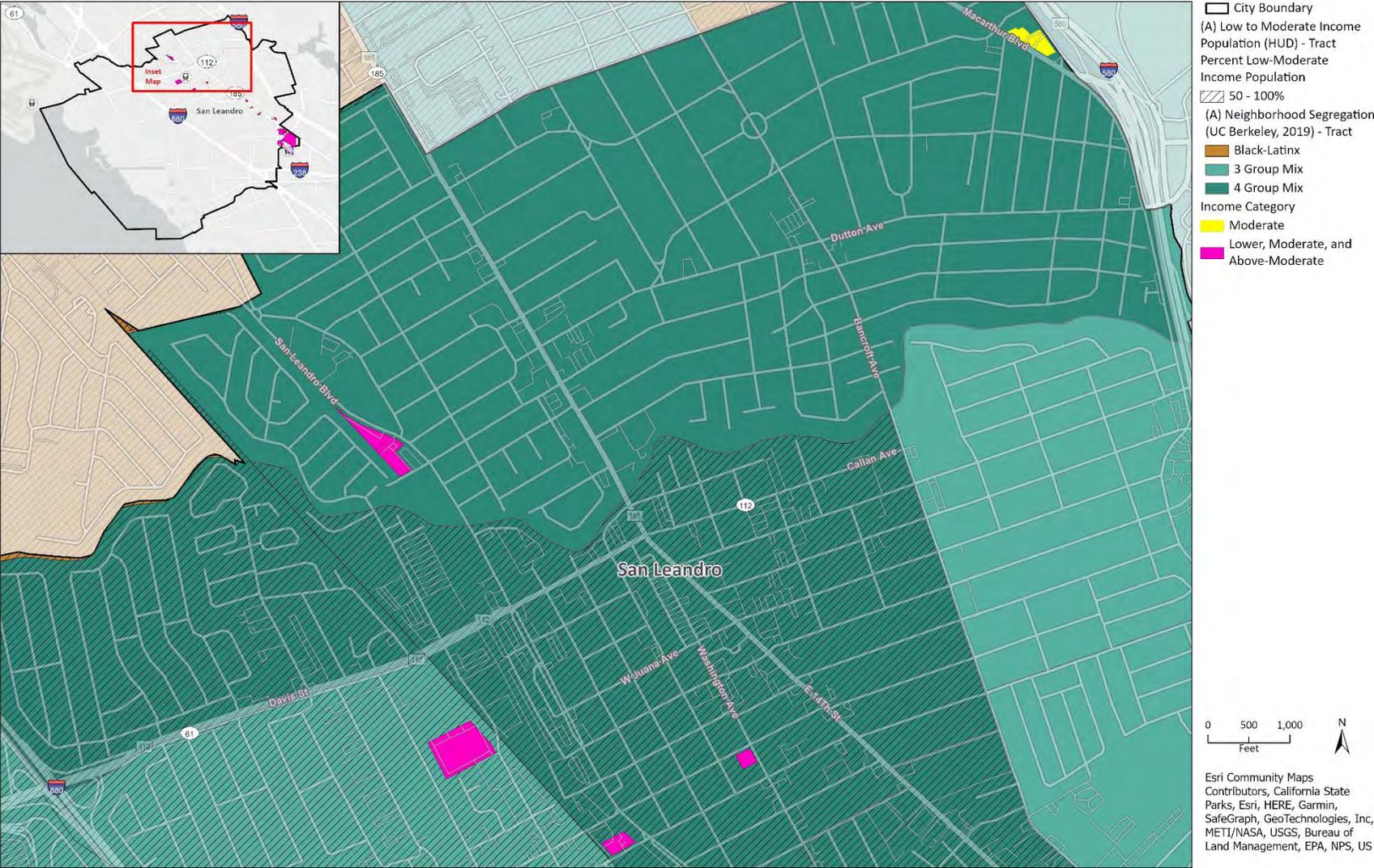


Figure 5.61 Housing Opportunity Sites by Racial/Ethnic Segregation, South

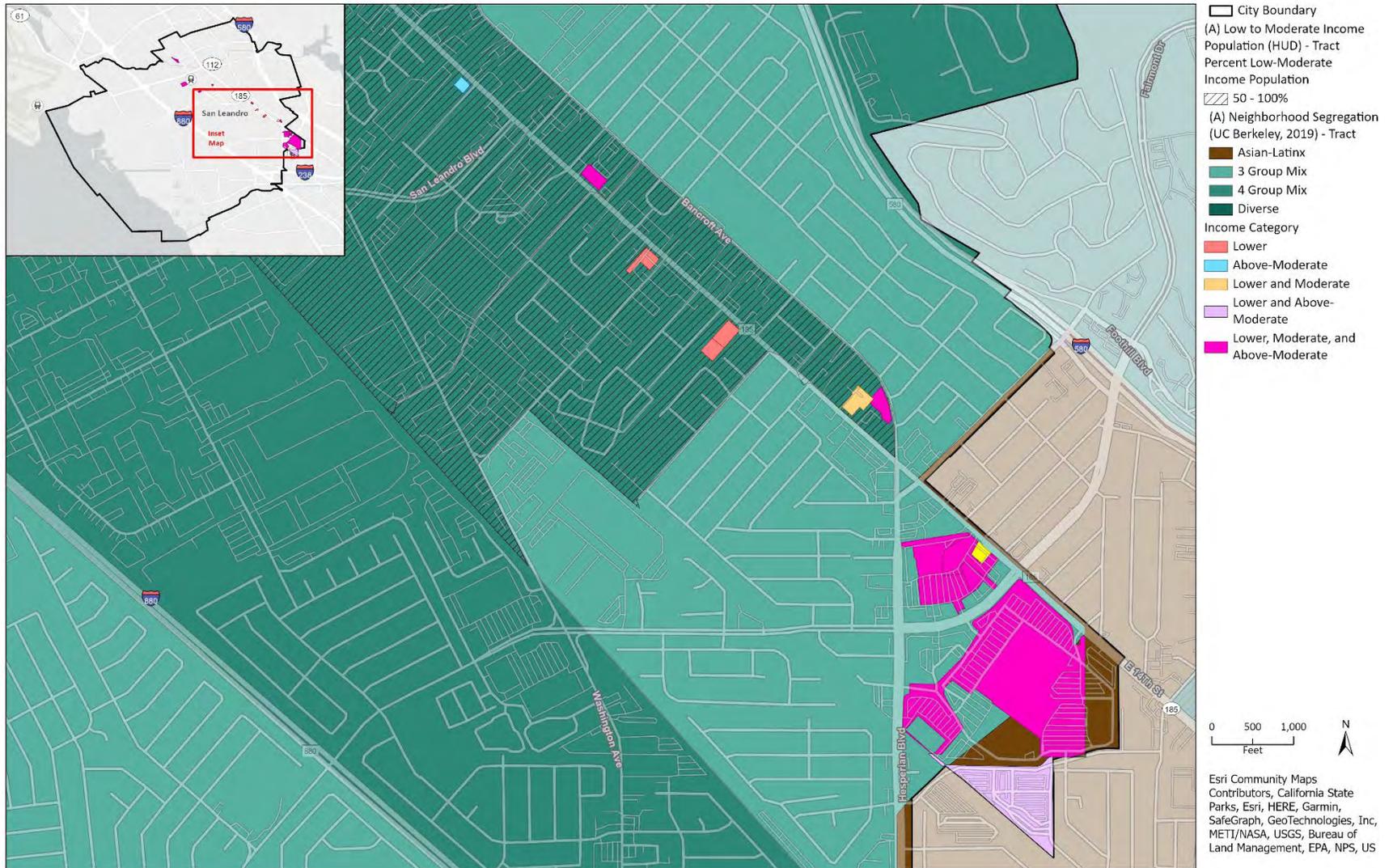


Figure 5.62 Housing Opportunity Sites by Percent of Population with a Disability, North

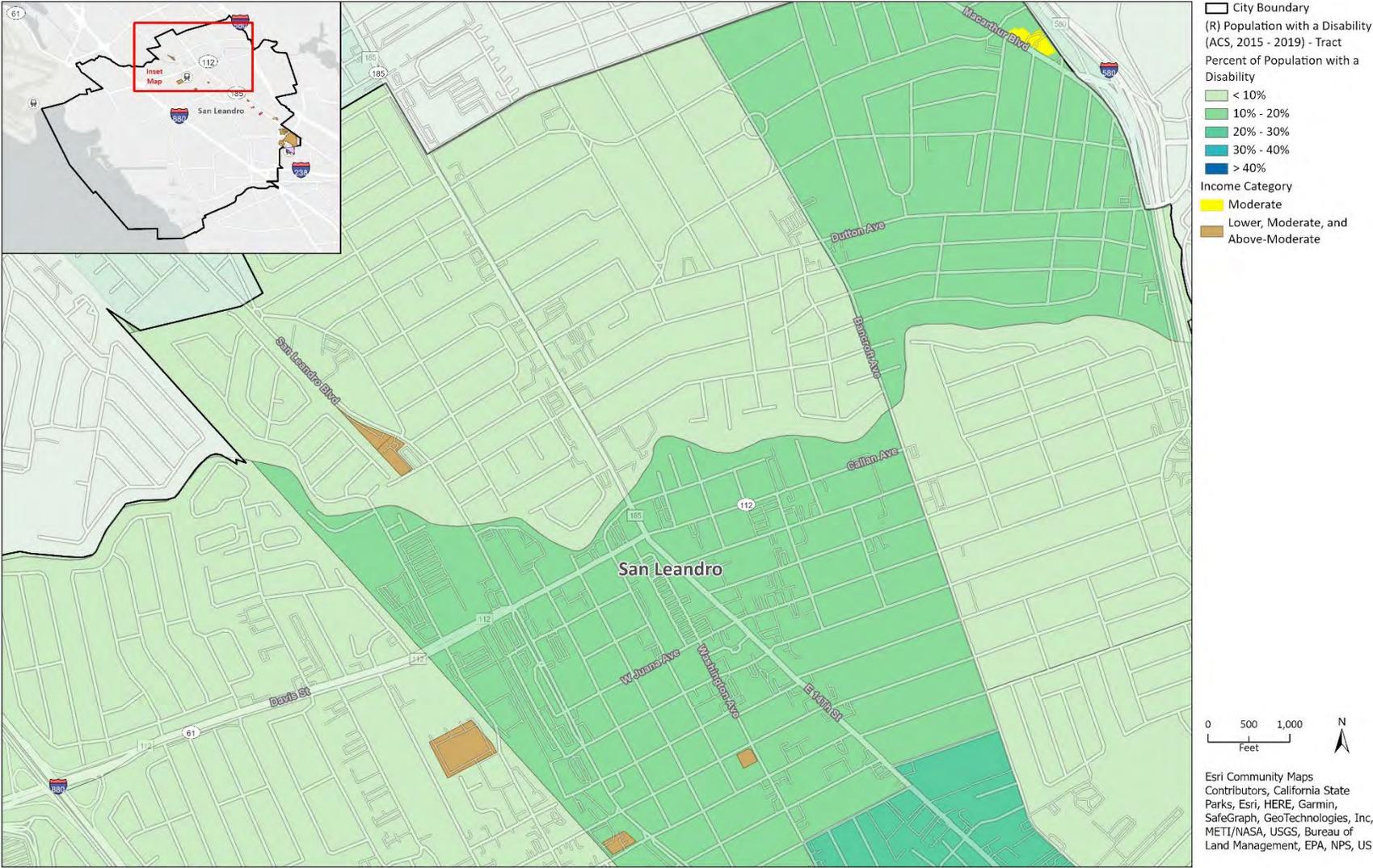


Figure 5.63 Housing Opportunity Sites by Percent of Population with a Disability, South

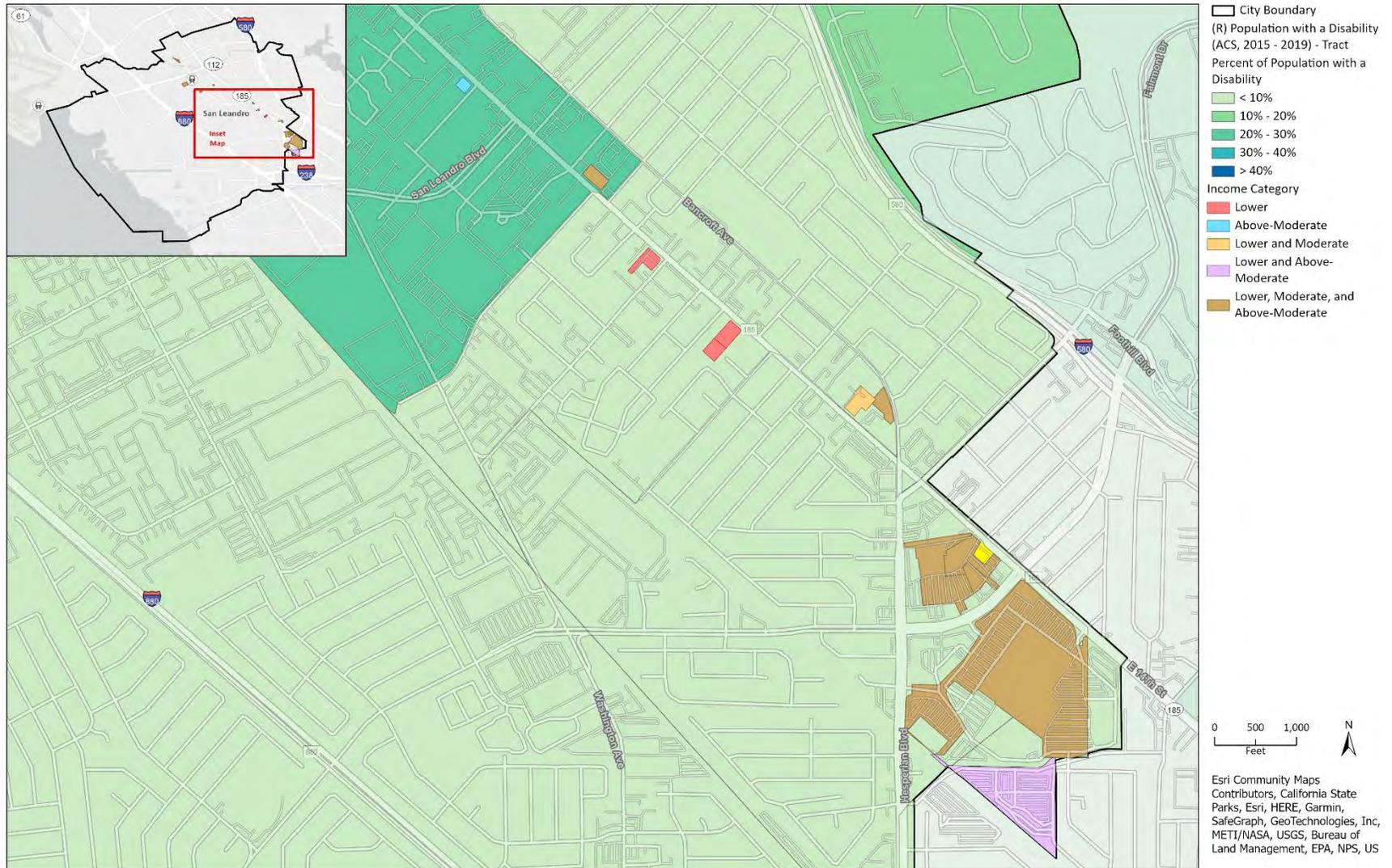


Figure 5.64 Housing Opportunity Sites by Sensitive Communities, North

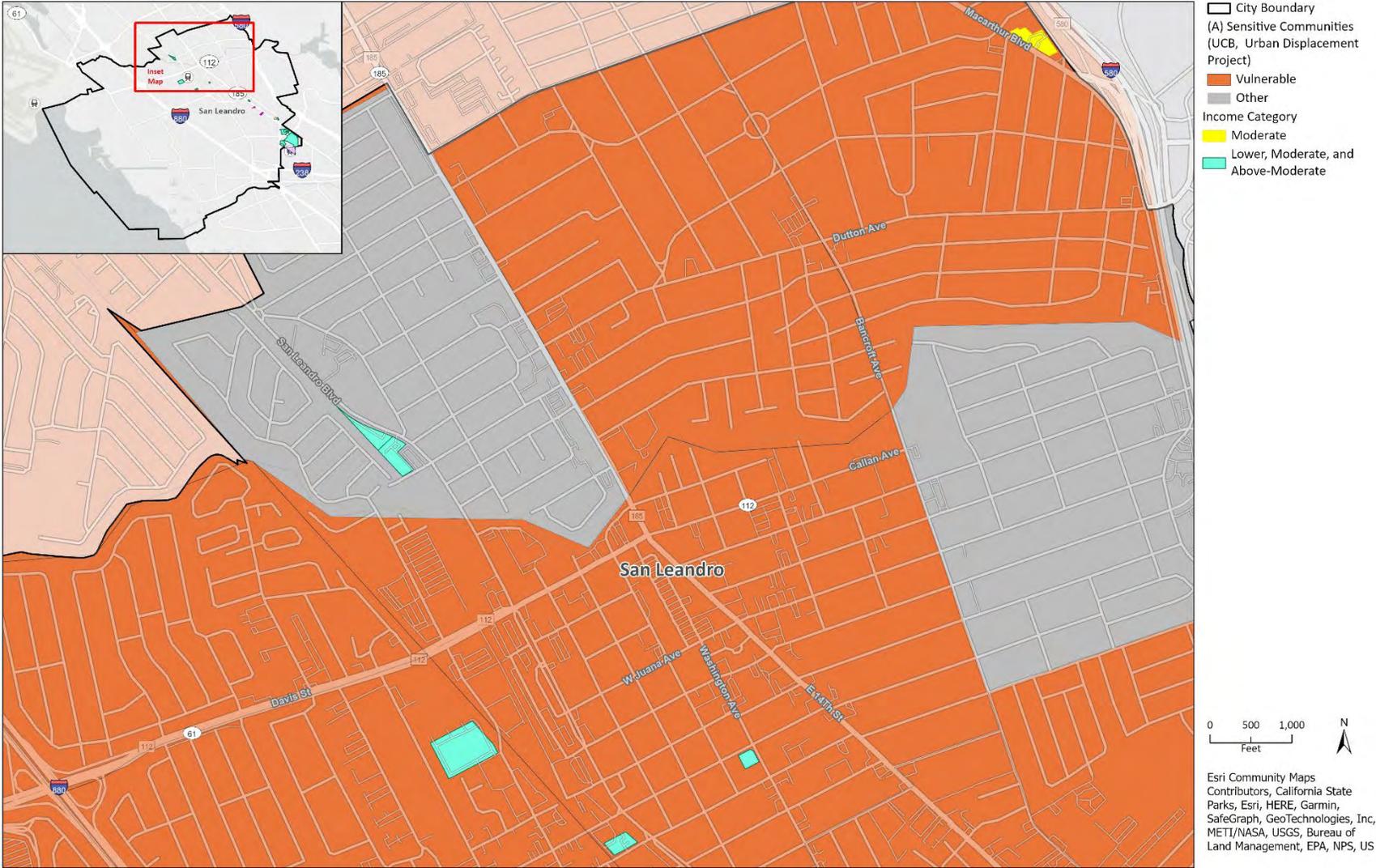


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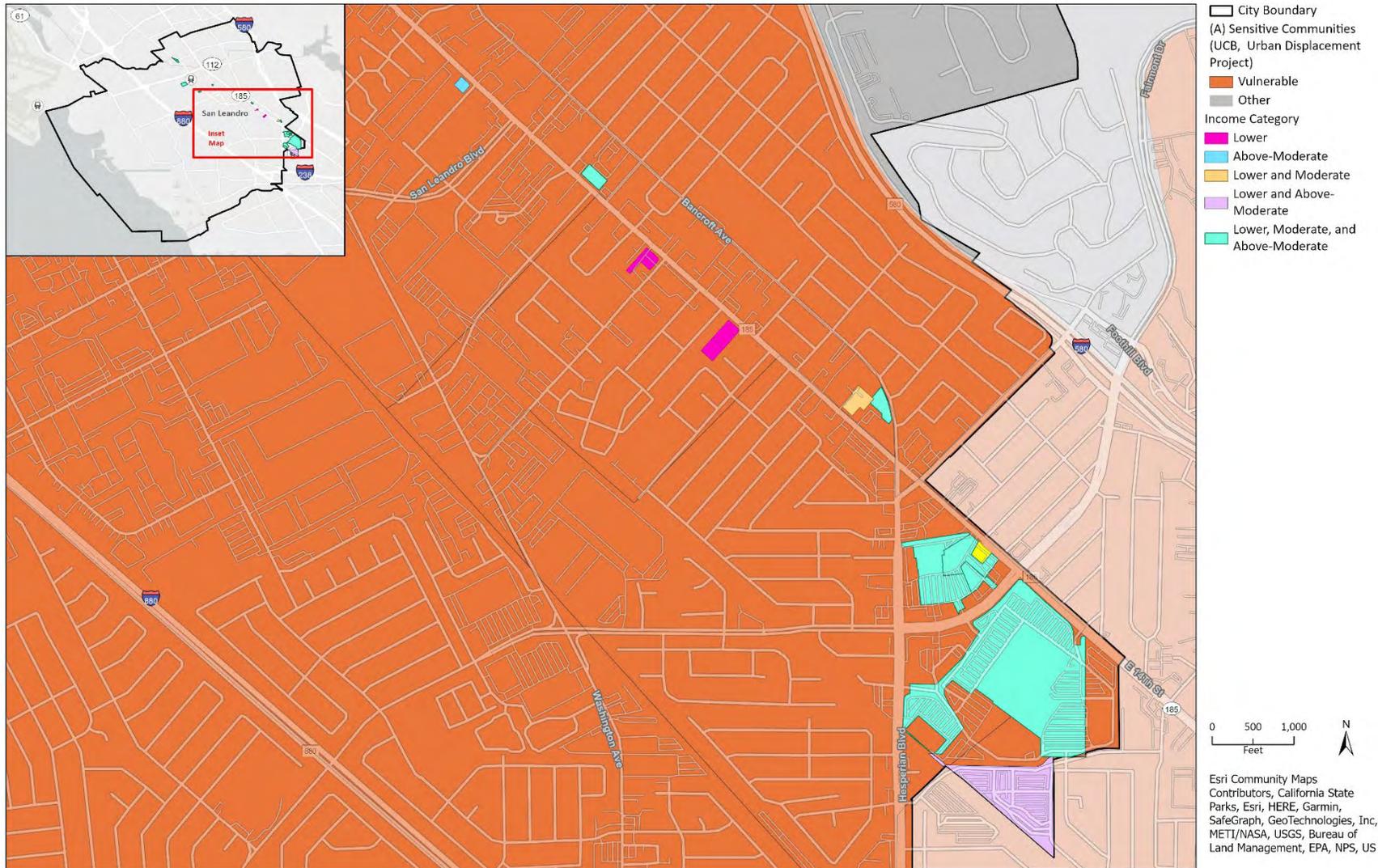


Figure 5.66 Housing Opportunity Sites by CalEnviroScreen Scores, North

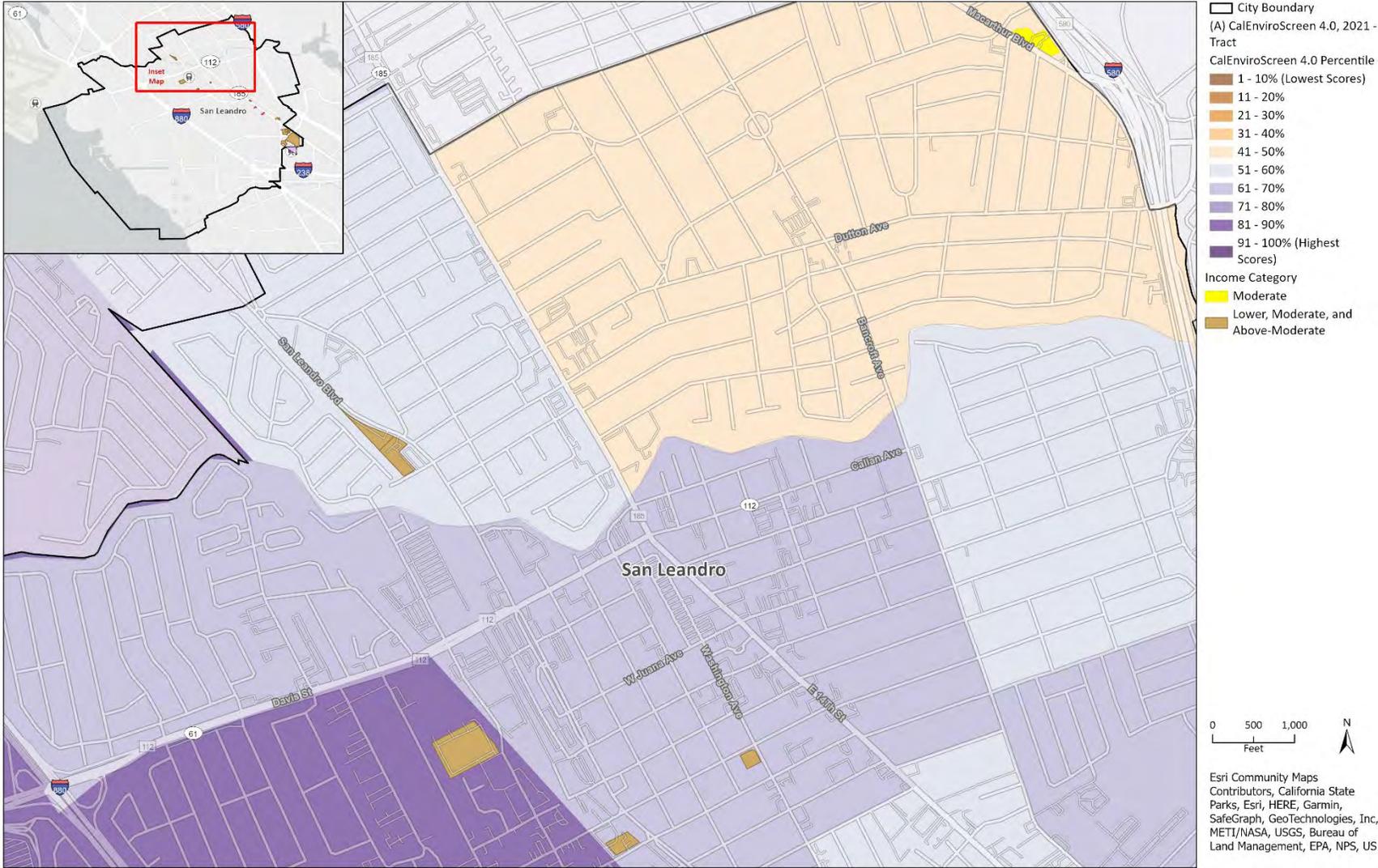


Figure 5.67 Housing Opportunity Sites by CalEnviroScreen, South

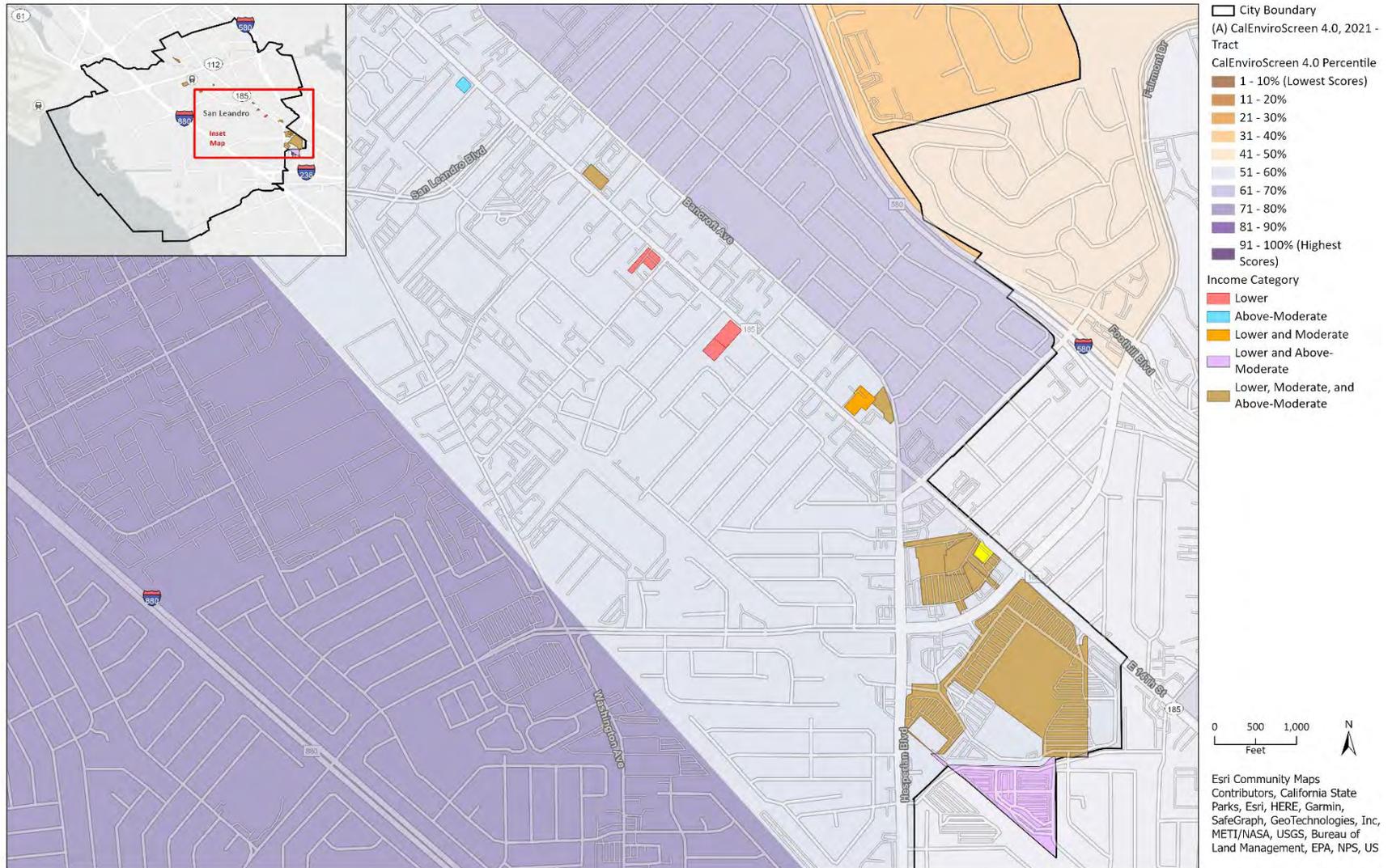


Table 5.15 Sites Inventory by Census Tract Characteristics

Priority Development Area and Site Numbers	Census Tract Number	Number of Existing Households	Sites Inventory Capacity (Units)			Percent Minority	AFFH Indicators			
			Low-Income	Moderate-Income	Above Moderate-Income		TCAC Opportunity Area	Percent Overpayment by Renters	Percent Overcrowded Households	Displacement Sensitivity
<b>North Area</b>										
Sites 8, 9	4321	1,458	0	19	0	41-60%	Moderate Resource	40-60%	<8.2%	Vulnerable
<b>Downtown Area</b>										
Sites 17, 18	4323	1,655	60	67	67	61-80%	Low Resource	40-60%	<8.2%	Vulnerable
Sites 7, 16	4325.01	1,422	33	38	38	61-80%	Low Resource	40-60%	<8.2%	Vulnerable
Site 19	4326.01	1,877	119	139	139	61-80%	Low Resource	60-80%	>20%	Vulnerable
<b>South Area</b>										
Sites 1, 2	4331.03	1,457	12	14	26	61-80%	Low Resource	60-80%	8.3-12%	Vulnerable
Sites 3, 5, 6, 10	4331.04	1,808	151	21	16	61-80%	Low Resource	40-60%	15.01-20%	Vulnerable
<b>BTOD Area</b>										
Sites 11, 12, 13, 14, 15	4331.02	1,343	383	490	447	61-80%	Low Resource	40-60%	<8.2%	Vulnerable
Site 4	4338.02	1,452	56	0	319	61-80%	Low Resource	60-80%	12.01-15%	Vulnerable
<b>Total</b>			<b>814</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>1,055</b>					

Source: California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC)/California Housing and Community Development (HCD), Opportunity Maps (2020); U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2015-2019)

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## 5.16 Contributing Factors and Meaningful Actions

State law (AB 686) requires an identification and prioritization of contributing factors to fair housing issues based on all the previously required analysis. This identification and prioritization must give highest priority to factors that limit or deny fair housing choice or access to opportunity or negatively impact fair housing or civil rights. AB 686 also requires identification of metrics or quantified objectives and milestones for determining what fair housing results will be achieved. Meaningful actions must be taken in concert with each other and address the following:

- Significant Disparities in Housing Needs and in Access to Opportunity
- Replacing Segregated Living Patterns with Truly Integrated and Balanced Living Patterns
- Transforming R/ECAP into Areas of Opportunity
- Fostering and Maintaining Compliance with Civil Rights and Fair Housing Laws<sup>77</sup>

This section lists contributing factors that create, perpetuate, or increase the severity of one or more fair housing issues that were identified in the AI, community outreach, and the analysis in this document. Table 5.16 summarizes the identified fair housing issues, contributing factors to these issues, and meaningful actions the City will undertake to affirmatively further fair housing for special needs, racial/ethnic minority, and low-income residents.

### 5.16.1 Significant Disparities in Housing Needs and Access to Opportunity

The following contributing factors to disparities in access to opportunities in San Leandro include:

- Access to financial services and education
- Location, type, and supply of affordable housing

According to HCD, access to opportunity is a concept to approximate place-based characteristics linked to critical life outcomes. Neighborhoods located in the central area of the city along I-880 are generally associated with lower access to opportunity in terms of environmental health determinants, housing, and economic opportunities. LMI areas tend to have higher degrees of single-parent, female-headed households, and persons with disabilities than other areas of the city.

Residents with a disability have been moderately segregated in the city, likely due to the need to live near transit and medical services, income restrictions, and other issues related to housing access. Neighborhoods with predominantly single-family housing limit housing access to those with disabilities and limited income due to the lack of transit options and home affordability. Stakeholders representing special needs groups have also remarked on the difficulties of procuring affordable housing for unhoused people and people at risk for homelessness, such as victims of domestic violence.

There is a disparity between ethnic and racial groups for homeownership opportunities. Hispanic/Latino, Black/African-American, and American Indian or Alaskan Native residents have lower rates of housing-related loan applications and degree of loan origination compared to other groups. Program 17, Fair Housing Services, directs the City to ensure that low-income and minority

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<sup>77</sup> HCD. 2021. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing: Guidance for All Public Entities and for Housing Elements. April 2021 Update. [https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/affh/docs/affh\\_document\\_final\\_4-27-2021.pdf](https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/affh/docs/affh_document_final_4-27-2021.pdf)

residents have fair access to capital resources needed to acquire and maintain housing and prevent predatory lending through information and referrals. Program 18, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, directs the City to provide educational seminars on housing resources and financial planning to increase housing mobility in neighborhoods with higher concentrations of low-income and minority residents.

Additional investments in the Downtown, South Area, and the Bay Fair TOD area will help spur transit-oriented residential and community development in central San Leandro, which has a higher concentration of LMI areas, persons with disabilities, areas vulnerable to displacement. Program 18 addresses these contributing factors through plans and strategies for these areas to target and enhance community investments, including identifying and actively pursuing economic development opportunities, training, and programs that empower local residents and increasing neighborhood-serving uses.

Program 18 will direct the City to prioritize public health, education, economic, and safety programs in lower resource areas and support local businesses in these areas through providing directing resources to assist small businesses with permitting and other costs associated with public improvements. Program 18 will increase outreach in LMI, minority-dominant, and low-resource areas to provide and preserve affordable housing opportunities, conduct housing and financial planning services and education, and engage residents in community planning efforts.

To address land use and zoning laws that result in disproportionate housing needs, the City will continue to evaluate and update existing zoning to ensure compliance with State-mandated streamlining requirements (e.g., ADU, area planning, objective design standards).

### 5.16.2 Replacing Segregated Living Patterns with Truly Integrated and Balanced Living Patterns/Transforming R/ECAP into Areas of Opportunity

Contributing factors to segregation and integration patterns in San Leandro include:

- Location, type, and supply of affordable housing
- Land use and zoning laws
- Displacement of residents due to economic pressures
- Lack of public investments in specific neighborhoods, including services or amenities

San Leandro is an ethnically diverse city with a high degree of integration. As previously mentioned, most areas of San Leandro have a three- or four- group mix of Black/African American, Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, and non-Hispanic white. No singular racial/ethnic group is segregated within San Leandro, but there are economic disparities that have been exacerbated by the high cost of housing in recent years in San Leandro and the Bay Area as a whole, which have resulted in displacement of low-income residents. These disparities have been worsened by the limited growth of low- and moderate-income housing in the city, and most of the city is vulnerable to displacement. According to community members, there is concern that additional housing appropriate for above moderate-income could result in gentrification and displacement of low-income residents if adequate affordable housing is not developed.

San Leandro does not have any HUD-defined R/ECAPs. Some communities in central San Leandro with slim or sizeable dominance of Hispanic/Latino and/or Asian American households are also LMI communities. Other communities in the northern and southern parts of the city with a larger share

of LMI populations and dominance of Hispanic/Latino and/or Asian American households include the Davis and Manor/Bonaire neighborhoods. Neighborhoods on the northeastern side of San Leandro tend to have a higher degree of non-Hispanic white residents and higher income levels than other areas of the city. This contributing factor is addressed in Program 18, which aims to increase integration through encouraging mixed-income neighborhoods and facilitating community outreach strategies that target housing resources to low-resource and predominantly minority communities.

### 5.16.3 Fostering and Maintaining Compliance with Civil Rights and Fair Housing Laws

The AI and the City identified the following contributing factors specific to fair housing:

- Lack of resources for fair housing agencies to conduct more rigorous testing and audits, outreach, training, public education campaigns.
- Lack of public (local, State, federal) fair housing enforcement including funding for staffing and training of public interest law firms.
- Lack of funding for consumer rights and responsibility education on Fair Lending practices and identification of predatory lending practices.
- Lack of regular HMDA data analysis, review, and interpretation to address public access to financial services (first time homebuyer loans, home equity lines of credit and reverse mortgages).
- Lack of systematic review and clear guidelines for regular testing methodology.
- Lack of systematic review and clear guidelines for Annual Fair Housing Audits (e.g.: sampling, audit subject matter selection, improvements to statistical testing and inferences, etc.).
- Lack of access to publicly supported housing for persons with disabilities; lack of affordable, integrated housing for individuals who need supportive services.

As of 2019, San Leandro had a slightly higher ratio of fair housing discrimination cases relative to its population. For Alameda County, disability-related discrimination comprised the largest proportion of recent cases. Most cases were resolved with counseling services, conciliation, or landlord education. As mentioned in Chapter 3 of this document, the City has a contract with ECHO Housing to conduct fair housing outreach and testing. Program 17 directs the City to continue, support, and enhance fair housing services and education, and ensure that local housing programs respond to the needs of a culturally diverse community that includes multi-generational families, a variety of living arrangements, and Limited English Proficiency households.

## 5.17 Meaningful Actions to Address Fair Housing Issues

This assessment of fair housing issues identifies factors that contribute to fair housing issues in San Leandro, identified in Table 5.16. The meaningful actions are incorporated into programs and actions in Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*. Based on community feedback and data analysis, it was determined that high-priority issues in the city are lack of affordable housing, displacement, and segregation of low-income residents. Fair housing enforcement and outreach are determined to be medium priority. Additionally, several programs included in Chapter 6, *Housing Plan*, affirmatively further fair housing by the action areas determined by HCD.

**Table 5.16 Meaningful Actions to Address Fair Housing Issues**

Identified Fair Housing Issue	Contributing Factors	Meaningful Actions	Metrics and Timeline
<p>Fair housing enforcement and outreach (medium priority fair housing issue)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of resources for fair housing agencies to conduct more rigorous testing and audits, outreach, training, public education campaigns.</li> <li>Lack of public (local, State, federal) fair housing enforcement including funding for staffing and training of public interest law firms.</li> </ul>	<p>Fair Housing Services and Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide informational seminars to area residential real estate agents and brokers on fair housing laws and regulations;</li> <li>Work with tenants, tenant advocates to identify violations of fair housing federal and State fair housing laws and support prospective and existing tenants who are experiencing discrimination;</li> <li>Provide trainings for property owners/managers on the requirements of federal and State fair housing laws to prevent discrimination;</li> </ul>	<p>Provide trainings to at least 30 real estate agents and brokers annually. Provide trainings to at least 50 property owners and managers annually. Report the number of complain-based testing efforts and number of resulting complaints filed with HUD or CRD annually.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of funding for consumer rights and responsibility education on Fair Lending practices and identification of predatory lending practices.</li> <li>Lack of regular HMDA data analysis, review, and interpretation to address public access to financial services (first time homebuyer loans, home equity lines of credit and reverse mortgages).</li> </ul>	<p>Support annual Fair Housing Audit Report that assesses typical or timely market-based suspected areas of discrimination. ECHO staff trains testers who act as home seekers and who are randomly assigned to area property owners and managers to determine if any denials to offer rental housing was based on discrimination. The City will conduct a third-party independent review of the Annual Fair Housing Audit. Independent review should provide guidance on needed improvements, if any, on subject-matter selection, sampling, statistical testing methodology and general observations on updates or improvements.</p>	<p>City will engage/consult with fair housing evaluator to review methodology for the Annual Fair Housing Audit by January 2025.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of systematic review and clear guidelines for regular testing methodology.</li> </ul>	<p>Affordable Rental Housing Counseling Services: Continue and if feasible expand funding for information and referral services that direct families and individuals with financial resources for housing rental or purchase, locating suitable housing, and obtaining housing with special needs facilities such as disabled-accessible units.</p>	<p>Hold at least eight informational events during the planning period to disseminate informational materials or provide trainings to residents, prioritizing communities sensitive to displacement.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of systematic review and clear guidelines for Annual Fair Housing Audits (e.g.: sampling, audit subject matter selection, improvements to statistical testing and inferences, etc.).</li> </ul>	<p>Review and update the City’s Language Access Plan based on HUD guidelines and publish on the City’s website: The goal of the Language Access Plan is to survey, maintain and publish a list of multi-lingual staff-capacity at City Hall so that staff may respond to the needs of Limited English Proficiency households. The City seeks to ensure that all residents may participate fully and equally in the housing market by maintain access to written and oral City resources.</p> <p>Fair Housing Marketing Plans: Ensure that local housing programs respond to the needs of a culturally diverse community that includes multi-generational families, a variety of living arrangements, and Limited English</p>	<p>Review the City’s Language Access Plan and update by January 2026.</p> <p>For the City’s affordable housing programs (e.g., Inclusionary Housing, First Time Homebuyer) review every two years the existing Fair Housing</p>

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		<p>Proficiency households. Plans should ensure collaboration with community groups, including faith-based and nonprofit organizations, to provide outreach on housing resources to all types of households and those households with Limited English Proficiency. Conduct an annual review of the City’s regulated affordable housing assets to ensure and/or modify Fair Housing Marketing Plan.</p>	<p>Marketing Plan to ensure compliance with current City policy to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing and make necessary changes within six months.</p>
		<p>Fair Lending: Work to promote fair lending practices throughout the city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure that low-income and minority residents have fair access to capital resources needed to acquire and maintain housing.</li> <li>▪ Prevent predatory lending through information and referrals.</li> </ul>	<p>Annually conduct and publish third party review of City or regional HMDA data to identify areas of need regarding fair access to lending.</p>
		<p>Add information on fair housing laws and resources on the City’s website regarding housing programs in several languages.</p>	<p>Updated website content with updated information on fair housing services and programs by January 2025.</p>
		<p>Seek opportunities to expand outreach and public education strategies on available tenant protection and fair housing services to reach vulnerable households by offering information in multiple languages, targeted social media efforts, combining information with other assistance programs, distributing resources through local schools and colleges, and partnering with community-based organizations.</p>	<p>Partner with at least three new schools or community-based organizations during the planning period to disseminate materials and provide trainings to residents, prioritizing services in communities sensitive to displacement.</p>
		<p>Continue to effectively address the requirements of Government Code Sections 8899.50 and 65583 by coordinating with ECHO and other fair housing agencies to provide fair housing and tenant/landlord services, including investigation of discrimination complaints, fair housing counseling and education, fair housing testing, and tenant/landlord counseling and mediation.</p>	<p>Assist at least 30 residents and landlords with fair housing services annually.</p>
		<p>Coordinate with non-profit organizations and employment-related organizations, such as teachers’ associations, school districts, the San Leandro Adult School, and community-based service providers to provide educational seminars on housing resources and financial planning to increase housing mobility.</p>	<p>Provide housing resources and financial planning seminars to at least 50 residents annually, with targeted outreach to the Davis West, Eastshore, and Marina neighborhoods.</p> <p>Establish baseline data from 2024 and achieve an increase of 10 percent of</p>

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		<p>Coordinate with non-profit organizations and employment-related organizations, such as teachers’ associations, school districts, the San Leandro Adult School, and community-based service providers to provide educational seminars on housing resources and financial planning to increase housing mobility.</p>	<p>participants from the Davis West, Eastshore, and Marina neighborhoods during the planning period.</p> <p>Provide housing resources and financial planning seminars to at least 50 residents annually, with targeted outreach to the Davis West, Eastshore, and Marina neighborhoods.</p> <p>Establish baseline data from 2024 and achieve an increase of 10 percent of participants from the Davis West, Eastshore, and Marina neighborhoods during the planning period.</p>
<p>Lack of affordable housing, residents vulnerable to displacement, and socio-economic segregation, particularly concentrated in the central and northwestern areas of the city</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Location, type, and supply of affordable housing</li> <li>▪ Land use and zoning laws</li> <li>▪ Displacement of residents due to economic pressures</li> <li>▪ Access to publicly supported housing for persons with disabilities; lack of affordable, integrated housing for individuals who need supportive services</li> <li>▪ Lack of public investments in specific neighborhoods, including services or amenities</li> </ul>	<p>Continue to implement plans and strategies for areas designated to increase low-, moderate-, and mixed-income housing development during the planning period, including Downtown TOD, the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street South Area, and Bay Fair TOD area. Collaborate with local organizations and residents to identify opportunities for placemaking, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wayfinding</li> <li>▪ Active transportation opportunities</li> <li>▪ Public art reflective of cultural identity and diversity</li> <li>▪ Recreation and community programming</li> <li>▪ Identifying and actively pursuing economic development opportunities, training, and programs that empower local residents</li> <li>▪ Neighborhood-serving needs and opportunities</li> </ul> <p>Continue to collaborate with regional partners and seek grant funding for implementation when practicable. Funding for specific public facility and infrastructure projects associated with plan implementation shall also be</p>	<p>Increase participation in homeownership education and assistance programs for historically underrepresented residents in the homeownership market.</p> <p>Increase participation in homeownership education and outreach programs by minority and/or low and moderate-income residents by 25 percent by 2028.</p> <p>Biannual review of Capital Improvement Program (CIP). As part of the CIP program update, establish a minimum spending target (e.g., 15 percent) and report biannually the percent of CIP budget (including Federal, State, and Regional grant funds, including CDBG) committed to the Downtown TOD, the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street South Area, and Bay Fair TOD areas.</p> <p>Decrease the percent of the city considered “low resource” by TCAC from 61.5 percent to 50 percent.</p>

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		<p>identified in the City’s annual budget to the extent feasible, with consideration to anti-gentrification strategies.</p>	
		<p>Develop an outreach strategy in multiple languages for property owners who own fewer than 10 residential units (either in single-family or multi-family rental housing) to assess needs and connect them with resources, such as housing unit rehabilitation and financing programs. The intent of this program is to preserve Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (i.e., not currently regulated with affordability restrictions). The program will seek to prioritize communities vulnerable to displacement, generally in the central and western areas of the city (all neighborhoods except Bay-O-Vista, West of Wicks, Marina Faire, Estudillo Estates, Farrelly Pond, and Best Manor; and with a focus on neighborhoods with lower median income: Halcyon-Foothill.</p>	<p>Develop an outreach strategy for “mom and pop” property owners by January 2026. After the strategy is adopted, conduct outreach to at least 15 “mom and pop” property owners and assist at least 5 property owners with a combined total of 20 units or more by December 2031.</p>
		<p>Prioritize public health, education, economic, and safety programs in lower resource areas as defined by TCAC in coordination with area public health entities (e.g.: Alameda County Healthy Homes, Kaiser Permanente, San Leandro Hospital), San Leandro Unified School District, workforce development groups, and the San Leandro Police Department.</p> <p>Identify addresses and compile mailing list and email addresses to focus outreach to neighborhoods with higher concentrations of low-income and minority residents (Davis West, Eastshore, and Marina neighborhoods) to prioritize services in these areas.</p> <p>Explore preference policy for affordable housing opportunities, land use, transportation, urban design, public facilities and services, and economic development strategies. The City will seek involvement from community organizations and advocates, business councils, and residents to further refine program scope.</p>	<p>Increase participation in the City’s first-time homebuyer seminars and owner-occupied housing rehabilitation grant program 5 percent annually from lower income and minority concentration areas through the 2023-2031 period (data collection via surveys conducted at the seminars).</p> <p>Decrease the percent of the City considered “low resource” by TCAC from 61.5 percent to 50 percent by the end of the planning period (2031).</p>
		<p>Conduct an economic feasibility study to guide any decisions on changes to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, including the consideration of an increased inclusionary housing component (e.g., up to 25%) and/or changes to the in-lieu fee structure and the desire and ability of developers to contribute to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Consider adopting incentives such as increased densities, increased height limits, reduced parking standards, and ministerial review for projects that incorporate increased affordable units or deeper levels of affordability. The City will ensure that any revisions to the Ordinance are made with</p>	<p>Feasibility study on the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and make changes by January 2025.</p>

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		input from developers, builders, realtors, and housing advocates in the San Leandro area, as well as the community at large. Based on the findings of the evaluation and the study, the City shall consider amendments to the ordinance with the goal of increasing the amount of affordable housing built in the city while ensuring the requirements do not pose a constraint to overall housing production.	
		Facilitate the development of housing for persons with disabilities (including developmental disabilities) through incentives for affordable housing development with services, resources, and assistance.	Goal of developing 40 housing units for special needs households during the planning period or at least 5 units annually.
		Work with the Regional Center of the East Bay to implement an outreach program informing residents of the housing and services available for persons with developmental disabilities. The City shall make information available on the City website.	Implement outreach program by January 2025
		Facilitate the development of affordable housing with wraparound services including employment assistance, childcare, and other social service programs.	Support the development of at least 50 affordable and permanent supportive housing units during the planning period.
		Prioritize affordable housing development and rehabilitation of existing housing for low-income households in locations near public transit by participating in the ABAG/MTC Priority Sites Program and creating a Priority Housing Sites List that highlight opportunity sites for affordable housing development near public transit.	Participate in the ABAG/MTC Priority Sites Program beginning in 2023 and create a Priority Housing Sites List by January 2024.
		As a part of the City’s Comprehensive Impact Fee Study, explore a standardized fee reduction and/or impact fee waiver program for affordable housing projects. The Fee Study shall address non-profit affordable housing projects as well as for-profit affordable housing projects and affordable units in mixed-income developments.	Develop a report for a potential fee reduction or waiver program by January 2025 as part of a Comprehensive Impact Fee Study.
		Update the City’s Rent Review Board Ordinance with input from tenants and property owners/managers, ensuring representation across the economic spectrum	Revision of Rent Review Board Ordinance by January 2025 with a goal of annually assisting lower income tenants in at least 75 percent of Rent Review Board cases.
		Review the City’s Tenant Relocation Ordinance with input from tenants and property owners/managers, ensuring representation across the economic spectrum, and update as appropriate. Outreach to be	Update of the City’s Tenant Relocation Ordinance by January 2027

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		<p>conducted to all vulnerable communities during the update process and after final adoption in 2027.</p>	
		<p>Update the Condominium Conversion Ordinance to address conversion of duplexes and triplexes not covered by the Tenant Relocation Ordinance. Updates may include changing the condominium conversion fee to be based on sales price, removing the existing exemption for two- and three-unit rental buildings, setting a minimum cost per unit for upgrades as part of condominium conversions, and/or requiring a marketing plan for the converted units. Outreach to all vulnerable communities to be conducted during the update process and after.</p>	<p>Update of Condominium Conversion Ordinance by January 2025</p>
		<p>Prepare a local displacement study. The City will require that this study include policy measures to address any findings of displacement. This effort will ensure the City’s compliance with Fair Housing Law and will be used as a basis for a City Preference Policy for any new regulated affordable housing development.</p>	<p>Local displacement study with recommendations for policy measures to address any findings of displacement completed by January 2025. By December 2027, at least two affordable housing development projects totaling 100 units will implement anti-displacement/local preference recommendations from the final study.</p>
		<p>Continue to provide tenant services in conciliation and tenant/owner counseling and legal assistance to evaluate existing State and federal “just cause for eviction” (AB 1482; 2019-Chiu) and other similar legislation with provisions to determine if additional protections through a local ordinance is warranted.</p>	<p>Annually collect reporting by consultant(s) and review data. If warranted, recommend adoption of a local Ordinance by December 2026.</p>
		<p>Prepare report on the development of a rental assistance program to provide relief to tenants and landlords to avoid the displacement of vulnerable communities. Report will compare similar programs in other cities and feasibility of funding sources, including HOME and CDBG.</p>	<p>Prepare and present a report on development of a rental assistance program to the City Council by January 2025, including recommendations for policy actions that would provide relief to tenants and landlords to avoid the displacement of vulnerable communities. If a rental assistance program is approved and implemented as a result, the program</p>

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			will assist at least 15 lower income renter households annually.
		Prepare needs assessment report on rental assistance for emancipated youth. Report will compare similar programs in other cities and feasibility of funding sources, including HOME and CDBG.	Prepare report on rental assistance program specifically for emancipated youth by January 2027. If a rental assistance program is approved, implement program by January 2028.
		Annually monitor the City’s remaining housing capacity to ensure compliance with the City’s obligation to affirmatively further fair housing.	Annual
		In compliance with recent updates to the Surplus Land Act (AB1255, 2019-Rivas; AB 1486, 2019-Ting), identify publicly owned land for the development of affordable housing. Explore the adoption of an ordinance that identifies public land and where a portion or all of the land be used for the development of affordable housing by non-profit, mission-based developers.	Beginning January 1, 2023.
		Review the General Plan, North Area Specific Plan, and Zoning Code and Zoning Map to evaluate opportunities for removing barriers to housing production, adding housing capacity, and accommodating a greater mix of dwelling types and sizes in Moderate Resource areas identified by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC). Recommend amendments, as necessary, to accommodate added housing capacity in these Moderate Resource areas. Additionally, review the zoning code to identify opportunities to increase and encourage a greater mix of dwelling types and sizes, specifically housing types that may accommodate moderate-income households (e.g., duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, townhouses, courtyard buildings), in lower-density residential areas citywide, and amend the zoning code as needed.	Review General Plan, the North Area Specific Plan, and Zoning Code and Zoning Map by January 2028 and implement any changes by January 2029. After adoption of zoning code changes by January 2029, track at least 8 moderate-income units to be constructed annually in lower-density residential areas (e.g, RS, RD, RO Districts).
		Prepare market feasibility report on financing tools, such as Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District, Housing Opportunity Zone, Housing Sustainability District, Neighborhood Infill Finance, or a Transit Improvement District as allowed through Government Code Sections 65620 – 65625 that encourage the production of moderate-income housing units.	Prepare report on feasibility of financing mechanisms and potential for moderate-income housing production by January 2026 and complete identified actions as recommended in the report by December 2028.
		Annually monitor sites that could support workforce and moderate-income housing and encourage development on those sites that is appropriate for moderate-income households.	Support the development of at least 696 units appropriate for moderate-income households.

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		Actively promote available parcels appropriate for development that can accommodate low-income and/or moderate-income households to private or non-profit housing providers to support the production of 2,053 units available to lower- and moderate-income households during the planning period.	Development of 2,053 units available to lower- and moderate-income households.
		Develop a web-based Housing Development Toolkit that outlines a step-by-step process for residential development, including identifying steps in the entitlement and building permit process, detailed information on development incentives, and funding programs and resources for affordable housing development.	Housing Development Toolkit published on City’s website by January 2025

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## 6 Housing Plan

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The Housing Plan identifies the City's housing goals, policies, and implementing programs. The Housing Plan seeks to address community needs as identified in Chapter 2, *Housing Needs Assessment*, constraints as identified in Chapter 3, *Housing Constraints*, concerns identified through community input, and patterns of segregation and barriers that restrict access to opportunity as identified in Chapter 5, *Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing*. Programs from the 2015-2023 Housing Element (5th Cycle) have been carried forward where applicable, as identified in Appendix C, *Review of Past Accomplishments*. The goals and policies contained in the Housing Element address the identified housing needs in San Leandro and are implemented through a series of housing programs. Each program includes a set of specific actions that the City will take during the 2023-2031 planning period to achieve objectives.

### 6.1 Updates to the Housing Plan

New goals, policies, and programs in the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element support the city's diverse community and housing needs by addressing the following issues:

- Housing and support for residents experiencing homelessness
- Affordable housing production and preservation
- Overall housing development, especially near transit
- Homeownership education and opportunities
- Development of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and diverse housing types
- Workforce and moderate-income housing
- Fair housing and tenant protections
- Mobile home park affordability and protections
- Housing that accommodates special needs residents
- Community development, planning, and infrastructure
- Racial/ethnic and economic equity, integration, and opportunities
- Encourage all-electric construction in new housing

New programs to support residents experiencing homelessness consider both the need for shelter and supportive services. The City will identify a location to provide a safe parking location for unhoused residents living in their cars, and partnerships to facilitate the development of tiny homes. The City will annually assess the capacity to accommodate individuals experiencing homelessness, the number of shelter beds available, and the percentage of those in emergency shelters that move to permanent housing. The City will also contract with Building Futures for a three-year pilot Mobile Street Outreach Program that will provide homeless services, and to explore the feasibility to operate a Mobile Crisis Team. In response to new State legislative requirements, the City will amend the municipal code to comply with AB 139 (2019-Quirk-Silva) and AB 101 (2019-Budget Committee) to reduce constraints to the development of emergency shelters and low barrier navigation centers, and allow emergency shelters by right in at least one additional zoning district that would allow emergency shelters to be close to services and amenities.

Several programs support housing development, particularly in areas near the city's two BART stations, and support development of housing that can maximize the city's existing resources and serve the needs of residents. The City will amend the Zoning Code and land use designations to allow increased densities and height maximums in the city's Priority Development Areas, supporting the type of residential and mixed use development envisioned in the City's 2035 General Plan. To encourage development, the City will maintain an inventory of housing opportunity sites, create a web-based housing development toolkit, promote the highest allowable densities on properties, provide technical assistance, and streamline the development process. The City will evaluate parking standards, development fees, and other requirements to reduce potential constraints to housing development, and review the Zoning Code to encourage a greater mix of dwelling types and sizes in lower-density areas. The City will update Zoning Code, as necessary, to accommodate alternative housing types such as housing co-operatives, tiny homes, and collective home ownership models. The City will also meet with labor groups and organizations to discuss ways in which the City can support an adequate supply of labor to build new housing. Additionally, the City will adopt a local Building Code amendment to encourage all-electric construction.

The City will monitor lot splits and two-unit developments under SB 9 (2021-Atkins), provide technical assistance to homeowners, and develop or adjust development standards as needed. The City will annually monitor the City's remaining housing capacity to ensure compliance with the City's obligation to affirmatively further fair housing and promote racial/ethnic and economic integration between neighborhoods as much as possible. To support workforce and moderate-income housing, the City will annually monitor sites that could be appropriate for moderate-income households, and prepare a market feasibility report that will identify financing tools that encourage the production of housing appropriate for moderate-income households. Various programs specifically target the development of ADUs, including the creation of pre-approved ADU plans and identification of cost saving tools for developers, providing increased education and outreach about ADUs to residents, and monitoring ADU development.

The Housing Plan prioritizes the preservation and development of housing affordable to city residents. The City will evaluate its current Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, identify City-owned land for the development of affordable housing, leverage the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF), and Low/Mod Housing Asset Fund to leverage public affordable housing funding. As a part of the City's Comprehensive Impact Fee Study, the City will conduct a Comprehensive Impact Fee Study that will identify the need for a standardized fee reduction and/or impact fee waiver program for affordable housing projects, and analyze ADU development impact fees with the goal of reducing, loaning, granting, or waiving those costs in exchange for providing rents affordable to low- or moderate-income households for a set period of time.

The Housing Plan supports preservation of existing deed-restricted and "naturally occurring" affordable housing. The City will provide developers the ability to acquire and refurbish foreclosed properties and resell them as deed-restricted affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households. The City will also support a local non-profit organization that offers CalHOME funding for loans to lower income homeowners of housing in need rehabilitation, and seek funding to assist local property owners/managers operating rental housing in need of rehabilitation. Additionally, the City will work with the owners of existing affordable housing with expiring affordability covenants that are scheduled for conversion and work with private and non-profit entities to solicit interest in acquiring and managing this housing. The City will develop an outreach strategy in multiple languages for long-standing property owners who own fewer than 10 residential units (either in single-family or multi-family rental housing) to assess needs and connect them with resources, such

as housing unit rehabilitation and financing programs. The program will seek to prioritize communities vulnerable to displacement.

To preserve the affordability and viability of mobile home parks, the City will re-evaluate the Mobile Home Rent Stabilization Ordinance and enact identified updates to enhance its effectiveness and objectives and explore feasibility of a right of first refusal mechanism for mobile homeowners to buy a park upon notice of sale of mobile home park by owner.

To support the needs of all residents, including those with disabilities and needing services, the City will review the City's existing reasonable accommodation policy and grievance procedure, update as needed, and provide a link to its Reasonable Accommodations policy on the Housing page of the City website. The City will explore development of an ordinance that promotes and encourages the use of Universal Design Principles in new construction and/or rehabilitation of housing. To accommodate the needs of large households, the City will explore providing incentives for developers to include three- and four-bedroom apartments in affordable, multi-family, and/or mixed-use projects to expand rental opportunities. The City will also amend the municipal code to comply with AB 2162 (2018-Chiu), to reduce constraints to the development of supportive housing in zones where multi-family and mixed use is permitted.

The City will focus community development, housing stabilization, and infrastructure programs in areas determined to be of need in Chapter 5, *Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing*. Programs and initiatives include infrastructure and transportation planning, and public health, education, economic, and safety programs. The City will also prioritize resources supporting lower-income small business owners to assist with permitting and other costs associated with public improvements.

The Housing Plan contains several actions focused on preventing displacement of residents. The City will augment its existing tenant protection and assistance services by continuing to provide tenant services in conciliation and tenant/owner counseling and legal assistance to evaluate existing State and federal "just cause for eviction," exploring the development of a rental assistance program, and exploring opportunities to provide rental assistance for emancipated youth. The City will also update the Condominium Conversion Ordinance to address conversion of duplexes and triplexes not covered by the Tenant Relocation Ordinance.

To provide greater home ownership opportunities for residents, the City will pursue public funding to reinstate the First-Time Homebuyer Loan Program and other public down payment assistance programs. Additionally, the City will annually seek and publish third party review of City or regional housing loan data to identify areas of need regarding fair access to lending.

## 6.2 Goals and Policies

### **Goal 1: Increase Housing Production by Providing Adequate Sites for a Variety of Housing Types and Removing Constraints to Residential Development**



The City must provide sufficient capacity to accommodate San Leandro's share of the regional housing need through its General Plan land use and zoning framework. Strategic infill development of vacant or underutilized sites near transit focuses new construction within existing communities, which reduces dependency on automobile travel, and increases the number of residents near commercial businesses, jobs, and community services.

Constraints to providing adequate housing for all income levels are caused by many factors, including governmental controls. These constraints may increase the cost of housing or render residential construction physically or economically infeasible for developers and reduce opportunities for residents to live in non-traditional housing types. The City will work to make it easier for different housing types to be developed, which supports housing for all residents with varying housing needs and desires.

- P.1.1 Reduce Barriers to Housing Development.** Facilitate innovative housing models and promote regulatory reforms that reduce the costs of housing production while also promoting broader citywide housing priorities.
- P.1.2 Provide and Maintain Adequate Sites to Accommodate the RHNA.** The City shall maintain appropriate land use designations and densities to accommodate an increased supply of housing units by type, cost, and size to meet its share of the regional housing need in alignment with citywide housing priorities.
- P.1.3 Streamline Housing Entitlement and Permitting Process.** The City shall streamline the housing approval and permitting process, particularly for affordable housing, throughout City departments.
- P.1.4 Facilitate Infill Development.** The City shall utilize infill development strategies to support neighborhoods and living environments that are served by public transit and services and are conducive to public health and wellness.

## Goal 2: Assist the Development of Housing Affordable to Extremely Low-, Very Low-, Low-, and Moderate-Income Levels and populations with Special Needs



In the last two decades, San Leandro experienced slow new housing construction compared to surrounding cities and Alameda County as a whole. Housing construction has not kept pace with population growth, contributing to overcrowding and displacement, particularly for moderate and low-income households. Although there are significant factors outside of the City's control that affect the housing market and cost of construction, the City will do its part to make it easier for different types of housing to be built at a variety of affordability levels to serve the needs of current and future San Leandrans.

Certain residents may have more difficulty in finding suitable, affordable housing due to special needs and circumstances related to employment and income, disability, or family/household characteristics. Persons with disabilities comprise 10.4 percent of San Leandro's population over the age of five. Physical, mental, and/or developmental disabilities may provide challenges to gaining employment, mobility, or independent living. Persons with disabilities may experience housing burdens and other challenges due to restricted income and/or accessibility needs. Many persons with disabilities, including developmental disabilities, can live and work independently in a conventional housing environment.

Special needs populations also include female-headed single-parent households, and seniors. Most older adults desire to live in their own homes as long as possible. Most special needs groups benefit from affordable housing options, particularly located near public transportation, employment, schools, and medical and community services. Expanding housing accessibility, including physical design and financial access to housing, can support residents with special needs.

- P.2.1 Promote Housing Development Affordable to Residents at All Economic Levels.** The City shall support the production of rental and for-sale housing for people of all income levels.
- P.2.2 Support and Increase Funding for Deed-Restricted Affordable Housing.** The City shall promote affordable housing development through financial and strategic support, including administrative and technical assistance to affordable housing developers.
- P.2.3 Update Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.** The City shall conduct an economic feasibility study to guide updates to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.
- P.2.4 Promote Moderate-Income Housing Development.** The City shall review and update its zoning standards to encourage the development of “missing middle” housing types (e.g., duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, townhouses, courtyard buildings) in lower-density residential areas.
- P.2.5 Support Housing Production for All Needs.** The City shall encourage the production of housing that is physically and financially suitable for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, residents with special needs, including but not limited to large households, seniors, extremely low-income residents, and persons with physical and developmental disabilities.
- P.2.6 Prioritize Housing Location Near Public Transit.** The City shall prioritize affordable housing development and rehabilitation of existing housing for low-income households in locations near public transit.
- P.2.7 Promote Universal Design.** The City shall promote universal accessibility in design and the inclusion of units that are set aside for persons with developmental and physical disabilities.

### Goal 3: Promote Conservation and Preservation of Existing Housing Stock



The city’s existing housing stock is a valuable asset to the community. There is a need to maintain and improve the quality of existing market rate and deed-restricted subsidized affordable housing. More than 77 percent of the city’s current housing stock is greater than 40 years old. While the age of housing, by itself, does not necessarily equate with poor housing conditions, there is greater potential for housing problems in older structures. Supporting the maintenance and preservation of the existing housing stock, including mobile home parks, stabilizes neighborhoods and protects against displacement, particularly for low-income residents.

- P.3.1 Rehabilitation and Preservation.** The City shall support existing homeowners with affording and maintaining their home, with a focus on vulnerable populations such as low-income, owner-occupied households, seniors, and people with disabilities.
- P.3.2 Safe and Livable Housing.** The City shall enforce building, safety, and housing codes to ensure safe and sanitary housing conditions.
- P.3.3 Maximize Existing Housing Stock for Area Residents.** The City shall promote the use of housing for San Leandro residents and workers, in compliance with Fair Housing Law, and seek to limit short-term rentals, and prolonged vacancies.
- P.3.4 Preserve Existing Affordable Housing.** The City shall facilitate the renewal of existing affordable housing covenants and promote opportunities for acquisition of units with expiring covenants to preserve affordability. The City will explore opportunities to preserve “Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing” under the auspices of AB 787 (2021, Gabriel).
- P.3.5 Mobile Home Park Preservation.** The City shall preserve existing mobile home parks and support measures to maintain affordability.

**P.3.6 Support Alternative Housing Solutions and Efficient Use of Housing Stock.** The City shall explore and support alternative housing such as home-sharing programs, land trusts, the construction of ADUs, and other methods of utilizing existing housing stock to increase housing supply and affordability.

#### Goal 4: Protect Residents from Displacement



In the Bay Area, economic disparities have worsened in recent years, displacing residents of low and moderate-income households, and San Leandro is no exception. San Leandro households earned a median annual income above \$75,000; however, the city had a higher proportion of low- and moderate-income households compared to Alameda County as whole. San Leandro residents also experienced a higher rate of cost burden (when a household spends more than 30 percent of monthly income on housing costs). The median home value in 2022 in San Leandro was \$1,000,000, which reflects a 62 percent increase over the City's 2015 median home value (adjusted for inflation). The City will continue to assess and strengthen anti-displacement measures and tenant protections.

- P.4.1 Minimize Displacement of Vulnerable Residents.** The City shall make all neighborhoods places of opportunity while minimizing the involuntary displacement of vulnerable populations, such as low-income households, seniors on fixed incomes, and people with disabilities, due to increased housing costs.
- P.4.2 Strengthen Tenant Protections.** The City shall explore options to strengthen measures for eviction prevention, limits on sudden or annual rent increases, and tenant relocation assistance.
- P.4.3 Support Households Impacted by Foreclosure.** The City shall work to identify funding to establish counseling and other resources to assist households at risk of foreclosure.
- P.4.4 Support Alternative Ownership Models.** The City shall support resident-driven alternative ownership models to help low-income residents remain in their communities and build equity (e.g.: land trusts, tenant opportunity to purchase programs, etc.).
- P.4.5 Support Affordable Home Ownership Opportunities.** The City shall promote home ownership programs and opportunities for moderate and low-income households.
- P.4.6 Support Regional Partnerships.** The City shall partner with local and regional organizations to identify joint strategies and funding opportunities to help stabilize neighborhoods and protect vulnerable residents.

#### Goal 5: Advance Fair Housing, Equity, and Inclusion



There is no one ethnic group that constitutes a majority in the city's population, making San Leandro one of the most diverse cities in Alameda County. However, long-standing historic discrimination, such as mortgage redlining practices and a predominance of single-family housing development resulted in disparities in housing resources among racial and ethnic groups, particularly for Hispanic/Latino and Black/African-American households. In a comparison of racial/ethnic groups, Hispanic/Latino and Black/African-American households had median household income levels below the city average. Housing opportunities and housing mobility are often limited for low-income households, persons with disabilities, and other special needs groups. The City will prevent or counter geographic discrimination by implementing equitable investment in neighborhoods and housing resources, promoting mixed-income neighborhoods, and

by supporting housing education and opportunities for low-income, minority, and special needs residents

- P.5.1 Fair Housing Services and Education.** The City shall support effective programs that work toward eliminating housing discrimination of protected classes under State and federal law.
- P.5.2 Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.** The City shall monitor and ensure compliance with the City’s obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.
- P.5.3 Commit Resources to Ensure Equitable Neighborhoods.** The City shall invest in historically underserved communities while promoting housing stability, preservation, and new stable housing opportunities for current residents, particularly those vulnerable to displacement.
- P.5.4 Promote Mixed-Income Neighborhoods.** The City shall promote mixed-income neighborhoods with an equitable distribution of housing types and housing mobility opportunities for people of all incomes throughout the city.
- P.5.6 Support Wealth-Building Activities for Low-Income Residents.** The City shall support efforts to connect low-income residents with financial empowerment resources, homeownership programs, first-time homebuyer opportunities, small business assistance, and workforce training resources and services.
- P.5.7 Leverage Resources for Housing Assistance and Education.** The City shall pursue and administer, where feasible, all available federal, State, and local resources to provide financial assistance, housing rights and financial education, and other services related to homeownership, housing stability, and housing mobility.
- P.5.8 Focus Housing Opportunity Programs for Vulnerable and Underrepresented Residents.** The City shall focus outreach for homeownership and affordable housing opportunity programs to residents in areas vulnerable to displacement and to populations that are underrepresented in the housing market.
- P.5.9 Engage Underrepresented Residents.** The City shall prioritize engagement of underrepresented residents and people of all racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds in the City’s Community Development and Human Services Departments’ programs to achieve equitable outcomes.
- P.5.10 Reduce Barriers.** Evaluate and reduce barriers to housing that disproportionately affect populations in protected classes, lower income households, and special needs populations by rescinding or mitigating development standards that are exclusionary, discriminatory, or otherwise impede the development of housing that is affordable to lower income households, including prohibitions on multi-family housing, limitations on density, and other standards that increase the cost of constructing housing.

## Goal 6: Housing for Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness



Alameda County's January 2019 point-in-time (PIT) count showed a significant increase in residents experiencing homelessness over the 2017 PIT count revealed that one in five unsheltered people had lost their housing during that time period. For the 2022 PIT count there was only a slight decrease in the population of San Leandro residents experiencing homelessness (in 2019 there were 418; in 2022 there were 409 individuals) indicating that there continues to be significant work to address those who are unhoused and residing in the city. Factors contributing to the rise in homelessness include a lack of housing affordable available for low- and moderate-income households, increases in the number of persons whose incomes fall below the poverty level, and reductions in public subsidies. Homelessness is often compounded by a

lack of job training and supportive services to treat mental illness, substance abuse, or domestic violence. San Leandro has a higher per capita rate of people experiencing homelessness than neighboring cities of Hayward, Alameda, and Union City.

- P.6.1 Support Residents at Risk of Homelessness.** The City shall utilize data-supported strategies to create impactful, long-term solutions to reduce the risk of homelessness for vulnerable households and individuals, with a focus on affordable housing production, financial and supportive services and resources, and workforce training.
- P.6.2 Support Existing and New Transitional and Emergency Shelters.** The City shall remove barriers to interim and emergency shelter access and continue to prioritize the use of available funds to support emergency shelters and transitional and supportive housing programs for people experiencing homelessness and those who are at risk of becoming homeless.
- P.6.3 Fund Construction of New Permanent Supportive Housing.** The City shall facilitate and provide permanent supportive housing options that offer appropriate services for people experiencing chronic homelessness.
- P.6.4 Actively Engage in the Regional Response to End Homelessness.** The City shall participate with the Alameda County Office of Homeless Care and Coordination, Continuum of Care, and partner agencies to develop and implement strategies that address homelessness through a shared vision, coordinated programs, and joint funding opportunities.

## 6.3 Implementation Programs

The City is committed to implementing the programs outlined in this chapter over the eight-year planning period. These implementation programs were developed with extensive community input and prioritize equitable resource distribution to not only preserve and develop housing, but to improve the quality of life for all residents and strengthen the City’s neighborhoods. The implementation programs describe the overarching program description and goals, and then list the actions that the City will take to achieve specific objectives, and identify the responsible agency and funding sources. The icons next to the program correspond with the associated housing element goals.

The City will continually monitor progress and report on these programs annually to the City Council and to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Many programs incorporate fair housing strategies to actively counter disparities in housing affordability, resources, and accessibility among residents and neighborhoods based on such factors as income level, race and ethnicity, disability status, and other characteristics.

### Program 1: Residential Rehabilitation



The City is committed to maintaining, improving, and monitoring housing conditions for vulnerable and extremely low-, very low-, low-, and moderate-income populations. The City will continue to implement the Residential Rehabilitation Program which offers financial assistance through grants and identifies new funding opportunities for loans to qualified lower-income households to repair or correct health and safety issues in their homes. The City may also use funds from sources such as HOME, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the local Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and State and federal tax credits to rehabilitate rental properties. Incentives are provided to all types of affordable housing permitted by the federal HOME program, including needed capital

repairs for existing deed restricted affordable rental housing, permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and group homes. The rehabilitated units are required to remain affordable for a minimum of 15 years.

### Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 1.1:</b> Continue annual funding for the Owner Occupied Minor Home Repair Grant Program and enhance outreach/marketing to lower- and moderate-income owner-occupied households, with a focus on vulnerable and low-income households including seniors on a fixed income and persons with disabilities. The City will monitor substandard or deteriorating housing to identify priority repairs and rehabilitation.</p>	<p>Provide grants for minor home repairs of at least 5 owner-occupied housing units per year for a total of 40 housing units during the 2023-2031 planning period.</p>
<p><b>Action 1.2:</b> Support efforts by Alameda County and non-profit organizations that provide services and funding for the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program (AC Renew and leveraged funding) to assist low-income owner-occupied residents conduct rehabilitation of properties in need of capital improvements for health and safety or structural issues. Support policy programming and applications to potential new funding sources.</p>	<p>Support a non-profit organization operating in San Leandro that offers CalHOME funding for loans to lower income Owner-Occupants of housing in need rehabilitation by Spring 2023.</p>
<p><b>Action 1.3:</b> Seek funding to assist local property owners/managers operating multifamily rental housing in need of rehabilitation. The goal of this action is to preserve “naturally occurring affordable housing”. Focus of program resources will be advanced using principles to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.</p>	<p>By December 2023, prepare needs analysis with goals and expected outcomes for program. If a need is determined, seek public funding (e.g., HUD, State HCD) or allocate existing affordable housing funding (i.e., CDBG, HOME) for loan or grant resources that support this action biennially, beginning no later than December 2024.</p>
<p><b>Implements the Following Policies</b></p>	<p>P.3.1, P.3.2, P.5.2</p>
<p><b>Responsible Agency</b></p>	<p>Housing Division</p>
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>CDBG, HOME, Affordable Housing Trust Fund</p>

## Program 2: Safe and Sanitary Housing



The City’s Code Enforcement Program was moved from the Police Department to the Community Development Department in 2017 as part of the Community Care Initiative. The mission of the Community Care Initiative is to work in partnership with residents to improve the quality of life and aesthetics in the community through education, cooperation, and responsive enforcement. The Code Enforcement Division and Building Division work together to promote safe and sanitary housing in the community.

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 2.1:</b> Continue monitoring Short-Term Rental activity and enforce municipal code requirements accordingly.</p>	<p>Maintain annual contract with third-party monitoring software vendor and continue short-term rental permit and enforcement program throughout the 2023-2031 planning period.</p>
<p><b>Action 2.2:</b> Provide annual trainings during the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element planning period to improve capacity of building and code enforcement staff to work with diverse communities, in a culturally competent manner with a focus on problem solving and with connections to social and economic support services.</p>	<p>Beginning 2025, hold at least five trainings during the 2023-2031 planning period.</p>
<p><b>Action 2.3:</b> Continue offering San Leandro’s Earthquake Home Strengthening Program, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Earthquake Home Strengthening Workshops</li> <li>▪ Disseminating Earthquake Retrofit Handbook</li> <li>▪ Offering a Prescribed Retrofit Standard and Plan Set</li> <li>▪ Maintaining a Tool-Lending Library</li> </ul>	<p>Hold at least one workshop annually during the 2023-2031 planning period.</p>
<p><b>Action 2.4:</b> Explore establishment of a Soft Story Program to address earthquake preparedness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review and update the soft story housing inventory for the city.</li> <li>▪ Identify the soft story residential structures in the city and identify neighborhoods with concentrations of soft-story structures.</li> <li>▪ Conduct outreach to owners/property managers of identified residential soft-story structures to notify them that their residential asset is at-risk in the case of a major earthquake.</li> <li>▪ Explore the feasibility of a formal program to retrofit soft-story multi-family buildings in San Leandro, thereby protecting an important and potentially vulnerable component of the City’s housing supply.</li> </ul>	<p>Present Soft Story Program background data and options to City Council and hire consultant by June 2023. If feasible, begin program operations in 2024.</p>
<p><b>Action 2.5:</b> Partner with Alameda County Healthy Homes to disseminate housing and public health information and resources such as rehabilitation standards, preventative maintenance, and energy conservation measures in various community locations such as City Hall, San Leandro Public Library, San Leandro Senior Center, and Marina Community Center. Conduct community workshops and upload video information onto the City’s website.</p>	<p>Ongoing. Monitor participation by San Leandro residences annually and, if participation decreases, work with Alameda County Healthy Homes to increase outreach efforts.</p>
<p><b>Implements the Following Policies</b></p>	<p>P.3.1, P.3.2, P.5.2</p>
<p><b>Responsible Agency</b></p>	<p>Housing Division, Building Division, Code Enforcement Division</p>
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>CDBG, HOME, Affordable Housing Trust Fund</p>

### Program 3: Preservation of At-Risk Housing



Support the preservation of affordable housing units that could potentially convert to market-rate during the planning period. The City will monitor all regulated affordable units and assist property owners in maintaining the affordability of these units and assist tenants if preservation is unsuccessful.

#### Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 3.1:</b> Work with the owners of existing affordable housing with expiring affordability covenants that are scheduled for conversion to discuss the City’s desire to preserve affordable housing.</p> <p>Work with owners to provide information to the tenants of these units regarding tenant’s rights and conversion procedures pursuant to California AB 1521 (2017, Bloom) or other legal remedies. Provide tenants with tenant relocation assistance, free legal assistance, and other applicable services.</p>	<p>At least two years prior to expiration of the regulatory agreement for at-risk units, meet with existing owner of property to discuss required actions under California law and seek possible solutions that allow for the preservation of the 35 at-risk regulated affordable housing units set to expire in 2025.</p> <p>At least 18 months prior to the expiration of the regulatory agreement for at-risk units, ensure that tenants understand their rights to remain in the units and that they receive information and referrals regarding the City’s Rent Review Ordinance, Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, free legal assistance, and other applicable public services.</p>
<p><b>Action 3.2:</b> Proactively engage private and non-profit affordable housing developers to solicit interest in acquiring and converting existing and unregulated naturally occurring housing to long-term regulated affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households.</p>	<p>Hold at least one stakeholder forum with private and non-profit housing developers to solicit input on program elements, available sites, and funding opportunities by December 2023.</p>
<p><b>Action 3.3:</b> Contact private and non-profit entities to solicit interest in acquiring and managing existing deed-restricted affordable housing that are at-risk of converting to market-rate housing. Assist with funding as feasible and/or support funding application for acquisition and/or rehabilitation of units.</p>	<p>Establish a list of established bona fide nonprofit housing developers by December 2023 and annually solicit interest in acquiring and managing affordable projects in order to prevent losses to the City’s existing deed-restricted affordable housing throughout the 2023-2031 planning period. Assist with funding and/or funding applications as needed.</p>
<p><b>Implements the Following Policy</b></p>	<p>P.3.4</p>
<p><b>Responsible Agency</b></p>	<p>Housing Division</p>
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>HOME, CDBG, and other federal and State housing funds</p>

## Program 4: Mobile Home Preservation



Mobile home parks are recognized as an important affordable housing resource for San Leandro’s seniors and low-income households. The City of San Leandro prioritizes preserving the existing mobile home communities that retain affordable housing for residents. The City has adopted an overlay zone for mobile home parks and has enacted regulations limiting space rent increases. The City will continue to look for opportunities to strengthen existing regulations and consider new opportunities to advance the preservation of mobile home parks. Rehabilitation efforts for mobile home parks should not displace mobile home residents nor reduce the number of affordable units. Financial support for maintaining mobile homes will continue through the City’s CDBG grant to assist with minor mobile home repairs and the Mobile Home Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

### Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 4.1:</b> Continue to provide annual financial support for minor home repairs for owner-occupied mobile homes through the City’s CDGB funding for income-qualifying mobile home residents under the Owner-Occupied Minor Repair and Rehabilitation Grant Program.</p>	<p>Provide financial support for minor home repairs for at least two mobile homes annually.</p>
<p><b>Action 4.2:</b> As needed, assist with conservation and rehabilitation of mobile home parks without displacing tenants or reducing the number of affordable units.</p>	<p>Explore public and private resources to establish funding for conservation and rehabilitation of mobile home parks.</p>
<p><b>Action 4.3:</b> Re-evaluate the Mobile Home Rent Stabilization Ordinance and enact identified updates to enhance its effectiveness and objectives.</p>	<p>Produce a report on the findings by January 2025 and enact identified updates by January 2026.</p>
<p><b>Action 4.4:</b> Explore feasibility of a right of first refusal mechanism for mobile homeowners to buy a park upon notice of sale of mobile home park by owner.</p>	<p>Produce a report on the findings by January 2026.</p>
<p><b>Implements the Following Policies</b></p>	<p>P.3.1, P.3.5</p>
<p><b>Responsible Agency</b></p>	<p>Housing Division</p>
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>CDBG, General Fund, State</p>

## Program 5: Maintain Adequate Sites to Meet the RHNA



An important component of meeting the housing needs of all segments of the community is promoting and supporting the development of adequate sites to facilitate the development of all types, sizes, and affordability of housing. Providing an adequate supply and diversity of housing accommodates the changing housing needs and desires of residents, based on household size and living arrangements, incomes, and physical accessibility. The City is tasked with planning for its share of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) of 3,855 units, across all income levels. The City can count 716 lower-income units, 104 moderate-income units, and all 1,802 above moderate-income units towards the RHNA through planned and approved projects and estimated ADU production. The City can accommodate the remaining 1,233 units needed to meet the RHNA on vacant and underutilized land with current and amended zoning standards. Current zoning provides for adequate sites to fully meet the City’s RHNA for all income categories. Although San Leandro has no shortfall of sites, the City is concurrently amending the General Plan and Zoning Code to align development standards to accommodate higher residential densities (see Chapter 4, *Housing Resources*, for more information). The amendments will also achieve a greater buffer, which was noted as a priority at community outreach sessions. These zoning and land use amendments will be adopted concurrently with the Housing Element update and described in the actions below.

In 2017, Senate Bill 166 (SB 166; 2017, Skinner), otherwise known as “no net loss,” was passed to ensure that cities and counties “identify and make available” additional adequate sites if a housing project is approved at a lower density or with fewer units by income category than what is identified in the Housing Element. Consistent with SB 166, the City will monitor housing sites to ensure adequate sites to accommodate the remaining unmet RHNA by each income category are maintained at all times.

To comply with Government Code Section 65583, the City will also amend the Zoning Code concurrently with the adoption of the housing element to allow by-right approval for housing developments that include at least 20 percent of units as affordable to lower-income households on non-vacant sites included in one previous housing element inventory and vacant sites included in two previous housing element inventories.

### Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 5.1:</b> Maintain a sites inventory and make it available to developers. Actively promote available parcels appropriate for development that can accommodate low-income and/or moderate-income households to private or non-profit housing providers to support the production of at least 2,053 units available to lower- and moderate-income households during the planning period.</p>	<p>Development of 2,053 units available to lower- and moderate-income households.</p>
<p><b>Action 5.2:</b> To ensure that the City monitors its compliance with SB 166 (No Net Loss), the City will develop a procedure to track:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Unit count and income/affordability assumed on parcels included in the sites inventory.</li> <li>▪ Actual units constructed and income/affordability when parcels are entitled and developed.</li> </ul> <p>Net change in capacity and summary of remaining capacity in meeting remaining Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). If Planned, Approved, and Pending projects are not proceeding as anticipated, the City shall identify</p>	<p>Completion of No Net Loss procedures by January 2023. Ongoing annual reporting via annual progress report. Beginning in July 2023, semi-annually review the list of Planned, Approved, and Pending projects and, if projects are not proceeding as anticipated (e.g., entitlements are set to expire, permit applications are not submitted or stall</p>

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
sites appropriate for development that can accommodate the specified number of units appropriate for low-income, moderate-income, or above-moderate income households.	out, and/or construction is delayed such that certificates of occupancies will not foreseeably be granted by the end of the planning period), identify sites appropriate for development that can accommodate the specified number of units appropriate for low-income, moderate-income, or above-moderate income households. Annually report on progress of Planned, Approved, and Pending projects and any substituted sites in Annual Progress Report throughout the 2023-2031 planning period.
<b>Action 5.3:</b> Annually monitor the City’s remaining housing capacity to ensure compliance with the City’s obligation to affirmatively further fair housing.	Annual
<b>Action 5.3:</b> Pursuant to AB 1397 (2017, Low), amend the Zoning Code to require by-right approval for housing developments that include at least 20 percent of units as affordable to lower-income households on non-vacant sites included in one previous housing element inventory and vacant sites included in two previous housing element inventories and on sites that are being rezoned to accommodate the lower-income RHNA.	January 2023
<p><b>Action 5.4:</b> Although the current General Plan land use designations and zoning standards are adequate to meet the City’s RHNA, the City will complete General Plan and zoning amendments by January 2024 to provide additional housing opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase the allowable densities in the General Plan Land Use Element and the San Leandro Zoning Code in the Downtown Mixed Use and Transit Oriented Mixed Use land use designations as described in Table 4.5 of Chapter 4, <i>Housing Resources</i>.</li> <li>▪ Increase the allowable Floor Area Ratio (FAR) in the Corridor Mixed Use land use designation from a maximum of 1.5 to a maximum of 2.5.</li> <li>▪ Increase the allowable density in the DA-1, DA-2, DA-3, DA-4 (Downtown Areas 1, 2, 3, and 4) and SA-1, SA-2, SA-3 (South Area 1, 2, and 3) zoning districts as described in Table 4.6 of Chapter 4, <i>Housing Resources</i>.</li> <li>▪ Increase the maximum height limit in the DA-2, SA-1, SA-2, and SA-3 zoning districts as described in Table 4.7 of Chapter 4, <i>Housing Resources</i>.</li> <li>▪ Establish a Housing Overlay Zone to allow multi-family and mixed-use housing as a permitted use on Washington between Castro and San Leandro Blvd and MacArthur Blvd between Durant and Foothill.</li> </ul>	January 2024
<b>Implements the Following Policies</b>	P.1.1, P.1.2, P.1.4, P.2.1, P.2.4, P.2.6, P.5.2, P.5.4
<b>Responsible Agency</b>	Planning Division, Housing Division
<b>Funding Sources</b>	General Fund

## Program 6: Data-Informed Tools for Increased Housing Development



Although the City does not build housing, the City can ensure that there is sufficient capacity for development through its zoning framework. Cities also do not control local market realities, but the City can provide greater access to information that developers need, remove barriers, and increase incentives for housing development.

### Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 6.1:</b> Evaluate the current City website for compliance with the new transparency requirements per Government Code Section 65940.1(a)(1) and make changes as necessary.</p>	<p>By January 2025, evaluate City website for compliance with transparency requirements.</p>
<p><b>Action 6.2:</b> Create a page on the City’s website with an easily accessible, map-based inventory and dashboard that identifies vacant and nonvacant housing development opportunity sites, including multi-family residential and mixed-use sites.</p>	<p>By January 2025, display housing site information via digital map.</p>
<p><b>Action 6.3:</b> Maintain a current inventory of major residential housing developments on the City’s website that have been submitted, approved, and denied.</p>	<p>Create inventory by 2025.</p>
<p><b>Action 6.4:</b> Provide technical assistance to applicants receptive to lot consolidation to encourage housing development, with priority for developments that support low- and moderate-income housing.</p>	<p>Continue to offer interdepartmental pre-development consultation for multi-family housing developments with lot consolidation and annually report on applications throughout the 2023-2031 planning period.</p>
<p><b>Action 6.5:</b> Develop a web-based Housing Development Toolkit that outlines a step-by-step process for residential development, including identifying steps in the entitlement and building permit process, detailed information on development incentives, and funding programs and resources for affordable housing development.</p>	<p>Housing Development Toolkit published on City’s website by January 2025</p>
<p><b>Action 6.6:</b> Maximize the density potential of limited land resources by promoting residential densities that achieve the highest allowable density for specific properties, particularly within 0.25-mile of high-quality public transit stops.</p>	<p>Annually review the City’s existing Zoning Code to remove potential constraints to achieving highest possible densities.</p>
<p><b>Action 6.7:</b> Monitor lot splits and two-unit developments under SB 9, provide technical assistance to homeowners, and develop or adjust development standards as needed. Provide easily accessible information and resources about SB 9 on the City website.</p>	<p>Update City website by January 2024. Monitor activities on an ongoing basis.</p>
<p><b>Action 6.8:</b> Increase promotion of or support for housing development through technical assistance, incentives, or other actions as appropriate.</p>	<p>Continue to offer City interdepartmental pre-development consultation for multi-family housing developments and annually report on applications throughout the 2023-2031 planning period. Continue to promote new housing developments through City’s social media platforms, such as SLNext blog upon receipt of planning entitlements.</p>
<p><b>Action 6.9:</b> Meet with labor groups and organizations to discuss ways in which the City can support an adequate supply of labor to build new housing.</p>	<p>Hold at least one meeting with labor groups per year.</p>
<p><b>Responsible Agency</b></p>	<p>Housing Division, Planning Division</p>
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>General Fund</p>

## Program 7: Support New Moderate-Income and Workforce Housing



The City has a shortage of available housing for the “missing middle”—households that earn too much annual income to qualify for traditional affordable housing, but not enough to afford market-rate rents.

These households, which typically include residents in professions such as teachers, healthcare workers, first responders, and government employees, are likely to have a housing cost burden (where housing costs are more than 30 percent of household income) and are vulnerable to displacement when the cost of housing increases. Workforce housing (also known as middle-income or moderate-income housing) is typically defined as housing for households that earn between 80 percent and 120 percent area median income (AMI). This program aims to facilitate the production of middle-income and workforce housing by expanding partnerships with potential developers and seeking additional funding sources.

### Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe

Actions	Objectives and Timeframes
<p><b>Action 7.1:</b> Review the General Plan, North Area Specific Plan, and Zoning Code and Zoning Map to evaluate opportunities for removing barriers to housing production, adding housing capacity, and accommodating a greater mix of dwelling types and sizes in Moderate Resource areas identified by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC). Recommend amendments, as necessary, to accommodate added housing capacity in these Moderate Resource areas. Additionally, review the Zoning Code to identify opportunities to increase and encourage a greater mix of dwelling types and sizes, specifically housing types that may accommodate moderate-income households (e.g., duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, townhouses, courtyard buildings), in lower-density residential areas citywide and amend the Zoning Code as needed.</p>	<p>Review General Plan, the North Area Specific Plan, and Zoning Code and Zoning Map by January 2028 and implement any changes by January 2029. After adoption of zoning code changes by January 2029, track at least 8 moderate-income units to be constructed annually in lower-density residential areas (e.g, RS, RD, RO Districts).</p>
<p><b>Action 7.2:</b> Prepare market feasibility report on financing tools, such as Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District, Housing Opportunity Zone, Housing Sustainability District, Neighborhood Infill Finance, and/or Transit Improvement District, as allowed through Government Code Sections 65620 – 65625 that encourage the production of moderate-income housing units.</p>	<p>Prepare report on feasibility of financing mechanisms and potential for moderate-income housing production and make recommendation to City Council by January 2026 and complete identified actions as recommended in the report by December 2028.</p>
<p><b>Action 7.3:</b> Annually monitor sites that could support workforce and moderate-income housing and encourage development on those sites that is appropriate for moderate-income households.</p>	<p>Support the development of at least 696 units appropriate for moderate-income households.</p>
<p><b>Implements the Following Policies</b></p>	<p>P.1.1, P.1.2, P.1.4, P.2.4, P.4.1, P.5.2, P.5.3, P.5.4</p>
<p><b>Responsible Agency</b></p>	<p>Planning Division, Housing Division</p>
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>General Fund</p>

## Program 8: Facilitate Infill Development with an Emphasis on Transit-Oriented Development



Transit-Oriented Developments (TODs) will add more housing units in strategic areas near services and transit and will enhance the areas around the San Leandro and Bay Fair BART stations as vibrant, pedestrian-oriented destinations with a strong sense of place and identity. Such development is also expected to maximize the cost-effectiveness of transit services by increasing transit ridership, support local businesses, and provide significant opportunities for affordable housing development. Residential proximity to goods and services also benefit seniors, persons with disabilities, and less mobile residents. Most infill housing production during the next housing cycle is anticipated in the Downtown Mixed Use, Corridor Mixed Use, Transit-Oriented Mixed Use, and Bay Fair TOD General Plan land use designations.

### Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 8.1:</b> Continue implementing the Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pursuing grant funding for active-transportation improvements and implementation projects,</li> <li>▪ Coordinating with regional partners and transportation stakeholders (ACTC, BART, AC Transit, etc.),</li> <li>▪ Evaluating infrastructure financing and funding options, and</li> <li>▪ Convening property owner and stakeholder meetings periodically.</li> </ul> <p>Commit to working closely with BART to find funds and resources to facilitate pre-development work including community outreach, discussions, and decisions on TOD development and area-wide parking. Support BART in acquiring sufficient funding and commitment to infrastructure for parking replacement and station access, and if necessary, implement a locally led parking resource assessment and management plan for at least ¼-mile radius around the station area.</p>	<p>Formalize the City’s working relationship with BART and key property owners (e.g., Bayfair Center) by entering into a Memorandum of Understanding to advance residential development on the BART property and greater Bay Fair TOD. Complete study of infrastructure phasing and financing recommendations for Bay Fair TOD by January 2025 and implement financing recommendations by January 2026. Complete multi-modal improvements on Hesperian Boulevard by December 2030. Advocate for reclassifying Bay Fair station as a near term project in the BART Transit-Oriented Development Program Work Plan when opportunities to amend the document arise throughout the 2023-2031 planning period.</p> <p>Hold a minimum of eight stakeholder meetings during the planning period. If a Request for Proposals (RFP) has not been issued for the BART site by December 2027, the City will find alternate site(s) to support the development of 56 lower-income units and 319 above moderate-income units during the planning period.</p>
<p><b>Action 8.2:</b> Continue to promote the San Leandro BART Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Area as a major regional opportunity for mixed use development. The City will continue to market development opportunities in this area, work with property owners to facilitate development, and continue to improve the pedestrian environment, streetscape, and circulation system to attract investment.</p>	<p>Support the development of 439 lower-income units, 490 moderate-income units, and 796 above moderate-income units in the BTOD area during the planning period.</p>
<p><b>Implements the Following Policies</b></p>	<p>P.1.4, P.2.1, P.2.6, P.5.2, P.5.4</p>
<p><b>Responsible Agency</b></p>	<p>Planning Division, Economic Development Division, Housing Division</p>
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>General Fund</p>

## Program 9: Tenant Protections and Support



As the cost of housing increases, low-income renters and other vulnerable populations are disproportionately at risk of displacement. As discussed in Chapter 5, most of the city is considered sensitive to displacement, except for neighborhoods in the southwestern and northeastern areas of the city. Areas vulnerable to displacement have higher rates of low- and moderate-income households and overcrowded households. Displacement could result directly from development (and removal of lower cost housing) or indirectly from rising rents, evictions, Notices to Vacate, condominium conversions, and other activities which result in lower income tenants losing their homes.

The City already enacts anti-displacement strategies, including the Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance (TRO), preservation of existing affordable housing, assistance with free legal services for lower-income households facing displacement, and educational outreach. The City maintains a contract with the nonprofit ECHO Housing to provide San Leandro tenants and/or landlords information on their housing rights and responsibilities, while the nonprofit Centro Legal de la Raza provides eviction defense and legal counseling. The City also maintains a Rent Review Board (RRB) to assist tenants and landlords with publicly and mutually settling disputes related to significant rent increases in residential rental units. The City will continue to promote public awareness of the role of the RRB, including providing outreach materials on tenant’s rights and the appeals procedure in English, Spanish, and Chinese. The City will also continue providing an annual status report on RRB and TRO activities, along with suggested policy and program changes as appropriate.

### Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 9.1:</b> Update the City’s Rent Review Board (RRB) Ordinance with input from tenants and property owners/managers, ensuring representation across the economic spectrum.</p>	<p>Revision of Rent Review Board Ordinance by January 2025 with a goal of annually assisting lower income tenants in at least 75 percent of Rent Review Board cases.</p>
<p><b>Action 9.2:</b> Update the City’s Tenant Relocation Ordinance (TRO) with input from tenants and property owners/managers, ensuring representation across the economic spectrum, and update as appropriate.</p>	<p>Update completed by January 2027 TRO Report presented to City Council annually.</p>
<p><b>Action 9.3:</b> Prepare local displacement study that includes policy measures to address any findings of displacement. This effort will ensure the City’s compliance with Fair Housing Law and will be used as a basis for a City Preference Policy for any new regulated affordable housing development.</p>	<p>Local displacement study with recommendations for policy measures to address any findings of displacement completed by January 2025. By December 2027, at least two affordable housing development projects totaling 100 units will implement anti-displacement/local preference recommendations from the final study.</p>
<p><b>Action 9.4:</b> Update the Condominium Conversion Ordinance to address conversion of duplexes and triplexes not covered by the Tenant Relocation Ordinance. Updates may include changing the condominium conversion fee to be based on sales price, removing the existing exemption for two- and three-unit rental buildings, setting a minimum cost per unit for upgrades as part of condominium conversions, and/or requiring a marketing plan for the converted units. Outreach to all vulnerable communities to be conducted during the update process and after.</p>	<p>Update of Condominium Conversion Ordinance completed by January 2027</p>

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 9.5:</b> Continue to provide tenant services in conciliation and tenant/owner counseling and legal assistance to evaluate existing State and federal “just cause for eviction” (AB 1482; 2019-Chiu) and other similar legislation with provisions to determine if additional protections through a local ordinance is warranted.</p>	<p>Annually collect reporting by consultant(s) and review data. If warranted, recommend adoption of a local Ordinance by December 2026.</p>
<p><b>Action 9.6:</b> Prepare needs assessment report on the development of a rental assistance program to provide relief to tenants and landlords to avoid the displacement of vulnerable communities. Report will compare similar programs in other cities and feasibility of funding sources, including HOME and CDBG.</p>	<p>Prepare and present a report on development of a rental assistance program to the City Council by January 2025, including recommendations for policy actions that would provide relief to tenants and landlords to avoid the displacement of vulnerable communities. If a rental assistance program is approved and implemented as a result, the program will assist at least 15 lower income renter households annually.</p>
<p><b>Action 9.7:</b> Prepare needs assessment report on rental assistance for emancipated youth. Report will compare similar programs in other cities and feasibility of funding sources, including HOME and CDBG.</p>	<p>Prepare report on rental assistance program specifically for emancipated youth by January 2027. If a rental assistance program is approved, implement program by January 2028.</p>
<p><b>Action 9.8:</b> Continue collaboration with the Housing Authority of the County of Alameda (HACA) and Section 8 voucher holders by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Connecting affordable housing developers to Project-Based Section 8 vouchers when they are available to their developments in San Leandro</li> <li>▪ Annually tracking the number of Section 8 voucher holders living in the city and identify if the number households are increasing or decreasing</li> <li>▪ Re-establishing and increasing efforts to engage existing San Leandro property owners/managers to rent to Section 8 voucher holders. Work to identify and address challenges that San Leandro property owners/managers have with existing or prospective Section 8 voucher holders. Work to improve the relationship between San Leandro property owners/managers, HACA and tenants.</li> <li>▪ Annually meeting with HACA to assess availability of and advocate for increasing the number of Section 8 voucher holders and project-based Section 8 vouchers in the San Leandro.</li> </ul>	<p>Serve an additional 180 extremely low-income renter households with affordable housing or Section 8 vouchers during the planning period (10 percent of the identified unmet need).</p>
<p><b>Implements the Following Policies</b></p>	<p>P.3.1, P.4.1, P.4.2, P.4.6, P.5.1, P.5.2, P.5.8, P.5.9, P.5.10</p>
<p><b>Responsible Agency</b></p>	<p>Housing Division</p>
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>General Fund</p>

## Program 10: Support Production of Regulated Affordable Housing for All Income Levels and Special Needs.



The City is committed to maintaining, developing, and monitoring affordable housing and will continue to prioritize housing for very low- and low-income households in the development of additional housing stock. The City will continue to support the development of housing appropriate for extremely low-income households and seek new funding opportunities and partnerships.

High construction and land costs, NIMBYism, inadequacy of public affordable housing subsidies and burdensome regulations have created challenges to building new affordable housing. The City was able to support the development of several affordable housing projects in the previous 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element. The City will continue to work with developers to facilitate affordable housing development and seek to provide gap financing as a local match to State, federal, and other public funding sources. When possible, the City will utilize State, federal, and local funds to write down the cost of land for the development of affordable housing. The City will also consider assisting in the assembly of property and providing greater streamlining, fee reductions, and other possible measures to support affordable housing development.

### Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 10.1:</b> When a critical mass of local (AHTF, Low/Mod Housing Asset Fund), regional), State (various HCD programs) and/or federal (CDBG, HOME) funding is available, the City will issue a competitive Notice of Funding Availability with objective criteria to transparently identify the best non-profit affordable housing developer to partner with on new affordable housing developments in the city.</p>	<p>Partner with at least one nonprofit housing developer biennially throughout the 2023-2031 planning period and support the entitlement of at least 400 subsidized housing units affordable to extremely low-, very low-, and low-income households in the city during the 2023-2031 planning period.</p>
<p><b>Action 10.2</b> Actively promote sites available for affordable housing development to potential developers, private and nonprofit organizations, and other interested persons and organizations through regularly posting public information on the City’s website.</p>	<p>Facilitate the entitlement of at least 400 subsidized housing units affordable to extremely low-, very low-, and low-income households in the city during the 2023-2031 planning period. The City will maintain information on opportunity sites on its website on an ongoing basis and will send information on available affordable housing sites to developers and other interested parties biennially throughout the 2023-2031 planning period.</p>
<p><b>Action 10.3:</b> In compliance with recent updates to the Surplus Land Act (AB1255, 2019-Rivas; AB 1486, 2019-Ting), identify City-owned land for the development of affordable housing. Explore the adoption of an ordinance that identifies public land and where a portion or all of the land should be used for the development of affordable housing by non-profit, mission-based developers.</p>	<p>Report on identified surplus land in Housing Element Annual Progress report due April 1, 2023.</p>

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 10.4:</b> Present report to the City Council on the feasibility of adopting a “Boomerang” affordable housing funding policy. When adopted, a portion of property tax revenue, similar to former redevelopment tax-increment funds, received annually by the City in the wake of the RDA dissolution, would be set aside to establish a more robust and permanent City Affordable Housing Program in conjunction with the City’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund.</p>	<p>Prepare feasibility report and make recommendations to City Council by December 2025.</p>
<p><b>Action 10.5:</b> Support efforts (including local and regional financing tools needed) to establish the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (AB 1487, 2019-Chiu). The intent of BAHFA is to create a permanent source of funding for the construction of regulated affordable housing financed by regional housing infrastructure bonds.</p>	<p>City staff will provide annual updates, including reports and/or public presentations, on BAHFA implementation and partnership opportunities for San Leandro beginning in 2023.</p>
<p><b>Action 10.6:</b> Leverage the City’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF), and Low/Mod Housing Asset Fund to leverage public affordable housing funding (e.g., CA HCD Local Housing Trust Fund Program).</p>	<p>The City will report on the leveraging status of the AHTF and L/M Housing Asset Fund annually in the Annual Progress Report. City to apply for public (e.g. State and federal) funding at least once by 2026 and support the entitlement of at least 400 subsidized housing units affordable to extremely low-, very low-, and low-income households in the city during the 2023-2031 planning period.</p>
<p><b>Action 10.7:</b> Apply for the State Pro-housing Designation Program to be more competitive for various State funding sources and actively maintain this designation.</p>	<p>By February 2023:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify existing City programs that qualify under the four Prohousing “Designation Criteria.”</li> <li>2. Evaluate what new City-identified housing programs are needed to maximize scoring for application to State Pro-housing Designation Program</li> </ol> <p>By June 2023:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Make recommendations to City Council on plan to proceed with applying for Prohousing Designation (including adopting a resolution with language specified by CA HCD).</li> </ol>
<p><b>Action 10.8:</b> Adopt written policies and procedures for the City of San Leandro Water Pollution Control Division that grant priority to proposed developments that include housing affordable to lower-income households pursuant to Government Code Section 65589.7. Coordinate with the Oro Loma Sanitary District regarding written procedures to prioritize housing developments that include housing affordable to lower-income households.</p>	<p>The City will adopt written policies and procedures for the City of San Leandro Water Pollution Control Division pursuant to Government Code Section 65589.7 by December 2023 and will initiate coordination with the Oro Loma Sanitary District regarding written procedures by January 2023.</p>
<p><b>Action 10.8:</b> As a part of the City’s Comprehensive Impact Fee Study, identify the need for a standardized fee reduction and/or impact fee waiver program for affordable housing projects. The Fee Study shall address non-profit affordable housing projects as well as for-profit affordable housing projects and affordable units in mixed-income developments (e.g., inclusionary units).</p>	<p>Hire a consultant and develop a market feasibility report with recommendations on a fee reduction or waiver program by January 2025 as part of a Comprehensive Impact Fee Study.</p>

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 10.9:</b> Assess and monitor, on an annual basis and as data is available, the need for farmworker housing in the city and region. If it is determined that farmworker housing is an identified need, support and facilitate efforts by private, non-profit, and public agencies to provide safe, affordable, and adequate housing for farmworkers, and explore new funding opportunities to support permanent farmworker housing.</p>	<p>If need for farmworker housing is determined, initiate coordination with appropriate agencies within four months of assessment.</p>
<p><b>Action 10.10:</b> Amend Zoning Code to incorporate all recent changes to State density bonus law and develop summary materials to promote the use of density bonuses.</p>	<p>Amend Zoning Code by January 2023. Create summary materials for use by staff and developers with the goal of promoting this program and add information as needed to the City website by January 2024.</p>
<p><b>Action 10.11:</b> Prioritize affordable housing development and rehabilitation of existing housing for low-income households in locations near public transit by participating in the ABAG/MTC Priority Sites Program and creating a Priority Housing Sites List that highlight opportunity sites for affordable housing development near public transit.</p>	<p>Participate in the ABAG/MTC Priority Sites Program beginning in 2023 and create a Priority Housing Sites List by January 2024.</p>
<p><b>Implements the Following Policies</b></p>	<p>P.1.1, P.1.3, P.1.4, P.2.1, P.2.2, P.2.5, P.2.6, P.5.7, P.5.10</p>
<p><b>Responsible Agency</b></p>	<p>Housing Division, Planning Division, Economic Development Division</p>
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>General Fund, Low Mod Housing Asset Fund, Affordable Housing Trust Fund</p>

## Program 11: Support Homeownership Opportunities



The City recognizes that homeownership allows households to gain housing security and build wealth through equity, and can serve to strengthen and stabilize neighborhoods. The City maintains a contract with Bay Area Affordable Homeownership Alliance (BAAHA) to administer first-time homebuyer seminars, homebuyer education and counseling, and below market rate ownership units under the Inclusionary Housing Program. The City will continue to fund homebuyer counseling services in financial planning and credit clean-up, conduct periodic City-sponsored education workshops for first-time homebuyers, and publicize these educational opportunities to assist first time homebuyers in San Leandro.

The City will continue supporting and participating in the Alameda County Housing and Community Development Department’s Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) program. The MCC program provides eligible first-time homebuyers with federal income tax relief and can allow a household to qualify for a larger mortgage. The program is funded by the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee.

### Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<b>Action 11.1:</b> Assist first time homebuyers by promoting the County Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) program on the City’s website and at educational events.	As funding allows, assist at least two homebuyers per year with obtaining an MCC allocation.
<b>Action 11.2:</b> Pursue public funding, including CA HCD Cal HOME program, to reinstate the First-Time Homebuyer Loan Program and other public down payment assistance programs (e.g.: FHLB WISH Program).	By the end of 2024, prepare a report to identify criteria to apply for Cal HOME program and assess capacity to apply and administer Cal HOME.
<b>Implements the Following Policies</b>	P.4.5, P.5.3, P.5.6, P.5.7, P.5.8, P.5.9
<b>Responsible Agency</b>	Housing Division
<b>Funding Sources</b>	California Debt Limit Allocation Committee, General Fund, State, Federal Home Loan Bank

## Program 12: Update Inclusionary Housing Ordinance



Inclusionary housing regulations help increase the availability of affordable housing stock in the city by requiring market-rate developments to include a portion of below-market-rate units and/or payment of fees to support the production of affordable housing. San Leandro’s Inclusionary Housing Ordinance requires that a certain percentage of units in new residential developments be made affordable to low- and moderate-income households, depending on whether the project is intended as ownership or rental housing. Currently, for all new residential developments, at least 15 percent of the total units must be inclusionary units restricted for occupancy by moderate-, low-, or very low-income households at either the affordable rent or affordable ownership cost appropriate for the income of the household.

### Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 12.1:</b> Hire third party consultant objective consultant to conduct an economic feasibility study to guide an update of the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, including consideration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An increased inclusionary housing component (e.g., up to 25%),</li> <li>▪ Changes to the in-lieu fee structure,</li> <li>▪ Feasibility of developer contribution to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund,</li> <li>▪ Incentives such as increased densities, increased height limits, reduced parking standards, and ministerial review, for projects that incorporate increased affordable units or deeper levels of affordability, including very- and extremely-low income units.</li> </ul> <p>The City will ensure that any revisions to the Ordinance are made with input from developers, builders, realtors, and regional housing advocates with San Leandro members, as well as the community at large. Based on the findings of the evaluation and the study, the City shall consider amendments to the ordinance with the goal of increasing the amount of deed restricted affordable housing built in the city while ensuring the requirements do not pose a constraint to overall housing production.</p>	<p>Feasibility study on the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and make changes by January 2025.</p>
<p><b>Action 12.2:</b> Provide developers the ability to acquire and refurbish foreclosed properties and resell them as deed-restricted affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households.</p>	<p>Review inclusionary housing ordinance and make changes by January 2025.</p>
<p><b>Implements the Following Policies</b></p>	<p>P.2.3, P.5.10</p>
<p><b>Responsible Agency</b></p>	<p>Housing Division</p>
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>General Fund</p>

## Program 13: Incentivize and Track the Development of Accessory Dwelling Units (also known as ADUs, Casitas, In-law Units, Granny Flats)



The City of San Leandro prioritizes and encourages the development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) as opportunities for infill housing and in support of various state laws encouraging their construction (AB 68, 2019-Ting; AB 670, 2019-Friedman; AB 881, 2019-Bloom; SB 13, 2019-Wieckowski). ADUs are an innovative approach to adding more housing, particularly in single-family residential neighborhoods. ADUs can also offer a reliable source of income for moderate to lower income homeowners. The City aims to reduce barriers to the development of ADUs and will explore options including fee waivers, and expediting the process for ADU permitting. The City has seen an increase in ADU production in recent years, particularly since 2018 when the State passed several bills to facilitate ADUs statewide. In recent years, multiple bills have added requirements for local governments related to ADU permitting and requirements. The City will continue to monitor the extent of ADU production to ensure that ADU-related policies and procedures are successful and that the Housing Element goals and RHNA production can be met.

### Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 13.1:</b> Monitor ADU production and affordability levels on an annual basis to ensure that they are satisfying the construction targets adopted to meet RHNA obligations.</p> <p>If the City is not meeting ADU goals, the City will implement additional actions to promote the construction of ADUs depending on the severity of the gap including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Participating in the Alameda County-wide ADU Resource Center that will provide free print and online resources to make it easier for people to build ADUs in San Leandro,</li> <li>▪ Promoting the availability of CalHFA ADU Grant program,</li> <li>▪ Determining feasibility and legality of creating a clearinghouse of ADU providers (e.g.: designers/architects, manufacturers, contractors, etc.) who operate in the City,</li> <li>▪ Establishing relationships with and promote availability of area ADU technical assistance and loan providers.</li> </ul>	<p>Support the promotion and development of ADUs with a goal of issuing building permits to 256 ADUs during the planning period (or 32 ADUs permitted per year).</p> <p>Monitor production and affordability levels on an annual basis. If targets are not being met, proceed with and report on implementation of identified actions to promote ADU development and report in the Annual Progress Report.</p>
<p><b>Action 13.2:</b> As a part of the City’s Comprehensive Impact Fee Study, the City will analyze ADU development impact fees with the goal of reducing, loaning, granting, or waiving those costs in exchange for providing rents affordable to low- or moderate-income households for a set period of time. (AB 671, 2019-Friedman)</p>	<p>Hire a consultant and develop a market feasibility report by January 2025. Ordinance or grant/loan program developed by January 2026</p>
<p><b>Action 13.4:</b> Assist and educate homeowners with developing ADUs by maintaining and updating informational brochures in English, Spanish, and Chinese characters. The City will maintain an updated page on the City’s website that provides information on ADUs, City requirements, ADU construction resources, and links to necessary applications and building requirements.</p>	<p>Update website with ADU information and update informational brochures by 2024.</p>

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 13.5:</b> Participate and support Alameda County ADU Resource Center that is supporting the development of ADUs by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Creating pre-approved ADU plans for a variety of unit sizes, construction type, and design aesthetic to streamline the ADU building approval and construction process.</li> <li>▪ Evaluating and improving financing structures.</li> <li>▪ Accessing State funding to support planning, construction, and property management of ADU (AB 671, 2019-Friedman).</li> <li>▪ Identifying cost-saving tools such as property tax welfare exemptions in exchange for affordability covenants (AB 587, 2019-Friedman).</li> </ul>	<p>Promote the Center upon its launch and maintain a link on the City website.</p>
<p><b>Action 13.6:</b> Monitor the City’s ADU permitting process and development tracking in the Accela system, to understand the average processing times for ADU permits. Use data on building permit application processing times to identify trends and, if necessary, work to improve building plan reviews to reduce approval times and associated costs.</p>	<p>Complete upgrades to building permit electronic processing system by January 2024.</p>
<p><b>Implements the Following Policies</b></p>	<p>P.1.1, P.1.3, P.1.4, P.2.1, P.2.2, P.2.4, P.5.4</p>
<p><b>Responsible Agency</b></p>	<p>Housing Division, Planning Division, Building Division</p>
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>General Fund, State</p>

### Program 14: Remove Barriers to Housing by Updating Development Standards and Development Review Process



The City must regularly evaluate and update its development review and permitting policies, standards, and practices in response to State and federal laws intended to facilitate residential development. The City also takes into consideration the needs and desires of the community as it undertakes such policy updates.

The City also continues to improve the efficiency of the development review process. As a response to the State housing crisis, Senate Bill 35 (SB 35; 2017-Wiener) made changes to Housing Element law to limit local discretion for qualified housing projects. The City has adopted objective development standards for multi-family and mixed-use developments and will continue to coordinate with stakeholders to identify opportunities for more efficient development review and permitting processes. As identified in Chapter 3, *Housing Constraints*, parking minimums are a constraint to Housing Production and are proposed to be reduced or eliminated in order to implement the 2021 Climate Action Plan, reduce identified constraints to housing production and make housing developments more financially feasible.

## Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 14.1:</b> Retain services of a third-party parking consultant to analyze the City’s minimum parking standards and conduct stakeholder outreach to identify recommended reductions or eliminations of residential parking minimums to implement the 2021 Climate Action Plan, reduce identified constraints to housing production and make housing developments more financially feasible. Consider establishing a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Ordinance to encourage reduction in vehicle trips and reliance on automobile parking. Stakeholder outreach shall include discussions with for-profit and non-profit housing developers, housing advocates, and environmental groups. Recommend any necessary changes to the City’s Zoning Code to the Planning Commission at a public hearing for a recommendation to the City Council by January 2025.</p>	<p>Complete study and present recommendations for Zoning Code Amendments to reduce or eliminate parking requirements in order to implement the 2021 Climate Action Plan, reduce identified constraints to housing production and make housing developments more financially feasible. Staff will complete the study and make recommendations for reduction or elimination of minimum parking standards to the Planning Commission at a public hearing for their recommendation to the City Council by December 2024.</p>
<p><b>Action 14.2:</b> Remove single-family residences as a permitted use in the RM zoning district. Continue to monitor multi-family residential development activity and make recommendations, as appropriate, to provide additional incentives and/or updated development standards to facilitate housing development, particularly for lower-income households.</p> <p>Update Zoning Code, as necessary, to accommodate alternative housing types such as housing co-operatives, group housing, Residential Hotels (SROs), dormitories, tiny homes, and collective home ownership models. Stakeholder outreach shall include discussions with for-profit and non-profit housing developers. The amendments will also add SROs to the definition of Residential Hotels, permit them by right in, and reduce the parking requirements for Residential Hotels and amend parking for Group Housing to reflect parking standards for the applicable residential type in the applicable zone. The amendments will clarify that Congregate Care Facilities of any size and Group Housing with six or fewer residents are permitted in all Zoning Districts that allow residential uses and reduce minimum separation requirements for congregate care facilities with 7 or more residents from 1,000 to 750 feet. The decisionmaker on adjustments to required minimum spacing requirements will be changed from the Board of Zoning Adjustments to the Zoning Enforcement Official.</p> <p>Monitor changes in State law and update the Zoning Code as needed.</p>	<p>Removal of single-family residences as a permitted use in the RM zoning district and Zoning amendments to remove constraints to the production of alternative housing types by January 2024; annually monitor development activity and make necessary updates to the Zoning Code.</p>
<p><b>Action 14.3:</b> Prepare an update to the City’s impact fees by conducting a Comprehensive Impact Fee Study. The City will support the development of an impact fee nexus study by January 2024 and implement necessary changes by January 2025. Inclusive of the Impact Fee Study, the City will revise the Park Impact Fee to reduce identified constraints to development.</p>	<p>Development fee nexus study by January 2024, implementation of changes to development fees (including Park Impact Fee) by January 2025</p>
<p><b>Action 14.4:</b> Explore reducing the number of hearings needed to streamline development review including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Limiting the total number of public hearings for any project to three or fewer</li> <li>▪ Eliminating public hearings for projects that are consistent with zoning and the General Plan.</li> </ul>	<p>Revise the Zoning Code to further streamline the Administrative Site Plan Review process by January 2023. Review the Zoning Code for opportunities for additional streamlining biannually throughout the 2023-2031 planning period.</p>

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 14.5:</b> Continue to improve the City’s development project tracking system, which is used to coordinate and complete project reviews. Monitor average processing times for new housing projects and use data on processing times and applications to track review times and trends in citywide development.</p> <p>Improve electronic plan review process with the goal of reducing approval times and related staff costs.</p>	<p>Complete upgrades to building permit electronic processing system by January 2024.</p>
<p><b>Action 14.6:</b> Amend the Zoning Code in compliance with SB 9 (2021, Atkins) to address objective standards and lot split criteria. Enact any necessary changes to the City’s Zoning Code by January 2024.</p>	<p>Amend Zoning Code by January 2024</p>
<p><b>Implements the Following Policies</b></p>	<p>P.1.1, P.1.2, P.4.4, P.5.10</p>
<p><b>Responsible Agency</b></p>	<p>Planning Division, Housing Division, Building Division, Engineering/Transportation Department</p>
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>General Fund</p>

### Program 15: Housing for Special Needs Populations



The City of San Leandro is a diverse community with many residents who have special housing needs. State law requires the housing element to address the needs of specific “special needs” groups,

including extremely low-income residents, seniors, persons with disabilities, large families, female-headed households with children, and persons experiencing homelessness. The City will continue to monitor its policies, standards, and regulations to ensure that they comply with applicable laws pertaining to housing for special needs populations. As noted in Chapter 2, *Housing Needs Assistance*, there are 830 extremely low-income households that rent and that experience housing cost burden that remain in need of assistance (not served by affordable housing or housing voucher programs). It is likely that many of these households have special housing needs, including persons with disabilities, female-headed households, large families, and other characteristics.

The City will also work with experienced nonprofits developing affordable special needs housing through aid, incentives, or concessions such as direct financial assistance (when available), density increases, or other financial, land or regulatory assistance that would result in enhancing development feasibility. The City will support the development of alternative forms of housing such as tiny homes, single room occupancy units (SROs), “coliving,” dormitory-style or micro-apartments with shared amenities, and pre-fab or modular housing cooperatives, and dormitory-style housing, to reduce housing costs and increase community-driven methods of support.

Additionally, the City will encourage residential development to employ Universal Design, which allows housing to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialization.

## Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<b>Action 15.1:</b> Facilitate the development of housing for persons with disabilities (including developmental disabilities) through incentives for affordable housing development with services, resources, and assistance.	Develop 40 housing units for special needs households during the planning period by December 2031 or at least 5 units annually.
<b>Action 15.2:</b> The City shall review the City's existing reasonable accommodation policy and grievance procedure, update as needed, and provide a link to its Reasonable Accommodations policy on the Housing and City Clerk pages of the City website. Revise reasonable accommodation application review policy to remove criteria that may limit reasonable accommodations, including consideration of potential impact on surrounding uses.	January 2025
<b>Action 15.3:</b> Conduct a needs assessment and research the availability of interested participants and, feasibility of a shared housing/roommate matching program.	Prepare needs assessment report on shared housing matching program by January 2027
<b>Action 15.4:</b> Amend the Zoning Code to adjust definitions and allowances of uses for agricultural employee housing to be consistent with California Law, including but not limited to Health and Safety Code Section 17021.6, and allow agricultural employee housing for six or fewer persons by right in zoning districts that allow single-family dwellings, subject to the same regulations as a single-family dwelling.	Amend the Zoning Code by January 2023
<b>Action 15.5:</b> Explore development of an ordinance that promotes and encourages the use of Universal Design Principles in new construction and/or rehabilitation of housing.	Prepare report on Universal Design Principles ordinance by January 2025
<b>Action 15.6:</b> Continue to implement the Municipal Code and facilitate requests for reasonable accommodation to land use decisions and procedures regulating the siting, funding, development, and use of housing for people with disabilities.	Report annually on reasonable accommodations request received, and their outcomes, in the Annual Progress Report.
<b>Action 15.7:</b> Work with the Regional Center of the East Bay to implement an outreach program informing residents of the housing and services available for persons with developmental disabilities. The City shall make information available on the City website. (SB 812; Ashburn, 2010)	Implement outreach program by January 2025
<b>Action 15.8:</b> Provide technical assistance and pursue Project Homekey funding for alternative housing development affordable to extremely low-income residents (e.g. navigation center and transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, SRO, dormitory-style housing, community land trust, cooperative housing cooperative, or tiny homes). Additionally, include incentives to increase housing affordable to extremely low-income residents through future affordable housing Notice of Funding Availabilities (NOFAs).	Submit application for Project Homekey funding for one alternative housing development affordable to extremely low-income residents during the 2023-2031 planning period. Provide technical assistance and/or incentives in future NOFAs for at least one alternative housing project(s) during the planning period, serving a minimum of 20 extremely low-income residents.
<b>Implements the Following Policies</b>	P.1.3, P.2.1, P.2.2, P.2.6, P.2.7, P.3.6, P.5.2, P.5.10
<b>Responsible Agency</b>	Housing Division, Planning Division, Building Division, Engineering/Transportation Department, Public Works Department
<b>Funding Sources</b>	CDBG, HOME, HUD, General Fund, State HCD, State/federal low-income housing tax credits

## Program 16: Homelessness Prevention and Housing



On November 20, 2018, the 2018-2021 Alameda County Homeless Action Plan was published to help guide the jurisdictions in Alameda County, including San Leandro, in more effectively addressing homelessness. The County’s Homeless Action Plan sets forth a new set of countywide financial initiatives, updated homeless programs, and high priority goals to help address homelessness throughout the county. The County’s Action Plan is updated every three years to address recent changes and changing circumstances within the County and each of its jurisdictions. At the time of this draft document was released for review, the 2026 Alameda County Home Together Community Plan had only been recently adopted in May 2022.

The City’s Homeless Prevention Program aims to connect San Leandro’s residents to programs set forth in the Alameda County Homeless Action Plan. Additionally, this program aims to strengthen existing City initiatives such as the San Leandro Homeless Compact. The City is committed to preserving existing initiatives while continuing to explore new opportunities to identify new housing resources and expand services.

### Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 16.1:</b> Housing Navigation Center. The City will identify and pursue State, regional, and local funding to purchase a property for a Housing Navigation Center and shelter. The City will work with area service providers and Alameda County to open a facility available to people who are experiencing homelessness, or who are at risk of homelessness, by identifying immediate and long-term housing solutions, providing crisis management, accessing benefits that are important to housing stability, case management and housing navigation, and providing on-site access and referrals to medical, mental health, and substance use disorder services. The proposed shelter program will be low-barrier, using the housing first model and using trauma-informed care principles. The proposed service partners will offer primary medical care and wellness services and behavioral health clinicians that are experienced in crisis management, mental health and substance use disorders.</p>	<p>Develop and open Housing Navigation Center with a minimum of 25 beds by 2024.</p>
<p><b>Action 16.2:</b> In collaboration with Alameda County and local nonprofits including Building Futures, establish and support a Mobile Outreach Program, which will leverage Alameda County funding to provide street outreach, case management, and summarize needs of clients to inform other needed services.</p>	<p>Establish Mobile Outreach Program by July 1, 2025. Provide outreach to 312 unsheltered individuals (identified need from the 2022 Point in Time count) during the planning period.</p>
<p><b>Action 16.3:</b> Safe Parking Program. The City will identify at least one location for unhoused area residents who are living in their cars and identify potential service partners and funding sources to manage an ongoing program, as needed. Services contemplated include restroom facilities and referrals to programs that assist with securing stable housing.</p>	<p>Identify location(s) for the Safe Parking Program and potential service partners and funding sources by January 2026.</p>
<p><b>Action 16.4:</b> Continue to provide funding for, and coordinate with, local and regional service providers that operate temporary, permanent, and emergency shelters in the city that assist persons experiencing homelessness and at risk of becoming homeless. Annually assess the capacity to accommodate individuals experiencing homelessness by comparing the most recent homeless point-in-time count to the number of shelter beds available on a year-round and seasonal basis, the number of beds that go unused on an average monthly basis, and the percentage of those in emergency shelters that move to permanent housing. (AB 362, 2021-Quirk-Silva).</p>	<p>Provide outreach to 312 unsheltered individuals (identified need from the 2022 Point in Time count) during the planning period. Provide shelter and services for an additional 80 unhoused people during the planning period.</p>

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p>Annually provide summary information on objectives and outcomes of the City’s Community Assistance Program-funded services. Monitor data and metrics to improve the efficacy of homeless services, programs, and investments on an annual basis. Reporting shall include, at minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Existing shelter beds,</li> <li>▪ New shelter beds,</li> <li>▪ Identify if those shelter beds are available on a year-round or seasonal basis,</li> <li>▪ Average number of shelter beds that are unused on a monthly basis,</li> <li>▪ Number of those exiting shelter to permanent housing.</li> <li>▪ Ability to provide health and human services for unhoused residents with special needs (seniors, people with physical or mental impairments, victims of domestic violence, unsheltered youth, people with substance addictions, etc.)</li> </ul> <p>Continue to engage local community-based organizations and stakeholders to inform the design and development of homeless services, programming and needs assessments. Support regional collaboration with Alameda County to provide Coordinated Entry Services and develop the “Pathways to Housing” program for unhoused individuals and families. Participate-in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attend bi-weekly meetings convened by Alameda County Housing and Community Development to share information, resources, and foster connections among public, non-profit and private entities.</li> <li>▪ Regularly participate in the Countywide Mayor’s Homeless Task Force.</li> <li>▪ Conduct bi-weekly meetings convened by City Human Services staff with local service providers, volunteers, and street outreach on case management support for those experiencing homelessness in San Leandro.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<p><b>Action 16.5:</b> Continue to provide funding for local and regional service providers that operate temporary, permanent, and emergency shelters in the city such as Building Futures, assisting persons experiencing homelessness and at risk of becoming homeless.</p>	<p>Annually provide summary information on objectives and outcomes of the City’s Community Assistance Program-funded services.</p>
<p><b>Action 16.5:</b> Partner with nonprofits or community-based organizations to build tiny homes to shelter persons experiencing homelessness with the goal of facilitating or funding at least 10 tiny homes during the planning period.</p>	<p>Facilitate or fund at least 10 tiny homes during the planning period.</p>
<p><b>Action 16.6:</b> Support and coordinate with Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, Office of Homeless Care and Coordination in efforts to develop a comprehensive homelessness prevention plan for the Alameda County and “Pathways to Housing” program that incentivizes property owners/managers with available units to rent to formerly homeless individuals and families.</p>	<p>Meet with Alameda County Health Care Services Agency at least once annually.</p>
<p><b>Action 16.8:</b> Financially support local and regional programs that provide a variety of homelessness prevention and rehousing services including temporary financial assistance (e.g.: rental assistance, utility assistance, rental deposits, etc.).</p>	<p>Assist 150 households during the 2023-2031 period through funding of program(s) providing homeless prevention and rehousing services.</p>
<p><b>Action 16.9:</b> Permanent Supportive Housing. Seek resources for the acquisition/rehabilitation and operations of Permanent Supportive Housing that offers appropriate services so that people experiencing chronic homelessness can maintain permanent housing, including finding opportunity sites and dedicating City affordable housing funds.</p>	<p>Develop two alternative housing developments affordable to extremely low-income housing during the 2023-2031 planning period, serving a total of at least 50 extremely low-income residents.</p>

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 16.10:</b> Explore feasibility and assess financial resources available to establish a Mobile Crisis Team in partnership with Cardea Health and other public entities such as the Alameda County Fire Department and San Leandro Police Department.</p>	<p>If approved by City Council, implement program by June 2024</p>
<p><b>Action 16.11:</b> Amend the Zoning Code to comply with the following legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ AB 2162 (2018-Chiu), to ensure that supportive housing with up to 50 units be a use by-right in zones where multi-family and mixed use is permitted, including nonresidential zones permitting multi-family uses, and ensure that there is no minimum parking requirements for units occupied by supportive housing residents if the development is located within 0.5-mile of a public transit stop.</li> <li>▪ AB 139 (2019-Quirk-Silva) to only subject emergency shelters to those standards which apply to residential and commercial development within the same zone, except that a city can apply standards regulating the number of beds, parking for staff provided that the standards do not require more parking for emergency shelters than other residential or commercial uses within the same zone, length of stay, and other minor standards.</li> <li>▪ AB 2339 (2022-Bloom) to allow emergency shelters by right in the General Industrial (IG) and Community Commercial (CC) zoning districts, which have sufficient capacity and would allow emergency shelters to be close to services and amenities. Amend the Zoning Code to permit larger shelters with a use permit in zoning districts where emergency shelters are permitted.</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, review and adopt updates to the Zoning Code that allow for “low barrier navigation centers” by-right in areas zoned for mixed uses and in nonresidential zones permitting multifamily uses and conditioned on if the center meets specified requirements. (AB 101, 2019-Budget Committee).</p>	<p>Amend Zoning Code by January 2023</p>
<p><b>Implements the Following Policies</b></p>	<p>P.5.10, P.6.1, P.6.2, P.6.3, P.6.4</p>
<p><b>Responsible Agency</b></p>	<p>Housing Division, Human Services Department, Alameda County, Non-profits</p>
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>General Fund, CDBG, HOME, HUD, State HCD, Alameda County</p>

## Program 17: Fair Housing Services



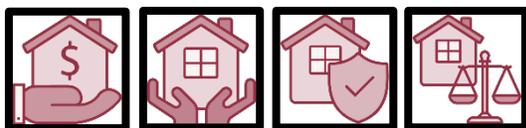
The City of San Leandro maintains a contract with the Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity (ECHO) to provide fair housing and tenant/landlord services. ECHO's Fair Housing Counseling Program conducts site investigations and enforcement in response to reports of housing discrimination, performs audit-based investigations to determine degrees of housing discrimination in designated areas, and provides fair housing education for members of the housing industry including managers, owners, and realtors. ECHO's Tenant/Landlord Counseling Program is run through Centro Legal de la Raza's Housing Law Practice, provides information to tenants and landlords in the city on their housing rights and responsibilities.

### Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe

Actions	Objectives
<p><b>Action 17.1:</b> Fair Housing Services and Education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide informational seminars to area residential real estate agents and brokers on fair housing laws and regulations.</li> <li>▪ Work with tenants and tenant advocates to identify violations of fair housing federal and State fair housing laws and support prospective and existing tenants who are experiencing discrimination.</li> <li>▪ Provide trainings for property owners/managers on the requirements of federal and State fair housing laws to prevent discrimination.</li> </ul>	<p>Provide trainings to at least 30 real estate agents and brokers annually.</p> <p>Provide trainings to at least 50 property owners and managers annually.</p> <p>Report the number of complaint-based testing efforts and number of resulting complaints filed with HUD or California Civil Rights Department (CRD) annually.</p>
<p><b>Action 17.2:</b> Support annual Fair Housing Audit Report that assesses typical or timely market-based suspected areas of discrimination. ECHO staff trains testers who act as home seekers and who are randomly assigned to area property owners and managers to determine if any denials to offer rental housing was based on discrimination.</p> <p>The City will conduct a third-party independent review of the Annual Fair Housing Audit. Independent review should provide guidance on needed improvements, if any, on subject-matter selection, sampling, statistical testing methodology and general observations on updates or improvements.</p>	<p>City will engage/consult with fair housing evaluator to review methodology for the Annual Fair Housing Audit by January 2025.</p>
<p><b>Action 17.3:</b> Affordable Rental Housing Counseling Services. Continue and if feasible expand funding for information and referral services that direct families and individuals to financial resources for housing rental or purchase, locating suitable housing, and obtaining housing with special needs facilities such as disabled-accessible units.</p>	<p>Hold at least eight informational events during the planning period to disseminate informational materials or provide trainings to residents, prioritizing communities sensitive to displacement.</p>
<p><b>Action 17.4:</b> Review and update the City's Language Access Plan based on HUD guidelines and publish on the City's website. The goal of the Language Access Plan is to survey, maintain and publish a list of resources that facilitate communication between City staff and those households with Limited English Proficiency so that their housing needs are met. The City seeks to ensure that all residents may participate fully and equally in the housing market by maintain access to written and oral City resources.</p>	<p>Review the City's Language Access Plan and update by January 2026.</p>

Actions	Objectives
<p><b>Action 17.5:</b> Fair Housing Marketing Plans. Ensure that local housing programs respond to the needs of a culturally diverse community that includes multi-generational families, a variety of living arrangements, and Limited English Proficiency households. Plans should ensure collaboration with community groups, including faith-based and nonprofit organizations, to provide outreach on housing resources to all types of households and those households with Limited English Proficiency.</p>	<p>For the City’s affordable housing programs (e.g., Inclusionary Housing, First Time Homebuyer) review every two years the existing Fair Housing Marketing Plan to ensure compliance with current City policy to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing and make necessary changes within six months.</p>
<p><b>Action 17.6:</b> Fair Lending. Work to promote fair lending practices throughout the city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure that low-income and minority residents have fair access to capital resources needed to acquire and maintain housing.</li> <li>▪ Prevent predatory lending through information and referrals.</li> </ul>	<p>Annually conduct and publish third party review of City or regional HMDA data to identify areas of need regarding fair access to lending.</p>
<p><b>Implements the Following Policies</b></p>	<p>P.5.1, P.5.6, P.5.7, P.5.8, P.5.9</p>
<p><b>Responsible Agency</b></p>	<p>Housing Division</p>
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>General Fund and CDBG</p>

### Program 18: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing



AB 686 (2017, Santiago) requires each city to administer its programs and activities related to housing in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing. The City will take actions to overcome

patterns of segregation, address disparities in housing needs and access to opportunity, and foster inclusive communities. Chapter 5, *Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)*, summarizes the fair housing issues and concerns in San Leandro based on findings of the 2020 Alameda County Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) and additional research conducted as part of this Housing Element update. Programs under this goal are designed to affirmatively reduce barriers to housing and increase equitable conditions across neighborhoods, addressing issues such as historic and existing racial and economic inequities, housing mobility and access, community investment and engagement, and environmental health. The findings of the AFFH analysis were used to develop meaningful actions and metrics and milestones that promote inclusive communities, increase housing opportunities, and address racial/ethnic and economic disparities within the city. The actions for this program are separated under the headers of each AFFH identified housing issue.

#### *AFFH Identified Housing Issue: Outreach Capacity and Enforcement*

The AI identified Contributing Factors to AFFH-related issues in the city that impact fair housing. The AI specifically noted the following concerns: insufficient and inaccessible outreach and enforcement, lack of public input and feedback on issues and strategies, and lack of marketing community meetings. Feedback from community members and representatives of service organizations during the community and stakeholder workshops held in October 2021 through January 2022 also reinforced the need to increase community outreach and housing opportunities.

## Outreach Capacity and Enforcement Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 18.1:</b> Seek opportunities to expand outreach and public education strategies on available tenant protection and fair housing services to reach vulnerable households by offering information in multiple languages, targeted social media efforts, combining information with other assistance programs, distributing resources through local schools and colleges, and partnering with community-based organizations.</p>	<p>Partner with at least three new schools or community-based organizations during the planning period to disseminate materials and provide trainings to residents, prioritizing services in communities sensitive to displacement.</p>
<p><b>Action 18.2:</b> Continue to effectively address the requirements of Government Code Sections 8899.50 and 65583 by coordinating with ECHO and other fair housing agencies to provide fair housing and tenant/landlord services, including investigation of discrimination complaints, fair housing counseling and education, fair housing testing, and tenant/landlord counseling and mediation.</p>	<p>Assist at least 30 residents and landlords with fair housing services annually.</p>
<p><b>Action 18.3:</b> Review the City’s outreach methods annually, using feedback from resident surveys and focused discussions with community organizations to inform online, mail, and in-person outreach methods. Increase participation of historically underrepresented residents in all City housing programs and community planning activities. Collaborate with existing and new community stakeholders from all sectors and geographic areas to engage in the public participation process.</p>	<p>Conduct at least one citywide resident survey biannually to obtain feedback about City outreach methods, prioritizing feedback from underrepresented residents.</p>
<p><b>Action 18.4:</b> Expand and improve access to public meetings by conducting public meetings at suitable times (using information from public feedback and survey results), using both in-person and online methods such as Zoom. In-person meetings must accommodate persons with disabilities, be accessible to nearby transit centers, and provide resources such as childcare, translation, and food services. Develop an outreach checklist that will be used for all outreach campaigns.</p>	<p>Develop the outreach checklist by January 2026.</p>
<p><b>Action 18.5:</b> Utilize and promote links to online affordable housing search and application services on the City’s website. Add links and publicize regional affordable rental housing lottery application and lease-up portals. At least once annually, update available multi-family affordable rental housing and ownership Below Market Rate (BMR) assets as needed. Provide information on affordable housing in Spanish and Chinese where possible.</p>	<p>Updated website content and affordable housing inventory, ongoing.</p>
<p><b>Action 18.6:</b> Coordinate with non-profit organizations and employment-related organizations, such as teachers’ associations, school districts, the San Leandro Adult School, and community-based service providers to provide educational seminars on housing resources and financial planning to increase housing mobility.</p>	<p>Provide housing resources and financial planning seminars to at least 50 residents annually, with targeted outreach to the Davis West, Eastshore, and Marina neighborhoods. Establish baseline data from 2024 and achieve an increase of 10 percent of participants from the Davis West, Eastshore, and Marina neighborhoods during the planning period.</p>
<p><b>Action 18.7:</b> Add information on fair housing laws and resources on the City’s website regarding housing programs in several languages.</p>	<p>Update website content with updated information on fair housing services and programs by January 2025.</p>
<p><b>Implements the Following Policies</b></p>	<p>P.5.1, P.5.6, P.5.7, P.5.8, P.5.9</p>
<p><b>Responsible Agency</b></p>	<p>Housing Division</p>
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>CDBG</p>

*AFFH Identified Housing Issue: Replacing Segregated Living Patterns with Integrated and Balanced Living Patterns*

An AFFH-identified issue of socio-economic segregation and the need for integration of special needs populations. As indicated in the AFFH analysis in Chapter 5, the city does not have any HUD-identified racially and/or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty (R/ECAPs), but there are areas where lower household income and racial and ethnic concentration overlap, predominantly in the northwestern area of the city such as the Davis West, Eastshore (between Davis Street and Marina Boulevard), and Marina neighborhoods. These areas have a sizeable Hispanic/Latino majority and higher rates of housing issues such as overcrowding and/or overpayment on housing costs. Hispanic/Latino and Black/African American residents in the city experience higher rates of housing problems than non-Hispanic white and Asian American residents.

This program complements other programs and objectives that are designed to increase integration in the community.

**Segregation and Integration Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe**

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 18.8:</b> Expand awareness of predatory lending practices, fair housing requirements, regulations, and services by distributing educational materials to property owners, realtors, apartment managers, and tenants. Annually seek and publish summaries of third-party research and review of lenders and brokers suspected of steering homebuyers to certain locations in the city or selling predatory financial products</p>	<p>Distribute materials to at least 2,000 property owners, apartment managers, and tenants during the planning period, with at least half distributed in communities with majority non-white residents, particularly in the areas around East 14th Street and Davis Street, and southwestern San Leandro, and areas with higher concentrations of persons with disabilities, such as the area around San Leandro Boulevard and Washington Avenue. Publish summaries annually on the City’s website.</p>
<p><b>Action 18.9:</b> Continue to budget for and implement plans and strategies for areas designated to increase low-, moderate-, and mixed-income housing development during the planning period, including Downtown TOD, the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street South Area, and Bay Fair TOD area. Collaborate with local organizations and residents to identify opportunities for placemaking improvements, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wayfinding</li> <li>▪ Active transportation opportunities</li> <li>▪ Public art reflective of cultural identity and diversity</li> <li>▪ Recreation and community programming</li> <li>▪ Identifying and actively pursuing economic development opportunities, training, and programs that empower local residents</li> <li>▪ Support neighborhood-serving needs and opportunities</li> <li>▪ Continue to collaborate with regional partners and seek grant funding for implementation when practicable. Coordinate with Engineering and Transportation Department to review the City’s biannual Capital Improvement Projects to ensure public facilities and infrastructure are supportive the needs of underserved communities.</li> </ul>	<p>Establish a 15 percent Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget target (including Federal, State, and regional grant funds, including CDBG) for the Downtown TOD, the East 14th Street South Area, and Bay Fair TOD areas and review biannually.</p>

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
Implements the Following Policies	P.5.2, P.5.3, P.5.4, P.5.9
Responsible Agency	Planning Division, Housing Division, Economic Development Division, Engineering and Transportation Department
Funding Sources	CDBG

*AFFH Identified Housing Issue: Significant Disparities in Housing Needs and Access to Opportunity*

According to State HCD, “access to opportunity” is a concept that seeks to support development of housing and other place-based resources that serve historically underserved and disadvantaged populations and that is near job centers, high achieving schools, and other beneficial community resources. The goal is to improve critical life outcomes as identified by Alameda County Place Matters Housing Workgroup (2010). Access to opportunity also means improving the quality of life for existing residents of low-income communities with fewer resources. As discussed in the AFFH analysis in Chapter 5, areas with greater proportions of low- and moderate-income households areas tend to have higher degrees overcrowding, housing burdens, exposure to pollutants, single-parent, female-headed households, and persons with disabilities than other areas of the city.

As indicated in the AFFH analysis in Chapter 5, the central area of the city along I-880 is generally associated with lower access to opportunity in terms of environmental outcomes and economic and educational opportunities, as identified by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) opportunity indicators. There is also a disparity between ethnic and racial groups for homeownership opportunities. Hispanic/Latino, Black/African-American, and American Indian or Alaskan Native residents have lower rates of housing-related loan applications and degree of loan origination compared to other groups, limiting housing access and mobility options. The City will focus housing education and outreach efforts and community planning resources in areas with higher proportions of minority and/or low-income households.

The AI identified that San Leandro needed to increase access to publicly supported housing for persons with disabilities and affordable, integrated housing for individuals who need supportive services. As discussed in Section 2, *Housing Needs Assessment*, San Leandro also has a greater share of large households (five or more members) than Alameda County as a whole. Although San Leandro currently has sufficient housing units to accommodate large households residing in the city, large households often have a difficult time locating appropriately sized rental opportunities. The City will explore incentives for developers to include three- and four-bedroom apartments in affordable, multi-family, and/or mixed-use projects to expand rental opportunities for large households.

Additionally, as identified in the AFFH analysis in Chapter 5, much of the city is considered sensitive to displacement, and low-income residents are most vulnerable. Feedback from community members and representatives of service organizations during the community and stakeholder workshops (held in October 2021 through January 2022), desired a greater mix of housing opportunities, equitable development, community-serving uses to complement increasing density, preservation of existing Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAHs) via land trusts or other alternate forms of affordable housing, and the City’s involvement in encouraging community acceptance of housing development. Community stakeholders also addressed the need for affordable housing with wraparound services, particularly for women and families. As discussed in

Section 2, *Housing Needs Assessment*, there are 1,385 households in poverty in the city, including 272 single-parent, female-headed households.

**Disparities in Access to Opportunity Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe**

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 18.10:</b> Prioritize public health, education, economic, and safety programs in lower resource areas as defined by TCAC in coordination with area public health entities (e.g.: Alameda County Healthy Homes, Kaiser Permanente, San Leandro Hospital), San Leandro Unified School District, workforce development groups, and the San Leandro Police Department.</p> <p>Identify addresses and compile mailing list and email addresses to focus outreach to neighborhoods with higher concentrations of low-income and minority residents (Davis West, Eastshore, and Marina neighborhoods) to prioritize services in these areas.</p> <p>Explore preference policy for affordable housing opportunities, land use, transportation, urban design, public facilities and services, and economic development strategies. The City will seek involvement from community organizations and advocates, business councils, and residents to further refine program scope.</p>	<p>Increase participation in the City’s first-time homebuyer seminars and owner-occupied housing rehabilitation grant program 5 percent annually from lower income and minority concentration areas through the 2023-2031 period (data collection via surveys conducted at the seminars).</p> <p>Decrease the percent of the City considered “low resource” by TCAC from 61.5 percent to 50 percent by the end of the planning period (2031).</p>
<p><b>Action 18.11:</b> Prioritize resources supporting small business owners in low-resource areas to assist with permitting and other costs associated with public improvements. Continue and expand support for small businesses with grants for tenant improvements and façade improvements through the City’s Economic Development Division.</p>	<p>Increase the number of grant allocations to small business owners in low-resource areas by 10 percent over 2024 baseline by 2031.</p>
<p><b>Action 18.12:</b> Develop an outreach strategy in multiple languages for long-standing property owners who own fewer than 10 residential units (either in single-family or multi-family rental housing) to assess needs and connect them with resources, such as housing unit rehabilitation and financing programs. The intent of this program is to preserve Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (i.e., not currently regulated with affordability deed restrictions). The program will seek to prioritize communities vulnerable to displacement, generally in the central and western areas of the city (all neighborhoods except Bay-O-Vista, West of Wicks, Marina Faire, Estudillo Estates, Farrelly Pond, and Best Manor; and with a focus on neighborhoods with lower median income: Halcyon-Foothill.)</p>	<p>Develop an outreach strategy for “mom and pop” property owners by January 2026 by January 2026.</p> <p>After the strategy is adopted, conduct outreach to at least 15 “mom and pop” property owners and assist at least 5 property owners with a combined total of 20 units or more by December 2031.</p>
<p><b>Action 18.13:</b> Explore providing incentives for developers to include three- and four-bedroom apartments in affordable, multi-family, and/or mixed-use projects to expand rental opportunities for large households.</p>	<p>Report on housing need and potential to provide incentives by January 2025.</p> <p>Develop 80 larger housing units (i.e.: 3-4 bedroom housing units) during the planning period.</p>
<p><b>Action 18.14:</b> Facilitate the development of Permanent Supportive Housing with wraparound services including employment assistance, childcare, and other social service programs.</p>	<p>Support the development of at least 50 affordable and permanent supportive housing units during the planning period.</p>
<p><b>Implements the Following Policies</b></p>	<p>P.2.1, P.2.5, P.2.6, P.3.1, P.4.1, P.5.1, P.5.2, P.5.3, P.5.4, P.5.6, P.5.7, P.5.8, P.5.9, P.5.10</p>
<p><b>Responsible Agency</b></p>	<p>Housing Division, Economic Development Division, Human Services Department, School Districts</p>
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>CDBG</p>

Table 6.1 lists the programs and actions that address fair housing issues.

Table 6.1 Summary of Programs to Further Fair Housing Goals

Programs	Specific Commitment	Objectives and Timeline	Geographic/ Population Targeting	Eight-Year Metrics
<b>Housing Mobility</b>				
Program 11: Support Homeownership Opportunities	<b>Action 11.1:</b> Assist first time homebuyers by promoting the County Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) program on the City’s website and at educational events.	As funding allows, assist at least two homebuyers per year with obtaining an MCC allocation.	Low- and moderate-income residents	Assist 16 residents.
	<b>Action 11.2:</b> Pursue public funding, including CA HCD Cal HOME program, to reinstate the First-Time Homebuyer Loan Program and other public down payment assistance programs (e.g.: FHLB WISH Program).	By the end of 2024, prepare a report to identify criteria to apply for Cal HOME program and assess capacity to apply and administer Cal HOME.	Low- and moderate-income residents	
Program 18: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing	<b>Action 18.6:</b> Coordinate with non-profit organizations and employment-related organizations, such as teachers’ associations, school districts, the San Leandro Adult School, and community-based service providers to provide educational seminars on housing resources and financial planning to increase housing mobility.	Provide housing resources and financial planning seminars to at least 50 residents annually, with targeted outreach to the Davis West, Eastshore, and Marina neighborhoods.  Establish baseline data from 2024 and achieve an increase of 10 percent of participants from the Davis West, Eastshore, and Marina neighborhoods during the planning period.	Davis West, Eastshore, and Marina neighborhoods	Provide housing resources and financial planning seminars to 400 residents.
	<b>Action 18.13:</b> Explore providing incentives for developers to include three- and four-bedroom apartments in affordable, multi-family, and/or mixed-use projects to expand rental opportunities for large households.	Report on housing need and potential to provide incentives by January 2025.	Citywide	Develop 80 larger housing units (i.e.: 3–4-bedroom housing units) during the planning period.

Programs	Specific Commitment	Objectives and Timeline	Geographic/ Population Targeting	Eight-Year Metrics
<p>Program 7: Support New Moderate-Income and Workforce Housing</p>	<p><b>Action 7.1:</b> Review the General Plan, North Area Specific Plan, and Zoning Code and Zoning Map to evaluate opportunities for removing barriers to housing production, adding housing capacity, and accommodating a greater mix of dwelling types and sizes in Moderate Resource areas identified by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC). Recommend amendments, as necessary, to accommodate added housing capacity in these Moderate Resource areas. Additionally, review the Zoning Code to identify opportunities to increase and encourage a greater mix of dwelling types and sizes, specifically housing types that may accommodate moderate-income households (e.g., duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, townhouses, courtyard buildings), in lower-density residential areas citywide and amend the Zoning Code as needed.</p>	<p>Review General Plan, the North Area Specific Plan, and Zoning Code and Zoning Map by January 2028 and implement any changes by January 2029. After adoption of zoning code changes by January 2029, track at least 8 moderate-income units to be constructed annually in lower-density residential areas (e.g, RS, RD, RO Districts).</p>	<p>Low-density residential areas</p>	<p>Develop at least 8 moderate-income units by 2029</p>
	<p><b>Action 7.2:</b> Prepare market feasibility report on financing tools, such as Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District, Housing Opportunity Zone, Housing Sustainability District, Neighborhood Infill Finance, and/or Transit Improvement District, as allowed through Government Code Sections 65620 – 65625 that encourage the production of moderate-income housing units.</p>	<p>Prepare report on feasibility of financing mechanisms and potential for moderate-income housing production and make recommendation to City Council by January 2026 and complete identified actions as recommended in the report by December 2028.</p>	<p>Citywide</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

Programs	Specific Commitment	Objectives and Timeline	Geographic/ Population Targeting	Eight-Year Metrics
Program 9: Tenant Protections and Support	<p><b>Action 9.8:</b> Continue collaboration with the Housing Authority of the County of Alameda (HACA) and Section 8 voucher holders by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Connecting affordable housing developers to Project-Based Section 8 vouchers when they are available to their developments in San Leandro</li> <li>▪ Annually tracking the number of Section 8 voucher holders living in the city and identify if the number households are increasing or decreasing</li> <li>▪ Re-establishing and increasing efforts to engage existing San Leandro property owners/managers to rent to Section 8 voucher holders. Work to identify and address challenges that San Leandro property owners/managers have with existing or prospective Section 8 voucher holders. Work to improve the relationship between San Leandro property owners/managers, HACA and tenants.</li> </ul> <p>Annually meeting with HACA to assess availability of and advocate for increasing the number of Section 8 voucher holders and project-based Section 8 vouchers in the San Leandro.</p>			Serve an additional 180 extremely low-income renter households with affordable housing or Section 8 vouchers

Programs	Specific Commitment	Objectives and Timeline	Geographic/ Population Targeting	Eight-Year Metrics
Program 15: Housing for Special Needs Populations	<b>Action 15.8:</b> Provide technical assistance and pursue Project Homekey funding for alternative housing development affordable to extremely low-income residents (e.g. navigation center and transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, SRO, dormitory-style housing, community land trust, cooperative housing cooperative, or tiny homes). Additionally, include incentives to increase housing affordable to extremely low-income residents through future affordable housing Notice of Funding Availabilities (NOFAs).	Submit application for Project Homekey funding for one alternative housing development affordable to extremely low-income residents during the 2023-2031 planning period. Provide technical assistance and/or incentives in future NOFAs for at least one alternative housing project(s) during the planning period, serving a minimum of 20 extremely low-income residents.	Priority Development Areas (Downtown, East 14 <sup>th</sup> Street Corridor, BTOD)	One alternative housing development serving a minimum of 20 extremely low-income residents
Program 17: Fair Housing Services	<b>Action 17.3:</b> Affordable Rental Housing Counseling Services. Continue and if feasible expand funding for information and referral services that direct families and individuals to financial resources for housing rental or purchase, locating suitable housing, and obtaining housing with special needs facilities such as disabled-accessible units.	Hold at least eight informational events during the planning period to disseminate informational materials or provide trainings to residents, prioritizing communities sensitive to displacement.	Citywide	Hold eight informational events on rental housing information and referral services
<b>New Opportunities in Higher Opportunity Areas</b>				
Program 6: Data-Informed Tools for Increased Housing Development	<b>Action 6.7:</b> Monitor lot splits and two-unit developments under SB 9, provide technical assistance to homeowners, and develop or adjust development standards as needed. Provide easily accessible information and resources about SB 9 on the City website.	Update City website by January 2024. Monitor activities on an ongoing basis.	Low-density residential areas	Not applicable

Programs	Specific Commitment	Objectives and Timeline	Geographic/ Population Targeting	Eight-Year Metrics
<p>Program 7: Support New Moderate-Income and Workforce Housing</p>	<p><b>Action 7.1:</b> Review the General Plan, North Area Specific Plan, and Zoning Code and Zoning Map to evaluate opportunities for removing barriers to housing production, adding housing capacity, and accommodating a greater mix of dwelling types and sizes in Moderate Resource areas identified by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC). Recommend amendments, as necessary, to accommodate added housing capacity in these Moderate Resource areas. Additionally, review the Zoning Code to identify opportunities to increase and encourage a greater mix of dwelling types and sizes, specifically housing types that may accommodate moderate-income households (e.g., duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, townhouses, courtyard buildings), in lower-density residential areas citywide and amend the Zoning Code as needed.</p>	<p>Review General Plan, the North Area Specific Plan, and Zoning Code and Zoning Map by January 2028 and implement any changes by January 2029. After adoption of zoning code changes by January 2029, track at least 8 moderate-income units to be constructed annually in lower-density residential areas (e.g, RS, RD, RO Districts)..</p>		<p>Develop at least 8 moderate-income units by 2029</p>
<p>Program 13: Incentivize and Track the Development of Accessory Dwelling Units (also known as ADUs, Casitas, In-law Units, Granny Flats)</p>	<p><b>Action 13.1:</b> Monitor ADU production and affordability levels on an annual basis to ensure that they are satisfying the construction targets adopted to meet RHNA obligations.</p> <p>If the City is not meeting ADU goals, the City will implement additional actions to promote the construction of ADUs depending on the severity of the gap including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Participating in the Alameda County-wide ADU Resource Center that will provide free print and online resources to make it easier for people to build ADUs in San Leandro,</li> <li>▪ Promoting the availability of CalHFA ADU Grant program,</li> <li>▪ Determining feasibility and legality of creating a clearinghouse of ADU providers</li> </ul>	<p>Support the promotion and development of ADUs with a goal of issuing building permits to 256 ADUs during the planning period (or 32 ADUs permitted per year). Monitor production and affordability levels on an annual basis. If targets are not being met, proceed with and report on implementation of identified actions to promote ADU development and report in the Annual Progress Report.</p>	<p>Moderate resource and/or low-density residential areas</p>	<p>Permit 256 ADUs</p>

Programs	Specific Commitment	Objectives and Timeline	Geographic/ Population Targeting	Eight-Year Metrics
	<p>(e.g.: designers/architects, manufacturers, contractors, etc.) who operate in the City, Establishing relationships with and promote availability of area ADU technical assistance and loan providers.</p>			
	<p><b>Action 13.2:</b> As a part of the City’s Comprehensive Impact Fee Study, the City will analyze ADU development impact fees with the goal of reducing, loaning, granting, or waiving those costs in exchange for providing rents affordable to low- or moderate-income households for a set period of time. (AB 671, 2019-Friedman)</p>	<p>Hire a consultant and develop a market feasibility report by January 2025. Ordinance or grant/loan program developed by January 2026</p>		
	<p><b>Action 13.4:</b> Assist and educate homeowners with developing ADUs by maintaining and updating informational brochures in English, Spanish, and Chinese characters. The City will maintain an updated page on the City’s website that provides information on ADUs, City requirements, ADU construction resources, and links to necessary applications and building requirements.</p>	<p>Update website with ADU information and update informational brochures by 2024.</p>		
	<p><b>Action 13.5:</b> Participate and support Alameda County ADU Resource Center that is supporting the development of ADUs by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Creating pre-approved ADU plans for a variety of unit sizes, construction type, and design aesthetic to streamline the ADU building approval and construction process.</li> <li>▪ Evaluating and improving financing structures.</li> <li>▪ Accessing State funding to support planning, construction, and property management of ADU (AB 671, 2019-Friedman).</li> </ul>	<p>Promote the Center upon its launch and maintain a link on the City website.</p>		

Programs	Specific Commitment	Objectives and Timeline	Geographic/ Population Targeting	Eight-Year Metrics
	<p>Identifying cost-saving tools such as property tax welfare exemptions in exchange for affordability covenants (AB 587, 2019-Friedman).</p> <p><b>Action 13.6:</b> Monitor the City’s ADU permitting process and development tracking in the Accela system, to understand the average processing times for ADU permits. Use data on building permit application processing times to identify trends and, if necessary, work to improve building plan reviews to reduce approval times and associated costs.</p>	<p>Complete upgrades to building permit electronic processing system by January 2024.</p>		
<b>Place Based Strategies for Community Revitalization</b>				
<p>Program 18: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing</p>	<p><b>Action 18.9:</b> Continue to implement plans and strategies for areas designated to increase low-, moderate, and mixed-income housing development during the planning period, including Downtown TOD, the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street South Area, and Bay Fair TOD area. Collaborate with local organizations and residents to identify opportunities for placemaking, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wayfinding</li> <li>▪ Active transportation opportunities</li> <li>▪ Public art reflective of cultural identity and diversity</li> <li>▪ Recreation and community programming</li> <li>▪ Identifying and actively pursuing economic development opportunities, training, and programs that empower local residents</li> <li>▪ Neighborhood-serving needs and opportunities</li> </ul> <p>Continue to collaborate with regional partners and seek grant funding for implementation when practicable. Coordinate with Engineering and Transportation Department to review the</p>	<p>Establish a 15 percent Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget target (including Federal, State, and regional grant funds, including CDBG) for the Downtown TOD, the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street South Area, and Bay Fair TOD areas and review biannually.</p>	<p>Downtown TOD, the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street South Area, and Bay Fair TOD area</p>	<p>Decrease the percent of the city considered “low resource” by TCAC from 61.5 percent to 50 percent.</p>

Programs	Specific Commitment	Objectives and Timeline	Geographic/ Population Targeting	Eight-Year Metrics
	<p>City's biannual Capital Improvement Projects to ensure public facilities and infrastructure are supportive the needs of underserved communities.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Action 18.10:</b> Prioritize public health, education, economic, and safety programs in lower resource areas as defined by TCAC in coordination with area public health entities (e.g.: Alameda County Healthy Homes, Kaiser Permanente, San Leandro Hospital), San Leandro Unified School District, workforce development groups, and the San Leandro Police Department.</p> <p>Identify addresses and compile mailing list and email addresses to focus outreach to neighborhoods with higher concentrations of low-income and minority residents (Davis West, Eastshore, and Marina neighborhoods) to prioritize services in these areas.</p> <p>Explore preference policy for affordable housing opportunities, land use, transportation, urban design, public facilities and services, and economic development strategies. The City will seek involvement from community organizations and advocates, business councils, and residents to further refine program scope.</p>	<p>Increase participation in the City's first-time homebuyer seminars and owner-occupied housing rehabilitation grant program 5 percent annually from lower income and minority concentration areas through the 2023-2031 period (data collection via surveys conducted at the seminars).</p>	<p>Low-resource areas defined by TCAC</p>	<p>Decrease the percent of the city considered "low resource" by TCAC from 61.5 percent to 50 percent.</p>

Programs	Specific Commitment	Objectives and Timeline	Geographic/ Population Targeting	Eight-Year Metrics
<b>Displacement</b>				
Program 9: Tenant Protections and Support	<b>Action 9.1:</b> Update the City’s Rent Review Board Ordinance with input from tenants and property owners/managers, ensuring representation across the economic spectrum.	Revision of Rent Review Board Ordinance by January 2025 with a goal of annually assisting lower income tenants in at least 75 percent of Rent Review Board cases.	Vulnerable communities (all neighborhoods except Bay-O-Vista, West of Wicks, Marina Faire, Estudillo Estates, Farrelly Pond, and Best Manor)	Assist lower income tenants in at least 75 percent of Rent Review Board cases
	<b>Action 9.2:</b> Update the City’s Tenant Relocation Ordinance with input from tenants and property owners/managers, ensuring representation across the economic spectrum, and update as appropriate. Outreach to be conducted to all vulnerable communities during the update process and after final adoption in 2027.	Update of the City’s Tenant Relocation Ordinance by January 2027		Not applicable
	<b>Action 9.3:</b> Prepare a local displacement study. The City will require that this study include policy measures to address any findings of displacement. This effort will ensure the City’s compliance with Fair Housing Law and will be used as a basis for a City Preference Policy for any new regulated affordable housing development.	Local displacement study with recommendations for policy measures to address any findings of displacement completed by January 2025. By December 2027, at least two affordable housing development projects totaling 100 units will implement anti-displacement/local preference recommendations from the final study.		At least two affordable housing development projects totaling 100 units will implement anti-displacement/local preference recommendations
	<b>Action 9.4:</b> Update the Condominium Conversion Ordinance to address conversion of duplexes and triplexes not covered by the Tenant Relocation Ordinance. Updates may include changing the condominium conversion fee to be based on sales price, removing the existing exemption for two- and three-unit rental buildings, setting a minimum cost per unit for upgrades as part of condominium conversions, and/or requiring a marketing plan	Update of Condominium Conversion Ordinance by January 2025	Citywide	Not applicable

Programs	Specific Commitment	Objectives and Timeline	Geographic/ Population Targeting	Eight-Year Metrics
	for the converted units. Outreach to all vulnerable communities to be conducted during the update process and after.			
	<b>Action 9.5:</b> Continue to provide tenant services in conciliation and tenant/owner counseling and legal assistance to evaluate existing State and federal “just cause for eviction” (AB 1482; 2019-Chiu) and other similar legislation with provisions to determine if additional protections through a local ordinance is warranted.	Annually collect reporting by consultant(s) and review data. If warranted, recommend adoption of a local Ordinance by December 2026.		Not applicable
	<b>Action 9.6:</b> Prepare report on the development of a rental assistance program to provide relief to tenants and landlords to avoid the displacement of vulnerable communities. Report will compare similar programs in other cities and feasibility of funding sources, including HOME and CDBG.	Prepare and present a report on development of a rental assistance program to the City Council by January 2025, including recommendations for policy actions that would provide relief to tenants and landlords to avoid the displacement of vulnerable communities. If a rental assistance program is approved and implemented as a result, the program will assist at least 15 lower income renter households annually.		Assist 90 lower income renter households r

Programs	Specific Commitment	Objectives and Timeline	Geographic/ Population Targeting	Eight-Year Metrics
Program 18: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing	<p><b>Action 18.8:</b> Expand awareness of predatory lending practices, fair housing requirements, regulations, and services by distributing educational materials to property owners, realtors, apartment managers, and tenants.</p> <p>Annually seek and publish summaries of third-party research and review of lenders and brokers suspected of steering homebuyers to certain locations in the city or selling predatory financial products</p>	<p>Distribute materials to at least 2,000 property owners, apartment managers, and tenants during the planning period, with at least half distributed in communities with majority non-white residents, particularly in the areas around East 14th Street and Davis Street, and southwestern San Leandro, and areas with higher concentrations of persons with disabilities, such as the area around San Leandro Boulevard and Washington Avenue. Publish summaries annually on the City’s website.</p>	<p>Neighborhoods with higher concentrations of minority residents and residents with disabilities</p>	<p>Distribute materials to at least 2,000 property owners, apartment managers, and tenants</p>
	<p><b>Action 18.12:</b> Develop an outreach strategy in multiple languages for property owners who own fewer than 10 residential units (either in single-family or multi-family rental housing) to assess needs and connect them with resources, such as housing unit rehabilitation and financing programs. The intent of this program is to preserve Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (i.e., not currently regulated with affordability restrictions). The program will seek to prioritize communities vulnerable to displacement, generally in the central and western areas of the city (all neighborhoods except Bay-O-Vista, West of Wicks, Marina Faire, Estudillo Estates, Farrelly Pond, and Best Manor; and with a focus on neighborhoods with lower median income: Halcyon-Foothill).</p>	<p>Develop an outreach strategy for “mom and pop” property owners by January 2026.</p> <p>After the strategy is adopted, conduct outreach to at least 15 “mom and pop” property owners and assist at least 5 property owners with a combined total of 20 units or more by December 2031.</p>	<p>Vulnerable communities and neighborhoods with lower median income</p>	<p>Assist at least 5 property owners with a combined total of 20 units or more</p>

## Program 19: Energy-Efficient Buildings



The City of San Leandro has existing building code and development review standards to incentivize energy-efficient building development. An energy-efficient buildings program is necessary to keep providing resources and support to developers engaging with sustainable design and energy-efficient building construction methods as the City works to adopt a building electrification and electric vehicle REACH code, which is a local building code that aims to advance decarbonization efforts and exceed state minimum requirements for energy use in buildings. The San Leandro City Council adopted the 2021 Climate Action Plan (CAP) on July 19, 2021. The actions in this program support the objectives and strategies of the CAP to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to changing climate conditions.

### Actions, Objectives, and Timeframe

Actions	Objectives and Timeframe
<p><b>Action 19.1:</b> Increase resident participation in programs designed to reduce household energy costs, particularly home weatherization programs and utility tax exemptions or discounts geared toward lower-income households. Coordinate with PG&amp;E to inform lower-income households about potential ways to reduce home energy costs.</p>	<p>Hold at least eight outreach events during the planning period, prioritizing low- and moderate-income residents.</p>
<p><b>Action 19.2:</b> Adopt a local Building Code amendment to encourage all-electric construction. The City will monitor code change proposals at the State level and amend its ordinances accordingly. Any changes to the Building Code beyond those required by State law will be thoroughly vetted through discussions with builders, developers, contractors, and property owners.</p>	<p>January 2026</p>
<p><b>Action 19.3:</b> Explore financial incentives for residents and landlords for certain types of environmentally friendly building improvements such as solar panel installation and energy and water efficiency upgrades, induction cooking, and outdoor water conservation techniques, with priority given to units affordable to lower and moderate-income households.</p>	<p>January 2026</p>
<p><b>Implements the Following Policies</b></p>	<p>P.3.1</p>
<p><b>Responsible Agency</b></p>	<p>Building Division, Office of Sustainability, Planning Division, Housing Division</p>
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>General Fund, Regional (StopWaste, ABAG), State, Federal</p>

## 6.4 Quantified Objectives

California Housing Element Law requires jurisdictions to estimate the number of units achieved for maintenance, preservation, and construction of housing over the eight-year planning period. The City has two sets of numerical housing goals included in the Housing Element: the City's share of the RHNA (with adequate buffer) and the Quantified Objectives for Affordable Housing Production. The City's share of the RHNA is 3,855 total housing units. The analysis of adequacy of available land resources to meet the RHNA is provided in detail in Section 4, *Housing Resources*.

The second set of numerical goals is quantified objectives for the creation of affordable housing opportunities and the provision of other housing assistance. These quantified objectives are based on the goals, policies, and programs described in this section and summarized in Table 6.2. The quantified objectives set a target goal for the City based on needs, resources, and constraints.

Table 6.2 San Leandro Quantified Housing Objectives 2023-2031

Activity	Extremely Low-Income	Very Low-Income Units (<50% AMI)	Low-Income Units (50-80% AMI)	Moderate-Income Units (80-120% AMI)	Above Moderate-Income Units (>120% AMI)	Total Units
<b>New Construction</b>						
Affordable Housing	133	133	134			400
Permanent Supportive Housing	25	25				50
Housing for Special Needs/Alternative Housing Types	20	40				60
Tiny Homes for Unhoused Individuals	10					10
Market-Rate Housing (and Inclusionary Housing Ordinance)/ADUs	243	233	361	696	1,802	3,285
<b>Total New Construction</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>3,855</b>
<b>Rehabilitation</b>						
Mobile Home Units			2			2
Single-family and multifamily rehabilitation			40			40
<b>Total Rehabilitation</b>			<b>42</b>			<b>42</b>
<b>Conservation/Preservation</b>						
Preservation of At-Risk Units			35			35
Section 8 Rental Assistance	500	500				1,000
<b>Total Conservation/Preservation</b>			<b>35</b>			<b>35</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>577</b>
<b>Definitions</b>						
AMI – Area Median Income						

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# Appendix A

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Public Outreach



# San Leandro Housing Element Update

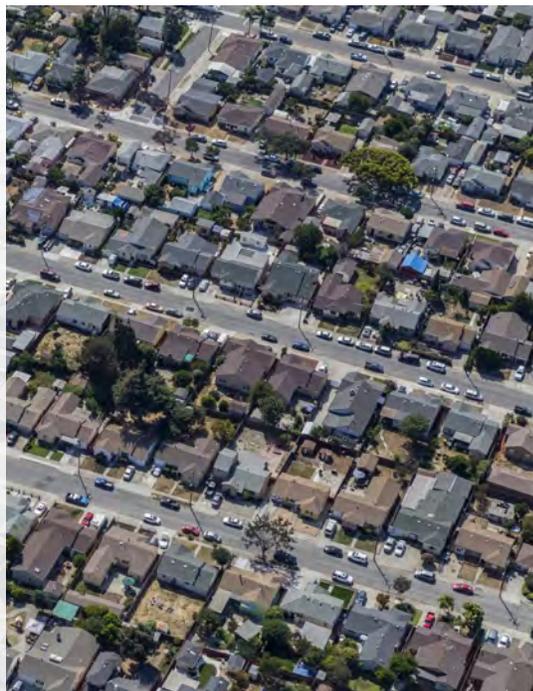
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## About the Project

The City of San Leandro is updating its Housing Element and we want to hear from you! This website provides useful information you will need to stay up to date and provide feedback on the project, including upcoming community workshops, City public meetings, reports and resources, and other opportunities. Please note that this website will be regularly updated throughout the project timeline.

## Housing Element

The Housing Element is a policy document that provides a comprehensive strategy for promoting the production of available, affordable, and adequate housing within the community. It serves as a strategy to address housing needs across the economic and social spectrum. State law requires that cities and counties update their housing elements every 8 years. San Leandro last updated its Housing Element in 2015 and is now required to update it by January 31, 2023 for the period covering 2023-2031.



## What is a Housing Element?

The Housing Element is a required part of the City's General Plan intended to provide a comprehensive strategy for promoting the production of available, affordable, and adequate housing within the community. It serves as a strategy to address housing needs across the economic and social spectrum.



## Past Community Event Materials



### City Council Study Session – 2/15/22

- [PRESENTATION](#)
- [MEETING RECORDING](#)



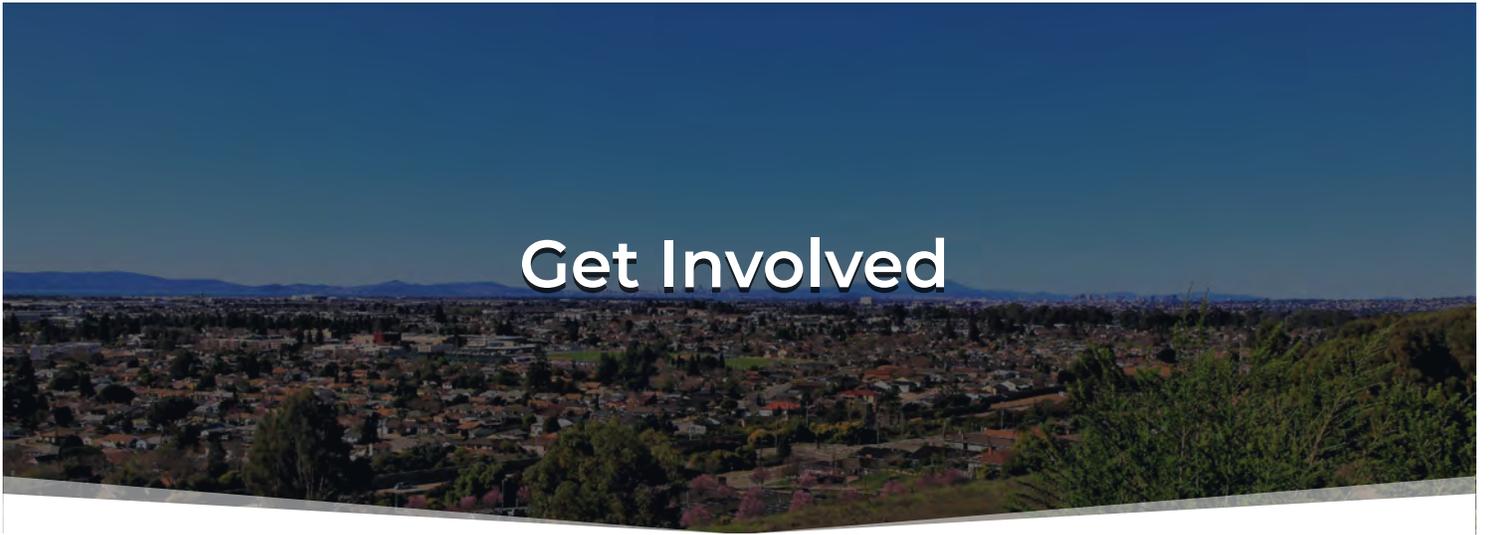
### Housing Opportunity Sites and EIR Scoping Workshop #3 – 1/19/22

- [PRESENTATION](#)
- [MEETING RECORDING](#)
- [WORKSHOP #3 PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY](#)



### Community Workshop #2: Housing Policies – 12/9/21

- [PRESENTATION](#)
- [MEETING RECORDING](#)
- [WORKSHOP #2 PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY](#)



# Get Involved

## Upcoming Community Events

There are no events at this time.

## Join Our Email List!

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## Housing Element Update Schedule



## **Housing Priorities Survey** **Response Summary**

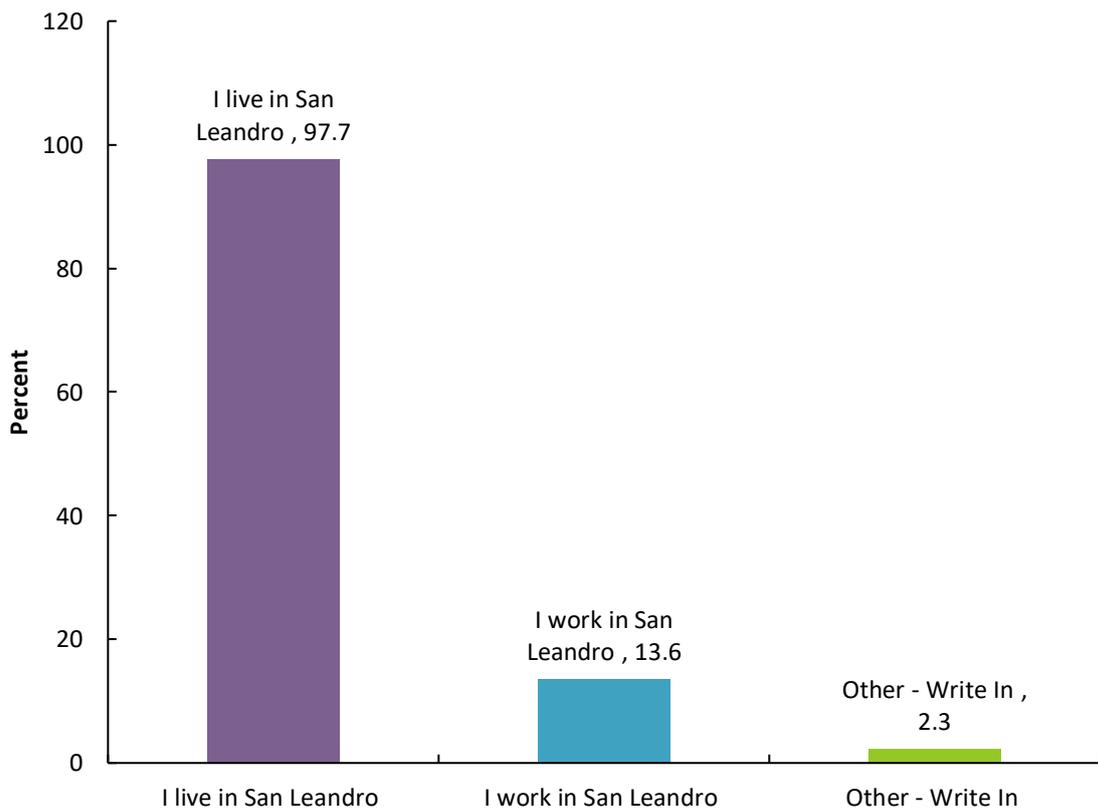
The City of San Leandro conducted an online survey from October 25, 2021, through December 15, 2021, to inform the 2023-2031 Housing Element Update. This survey is part of a broader Housing Element Update outreach strategy that includes a series of community workshops, a project website, stakeholder interviews, and an online mapping tool. The survey was translated into Chinese (Cantonese) and Spanish, and a total of 101 responses were received (4 in Spanish, 11 in Chinese, and 94 in English). The survey responses provide feedback on the City's housing priorities.

A summary of response patterns is below:

- Respondents listed “quality and size of housing,” “affordability,” and “walkable to shopping and services like grocery stores and medical facilities” as top priorities when looking for housing for themselves or their household.
- Affordability was listed as the most urgent housing issue.
- Respondents most noted “housing affordability” and “meeting the needs of people experiencing homelessness” as the city’s housing challenges.
- “Cost of quality housing is too high” was selected as the biggest barrier to affording desired housing.
- Respondents listed “sudden rent increase” as the top concern for displacement of residents from their homes.
- Respondents felt that the type of housing that should be developed in the immediate future includes (in order of importance):
  - Housing for families and multigenerational households (3 or more bedrooms)
  - Housing for seniors
  - Housing for singles, couples, and small households (1-2 bedrooms)
  - Housing for people experiencing homelessness
- Respondents preferred multifamily apartments/condominiums to be in areas within walking distance to a BART station and/or along major streets such as Hesperian Boulevard and East 14<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Respondents were more likely to be homeowners, reside in single-family homes, be age 30 and older, and identify as non-Hispanic white.

The following is the full survey report.

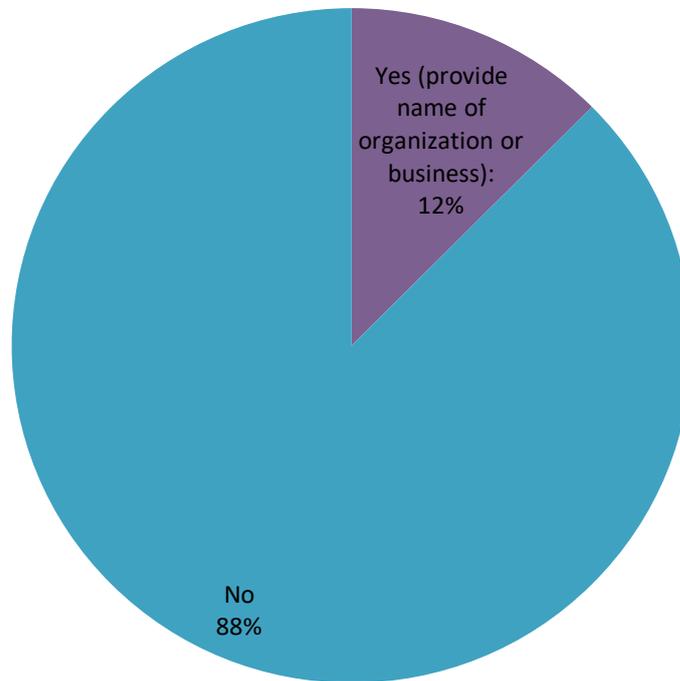
**1.What is your relationship to San Leandro? (Check all that apply)**



Value	Percent	Count
I live in San Leandro	97.7%	86
I work in San Leandro	13.6%	12
Other - Write In	2.3%	2

<b>Other - Write In</b>	2.3%	2
I also do nearly everything else in San Leandro		1
I represent people who live and or work in San Leandro		1
Totals		2

**2. Do you represent a group, organization, or business? For example: service provider associated with a special needs population (e.g. persons with disabilities, seniors, domestic violence victims); community group, tenants rights' group, housing developer, other?**

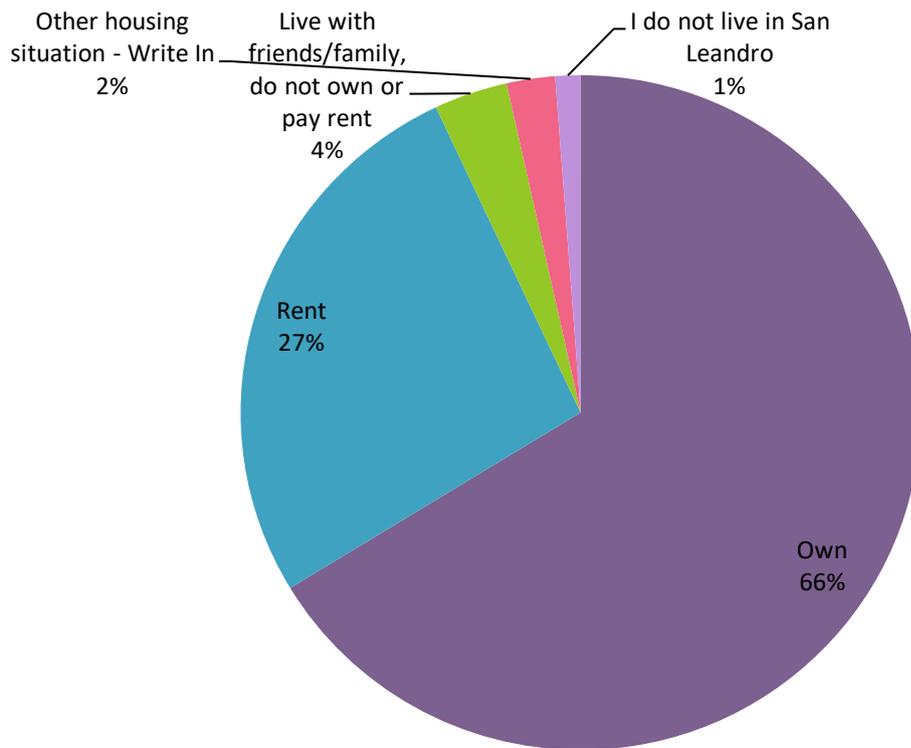


Value	Percent	Count
Yes (provide name of organization or business):	12.5%	10
No	87.5%	77
<b>Total</b>		<b>87</b>

Yes (provide name of organization or business):	Count
Alice's Adorable Babies in Home Day Care	1
Bay Area community health	1
Building Trades Council	1
Downtown Community Benefit District	1
East Bay HomeBridge Connect	1

First Wednesdays		1
Greenbelt Alliance		1
SEIU LOCAL 2015 UNION		1
San Leandro Police Defund		1
San Leandro White Antiracism Initiative		1
<b>Total</b>		<b>10</b>

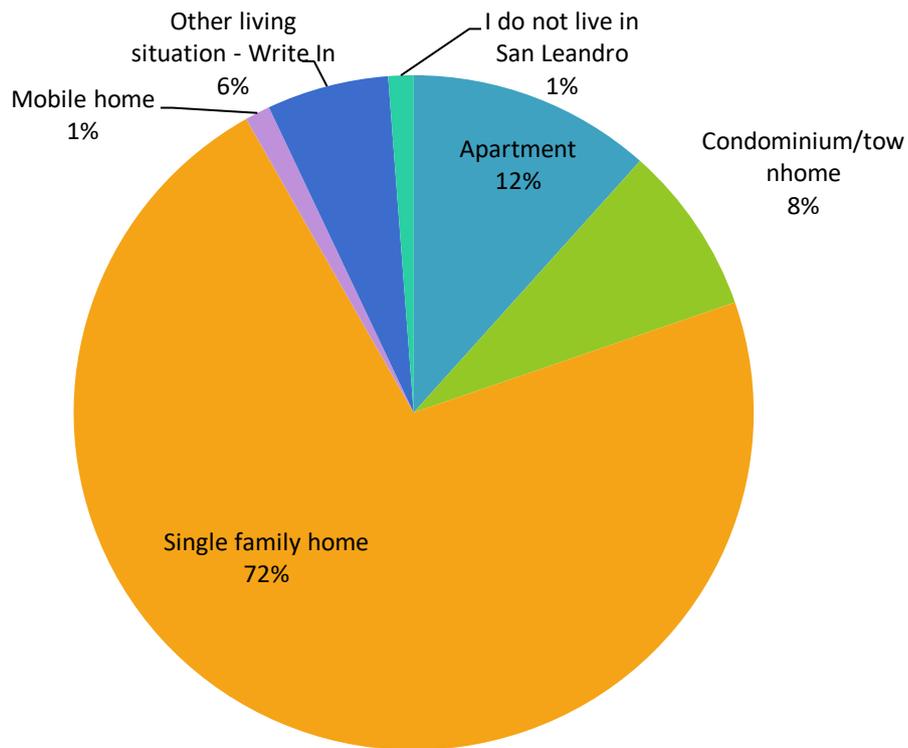
### 3.If you live in San Leandro, which best describes your current housing situation?



Value	Percent	Count
Own	66.3%	57
Rent	26.7%	23
Live with friends/family, do not own or pay rent	3.5%	3
Other housing situation - Write In	1.2%	1
I do not live in San Leandro	1.2%	1
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>86</b>

Other Housing Situation- Write in	Count
I live on my boat @ SL Marina	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>

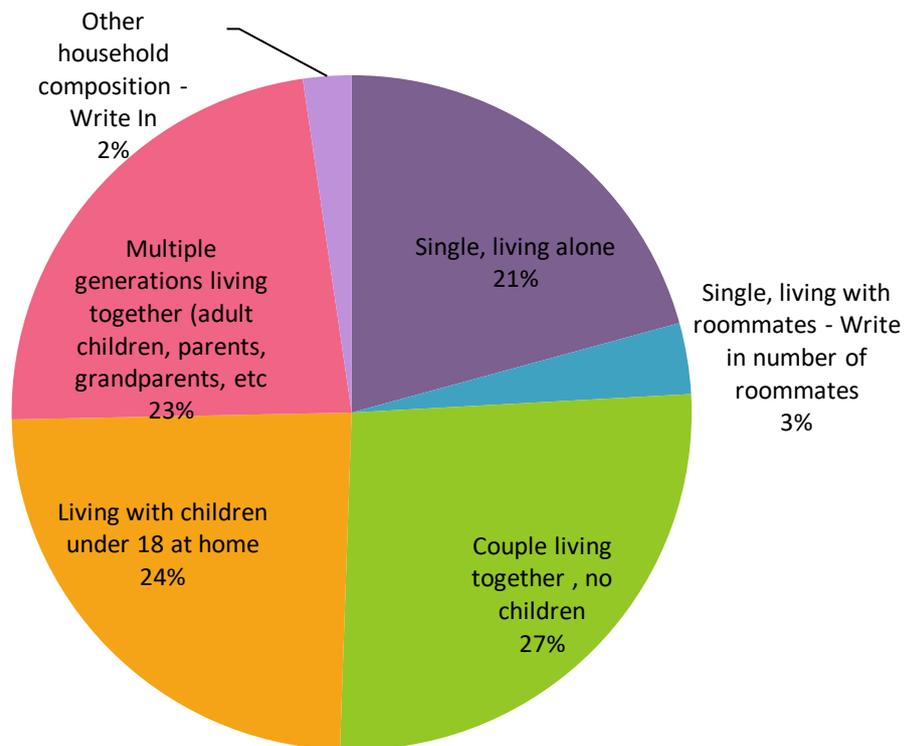
**4.If you live in San Leandro, which best describes your current living situation?**



Value	Percent	Count
Apartment	11.6%	10
Condominium/townhome	8.1%	7
Single family home	72.1%	62
Mobile home	1.2%	1
Other living situation - Write In	5.8%	5
I do not live in San Leandro	1.2%	1
<b>Totals</b>		<b>86</b>

Other living situation - Write In	Count
Duplex	2
Boat	1
Duplex unit	1
Senior low income building	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>

### 5. Which best describes your household composition?

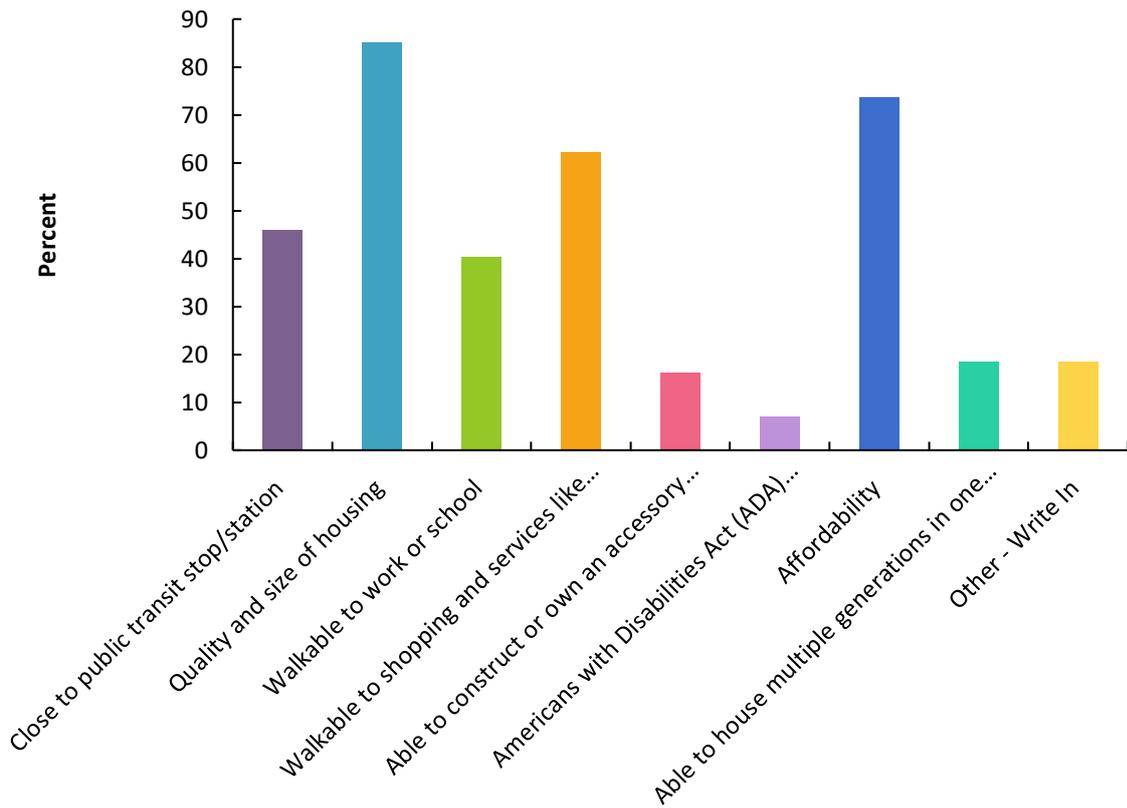


Value	Percent	Count
Single, living alone	20.7%	18
Single, living with roommates - Write in number of roommates	3.4%	3
Couple living together, no children	26.4%	23
Living with children under 18 at home	24.1%	21
Multiple generations living together (adult children, parents, grandparents, etc.)	23.0%	20
Other household composition - Write In	2.3%	2
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>87</b>

<b>Single, living with roommates - Write in number of roommates</b>		Count
1		2
2		1
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Other household composition - Write In</b>		Count
2 housemates + 2 teenagers + me		1
married; husband		1
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>

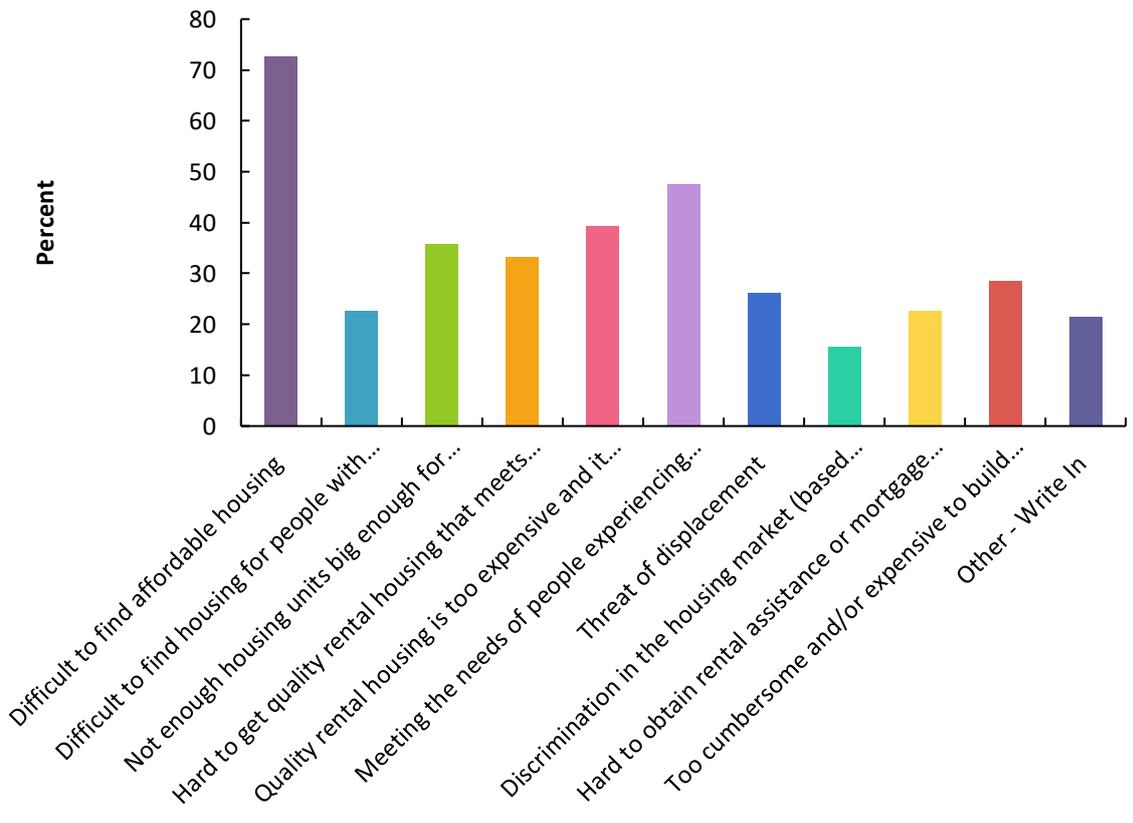
**6. Which of the following characteristics are important to you when looking for housing for you and your household? (Check all that apply)**



Value	Percent	Count
Close to public transit stop/station	46.0%	40
Quality and size of housing	85.1%	74
Walkable to work or school	40.2%	35
Walkable to shopping and services like grocery stores and medical facilities	62.1%	54
Able to construct or own an accessory dwelling unit (ADU)/granny flat or second unit on property	16.1%	14
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility	6.9%	6
Affordability	73.6%	64
Able to house multiple generations in one home	18.4%	16
Other - Write In	18.4%	16

Other - Write In		Count
Affordable and size		1
Energy efficient/ environmentally friendly		1
Good landlords		1
In a nice neighborhood where people maintain their property and low crime		1
Inclusive neighbors		1
Needs for unassisted living senior friendly in all aspect going to garbage , length of hallways		1
Neighborhood appearance		1
Safe and sustainable		1
Safe area, kept up neighborhood		1
Safe neighborhood		1
Safety, lighting, and good roads		1
Single family residences in a neighborhood setting away from transit and traffic		1
Solar exposure		1
neighborhood greenspace		1
safe neighborhood		1
who lives close..away from people that don't belong. I currently have drug runner across the street that isn't on her lease. mom enables, and it's the senior ,disability apartments 528 west Juana. They do nothing		1
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>

**7.What are housing challenges in San Leandro? (Check all that apply.)**



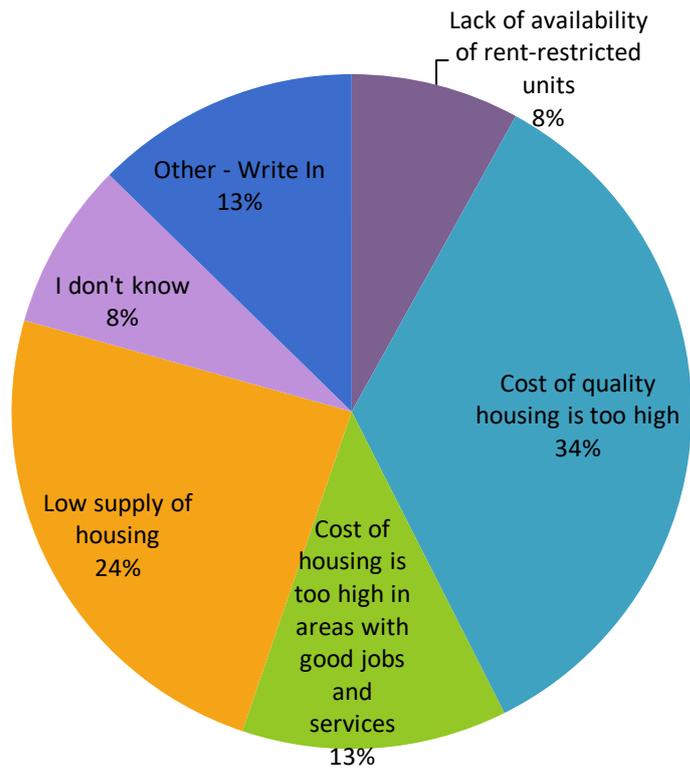
Value	Percent	Count
Difficult to find affordable housing	72.6%	61
Difficult to find housing for people with special needs, such as seniors, persons with disabilities, or people who need social services	22.6%	19
Not enough housing units big enough for households with families or multiple generations living together	35.7%	30
Hard to get quality rental housing that meets my needs	33.3%	28
Quality rental housing is too expensive and it is hard to pay the deposit	39.3%	33
Meeting the needs of people experiencing homelessness	47.6%	40
Threat of displacement	26.2%	22
Discrimination in the housing market (based on are, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability,	15.5%	13

mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, or veteran or military status, or perception of those characteristics)		
Hard to obtain rental assistance or mortgage loan	22.6%	19
Too cumbersome and/or expensive to build higher-density housing or more units on properties	28.6%	24
Other - Write In	21.4%	18

Other - Write In		Count
Crime		1
Difficult to find low income housing		1
General upkeep		1
Housing is unsafe and unsustainable		1
Landlords are just GREEDY AND NOT ENOUGH IS DONE FOR MIDDLE INCOME EARNERS WHO ARE TENANTS		1
Multiple-and terrible landlords. Single family homes need more laws and regulations like multiple units. We are all tenants regardless of who owns the property and size.		1
NIMBYS		1
Refusal of developers to provide affordable quality housing with designs that aesthetically improve the environment in San Leandro and provide adequate bundled parking on site instead of impacting current residents and surrounding neighborhoods.		1
Rent protections need to be strengthened		1

Threat of the loss of single family, low density, no more than two story housing		1
Too many low-quality houses. Too few good neighborhoods		1
Trying to find places with low crime rate		1
Very unattractive esthetically and crime		1
ease in senior housing being able to get around		1
find a safe neighborhood		1
lack of density		1
the bother of code enforcement		1
unfair property taxes due to Prop 13		1
<b>Totals</b>		<b>18</b>

**8. What do you believe is the biggest barrier to affording desired housing in the City of San Leandro?**



Value	Percent	Count
Lack of availability of rent-restricted units	8.0%	7
Cost of quality housing is too high	34.5%	30
Cost of housing is too high in areas with good jobs and services	12.6%	11
Low supply of housing	24.1%	21
I don't know	8.0%	7
Other - Write In	12.6%	11
	Totals	87

Other - Write In	Count
All above!	1
All of the above except the IDK	1
Crime	1

Displacement due to refining by City of San Leandro		1
Hogged by illegals		1
Landlords cannot provide "affordable" housing when the government is taxing us so much and not letting us increase the rent to cover when the Assessor raises our appraised values. The amount you approve of us to increase is not enough		1
Qualifying Income		1
Too many outsider offers ridiculous skyrocketed price to own houses		1
Too many people in the Bay Area		1
too many people want to live here, not enough affordable housing is being built. not enough land to build all of the houses that people want		1
we forgot about medium income..		1
<b>Totals</b>		<b>11</b>



**10.If you answered "Other" in the previous question, please specify which conditions or factors you believe affect San Leandro residents.**

Response
Multiple reasons. Especially if it's tenants in single family homes. We aren't considered tenants by the state and AB 1482
Not enough quality of housing
not enough walkable housing/ high density housing
we need to protect our residents when others that rent or live in areas and drug run
Traffic, noise pollution, crime
Greedy landlords no help and we need a tenant board that represents ALL TENANTS
Homelessness
not enough union jobs
Affordability
Lack of rent control, lack of green housing, lack of seismically sound housing, lack of A/C, lack of upkeep and maintenance support, lack of fair price rules
Crime
Cost of housing
Rampant unpunished crime
Increase in crime both property and assault
Crime
Other



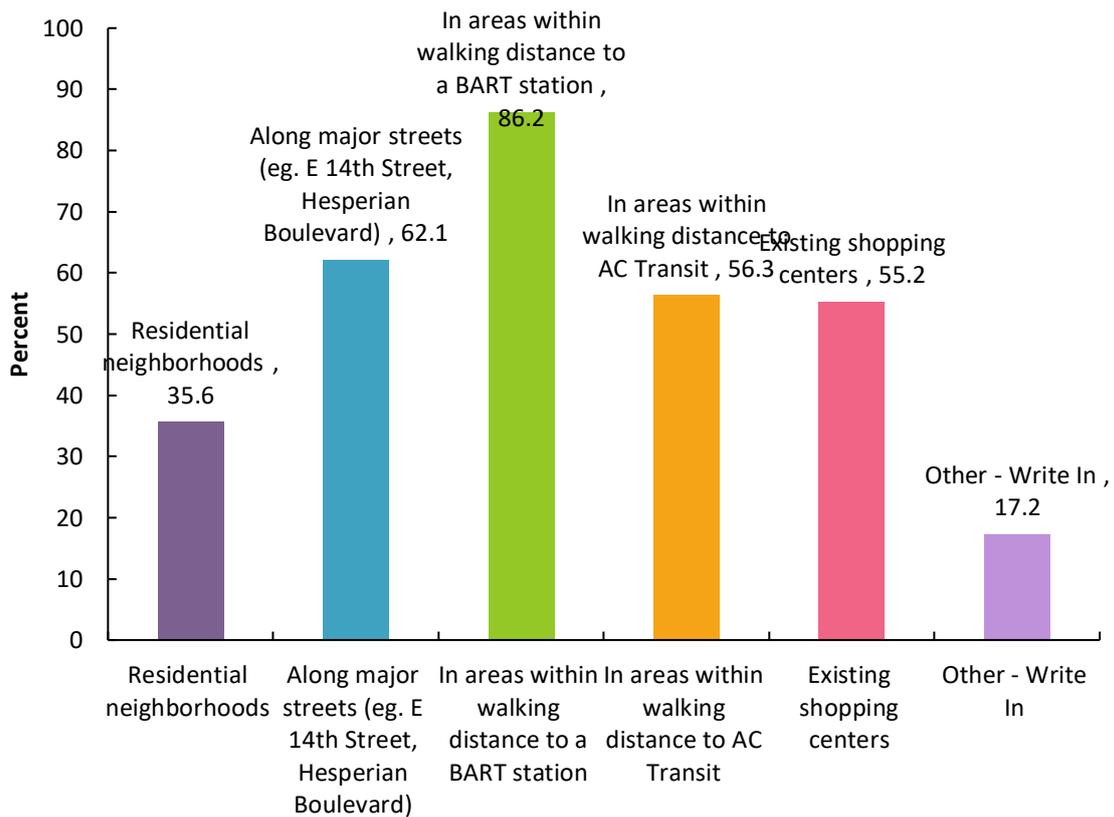
**12.If you answered "Other" in the previous question, which housing issue(s) do you find to be most urgent in the City of San Leandro?**

Response
Density/walkability
It's so many urgent depends on person/family
Availability
if someone rents and lets others live there, or there are drug runners that put people in the community at risk something has to be done.
Landlords are all greedy, no help for middle class income folks
Displacement
Hard working people still can not afford to live in San Leandro
Affordability
All of them
Process & cost to get a permit
Safety
Rampant unpunished crime
Crime! So much crime is happening all around us and there is not enough police protection.
Too few good neighborhoods
Other

**13. Using numbers from 1 through 10, (1 being the most needed and 10 being the least needed), please rank the type of housing that you believe should be developed in San Leandro in the immediate future.**

Item	Overall Rank	Score	Total Respondents
Housing for families and multigenerational households (3 or more bedrooms)	1	539	80
Housing for seniors	2	485	84
Workforce housing (examples: subsidized or below-market rental housing reserved for teachers and public employees such as firefighters; income-restricted cooperative housing)	3	457	76
Housing for singles, couples, and small households (1-2 bedrooms)	4	455	74
Housing for people experiencing homelessness	5	451	81
Long-term housing for people with special needs (social services, group homes, medical services)	6	409	77
Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) or more housing units on single-family and multifamily properties	7	387	74
Efficiency homes such as studio apartments	8	378	72
Tiny homes or single-resident occupancy (SRO) units	9	338	73
Live/work housing (examples: work lofts, ground floor retail unit with upper floor live space)	10	337	72

**14. Which areas of the City do you think would be better suited for multifamily apartments and/or condominiums? (Check all that apply)**

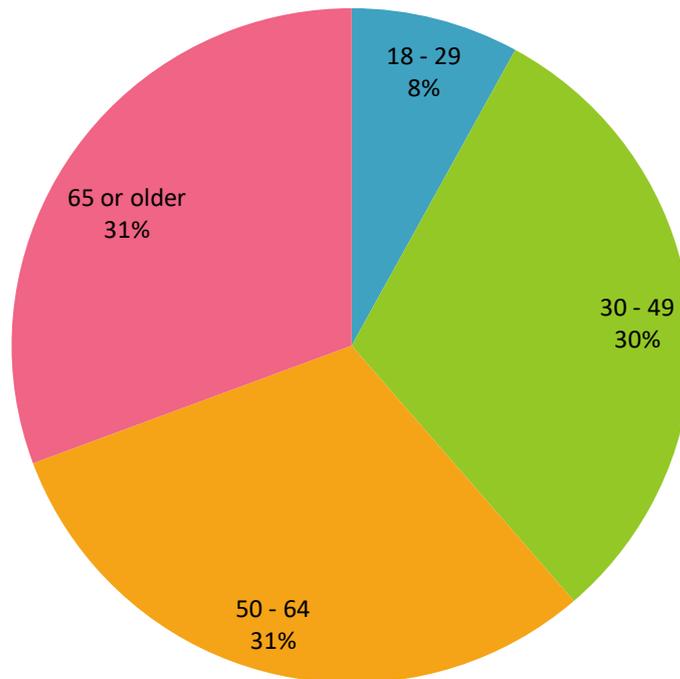


Value	Percent	Count
Residential neighborhoods	35.6%	31
Along major streets (eg. E 14th Street, Hesperian Boulevard)	62.1%	54
In areas within walking distance to a BART station	86.2%	75
In areas within walking distance to AC Transit	56.3%	49
Existing shopping centers	55.2%	48
Other - Write In	17.2%	15

Other - Write In	Count
Anywhere away from single family homes	1
By the marina	1
Close to schools	1
Demolish old buildings downtown	1

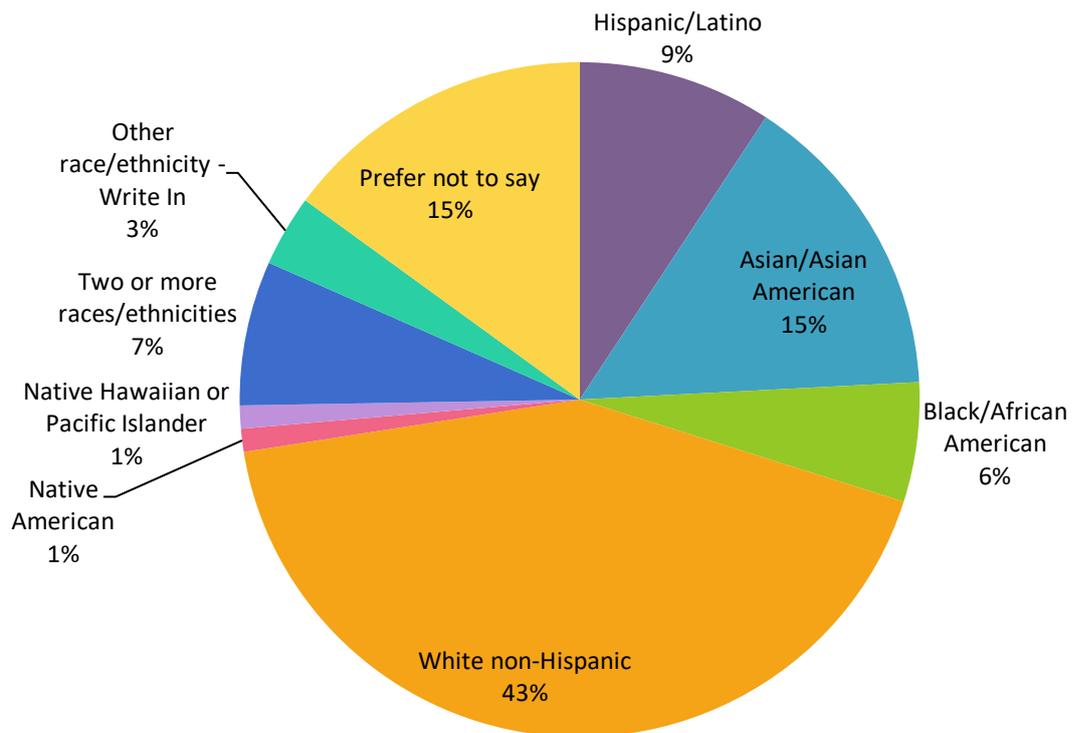
Everywhere		1
Everywhere because single family homes aren't sustainable		1
High-opportunity areas like along Dutton		1
In more busier areas		1
In neighborhoods would be appropriate if the number of units is appropriate to the size of the property, enough on site parking is provided, the design of the building is conducive to the residential area and the building is not more than three stories high		1
NOT crammed into neighborhoods with small, SFHs.		1
Near services such as Davis Street, or hospitals like Kaiser and San Leandro.		1
Using all that empty commercial space for housing.		1
everywhere		1
warehouses		1
we have empty lots and also empty warehouses		1
Totals		15

### 15.What is your age group?



Value	Percent	Count
18 - 29	8.0%	7
30 - 49	30.7%	27
50 - 64	30.7%	27
65 or older	30.7%	27
	Totals	88

### 16.How do you identify your race/ethnicity?



Value	Percent	Count
Hispanic/Latino	9.2%	8
Asian/Asian American	14.9%	13
Black/African American	5.7%	5
White non-Hispanic	42.5%	37
Native American	1.1%	1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1.1%	1
Two or more races/ethnicities	6.9%	6
Other race/ethnicity - Write In	3.4%	3
Prefer not to say	14.9%	13
	Totals	87

Other race/ethnicity - Write In	Count
Latin American Slav	1
white/Latino mix	1

white		1
<b>Totals</b>		<b>3</b>

**17. Optional: please let us know your thoughts on how the City can provide housing opportunities for all sectors of the population.**

**Response**

The biggest problem with housing as it stands is that there is far too little of it. Allow a lot more, and most of the problems will be greatly reduced. And we need to use all opportunities, including up zoning from SFZ areas which are currently ~90% of residential land

I hope you have a way to get input directly from low income, apartment dwellers, and homeless residents about their housing needs. Most of the participants in the 10/27 workshop seemed to be homeowners

Increase density Reduce parking requirements Contribute land

By focusing on those who need housing most first

We have enough affordable housing and you should build market rate.

Everyone agrees that quality affordable housing is needed. However, the City cannot step all over the current residents to provide it to keep developers happy. San Leandro needs to take care of all of its residents. Keeping design requirements appealing to neighborhoods will help decrease resistance. Providing adequate on site included parking to decrease impact on the surrounding neighborhood will decrease resistance. Talk, high density buildings should be built in non single family residential neighborhoods. There is a lot of wasted industrial area in San Leandro that could be used for larger buildings. No matter what San Leandro does with providing more housing, they also have to provide additional schools, shopping, parking to go with it. The City is currently already overcrowded. You can barely find a parking space downtown as it is. The City can't seem to keep the streets and sidewalks clean as it is without adding additional residents. It isn't just about building more housing. The picture is so much bigger than that. The City needs to meet the needs of everyone, not just new residents.

Included single family homes in laws and regulations! We are all tenants regardless of our income and who owns the home. Any landlord doing business in the city needs to pay if they rent out homes. There needs to be some rent control on single family home as we are the ones who suffer more than lower income families. It's wrong that tenants of single family homes are discriminated cause we rent a home vs multiple units and that's bs! You'd think they'd treat us better but no...we don't even have inspections one these rental homes. Unless your on some sort of assistance.

Build more

allowing for more high density housing and removing single family zoning. making it easier to develop (more quickly and not take forever)

City website that has an easy way to see all housing.

Yes, more housing is needed in San Leandro. But, unless it is targeted to those who need it most (the low/middle income people), it will only help wealthier residents and developers. I could NOT afford to live in San Leandro at todays rates of rents/ownership; if I didn't purchase my home 20 years ago. I think that developers should be made to include affordable units in their buildings. The city should not take the "in lieu of money" from developers. Nor should the "affordable units" be allowed to be placed somewhere else. The affordable units should be in the buildings being built! This way, at least a very few lower/middle income residents might be able to find a place to live in San Leandro.

We need to update/maintain the infrastructure before adding more housing. Current roads are crumbling and traffic is terrible. New housing should fit into the neighborhoods that they are going into, not just cramming high rise units in any/every available space. Transit options need to be part of the discussions as well. "The bus goes by every hour" is not a very viable option for most working people. We need to partner with transportation agencies to improve access since the current plans seem to assume that people will take public transit and are not required to have sufficient parking options.

Establish a vacant home property tax. I have seen several such properties with no residence. These places can be suitable for housing others. Vacant businesses also can be turned into housing too.

you build but don't think of the community that lives around the area's built. We currently have a lady that enables her son in a senior/disability apartments. due to moritorium nothing can be done and we are frightened by his threats and drug running. the police can only do so much. they need to be evicted, she needs to go to a place they can care for her. her son needs to go

All areas of San Leandro should have development, especially for the unhorsed. They should be near medical and social services

Bigger is not always better , building for seniors with city block long hallways is just defeating purpose for a senior building,

Considerations for more policing as population increases. CHP, SLPD, ACSD, should be monitoring traffic, speeding and crime. Provide easy access to transit and shopping by walking and biking.

We need to get rid of echo housing and the tenant board and start fresh! We need a tenant board that represents ALL TENANTS IN THE CITY OF SAN LEANDRO! Shouldn't matter income!!! We need those who have been tenants in single family homes to have more rights and help! We need our own city laws to help these long term tenants like myself! We need to block rent increases on single family homes especially if the tenants have been in home for more than 5 years! We need someone who is willing to help all tenants! Get rid of the current rent board! They are useless and a waste of funding!

Support including people from all backgrounds in the HE process

Why can't the city recognize that they don't have efficient enough infrastructure to handle what they already have?

Post on all social media and news outlets. Put on 311.org

Save the mobile home parks in San Leandro by canceling rezoning by the Bart station which will displace hundreds of residents and cause homelessness in San Leandro, CA.

there's only so much the city can do. we need to recognize this is a regional/statewide issue. we can't solve it for everyone, nor should we try. in other words, we should do only what a small city like San Leandro can do.

Make housing more affordable for all people. Especially for hard-working and low income families. For students to help build our community. To have senior citizens and our community people to feel and be safe.

Provide housing affordable to people in San Leandro earning low and middle incomes. Don't cave to developers who want zoning changes so they can build housing affordable to only high income people or that requires multiple roommates in one unit. Continue addressing homeless needs with transition and sub sized housing and an accessible navigation center. Have attractive large multiple family buildings downtown only near BART and walking distance to jobs and services.

I moved here in February and don't know enough yet to have a strong or well formed opinion here

The City (as well as the County) needs permanent supportive housing with wrap around services for homeless, but without services, housing will not help!

Increase in lieu fees and change our development into a street car suburb with mixed use housing and better useage of huge plots currently occupied by single family homes a fifth the size of the lot

Streamline the cost and barriers to build housing in San Leandro. Secure matching funding to build housing for essential workers. Encourage AUD's. Concentrate greater density in projects around public transportation. Enforce code compliance to encourage investment in neighborhoods where affordability can be found. Campaign to keep the cities neighborhoods clean so investors want to build here.

By using the money the City Council wastes in the lawyers of Centro Legal de la Raza, building monuments to criminals of color, painting the streets with the slogans of the same, paying the rent for illegals who usurp U.S. workers jobs and other improper use of funds in the secret of retreats.

The city needs to create more housing stock near public transportation and city centers. By creating more housing that is affordable and CLIMATE smart we can not only alleviate our housing crisis but also help exacerbating the climate crisis.

Address the rampant unpunished crime taking over the City of San Leandro. Increase police budget to deter, arrest and prosecute folks who want to imprison the good folks of the city in their homes. Increase police budget. Prosecute crimes with laws that deter unlawful actions.

1. establish winter camps for unhoused, bringing infrastructure (potable water, toilet, shower, electricity, garbage/recycling/compost) together with services (medical & dental, social, mental health, food security in vacant lot north of Kaiser Hospital 2. construct tiny homes in parts of Marina, Bayfair, Manor 3. inform & promote formation of housing cooperatives 4. inform & promote SB9 structures 5. incentivize homeowners to take on more housemate/renters

Come up soon with a plan to stop crime than start worrying about housing issues. If the city council and mayor don't implement a plan immediately to stop crime, no one will want to live in San Leandro. The City has its priorities wrong...curbing crime is the city's number one issue and not housing.

San Leandro has to improve its housing by stopping to provide LOW INCOME. I understand the need, however, there needs to be more attention paid to the ever growing professionals with high income who desire to live in the area because it's still pretty affordable in comparison to other areas. But, the clean up needs to take presevidence before building in the current conditions! Stop treating San Leandro as if its ALL BLUE COLLAR. Then you have a desirable city

1 - Encourage developers increase housing supply. 2 - Make it easy for homeowners to build ADUs. The website is confusing. I'd love it if there was a monthly workshop or presentation on where to start with building an ADU.

We are constantly being told that we don't have enough water for all the people who currently live here. Why is the City trying to cram more people in? Where will the water come from? The City needs to determine that new housing will not result in further water restraints on existing City residents.

New housing should be located in close proximity to community services, grocery, transit, schools. We want to build a walkable city that's less and less dependent on cars, and feels more like a dense, thriving, diverse, and equitable neighborhood.

There's a lot of vacant and under-zoned property along key corridors, particularly E 14th St and the Bayfair area. San Leandro needs a vacancy tax to spur development of these properties, many of which have been languishing for decades.

All sectors don't need housing opportunities. People who can afford the outrageous rents here can choose any unit listed on Craig's List. Those who have low incomes are the people who need the help. The homeless need help. Why does this friggin city always think that white privileged people somehow need the same amount of help, when they don't.

Eliminate parking requirements.

Hi San Leandro me and my mother have been living in the same apartment for 22 years. It's too expensive to move, but the place we dwell only update units for new occupants. Mom is disabled and on section 8. We have thought about moving, be it's difficult.

Please build as many housing units as possible. The housing crisis is a supply issue. We need more density everywhere.

By not discriminating. I've heard about the background of SL and it was color friendly - its still that way now. Especially if you want to own a house or property

Home ownership for seniors that is still working.

1. building more affordable housing near BART station since seniors don't drive and rely on transportation. 2. Also expedite the process. I followed up your housing update since 2016 and I have been hearing every year how many

houses will be built. But nothing has happened except 2 low income housing building near BART station. Very disappointed. Take a look at Hayward and Oakland. A lot of housing are built there while our city has nothing happened. We just talk, no action.



## **Workshop #1: Introduction to the Housing Element Update** **Public Input Summary**

The City of San Leandro held two online community workshops on October 27, 2021, and November 6, 2021, to introduce the Housing Element Update and provide opportunities to answer questions and receive input. The following is a summary of common themes and comments received from community members:

### **Common Themes Raised by Participants:**

- Acknowledgment of the need for more housing in San Leandro, especially affordable housing that meet the needs of unhoused, low-income, and very low-income residents.
- Concern for housing for the “Missing Middle,” or moderate-income housing development, which could accommodate the needs of teachers, nurses, and other local public workers.

### **Additional Comments:**

- Existing commercial strip malls and underutilized nonvacant sites should be considered as potential redevelopment opportunities for mixed-use and/or multi-story residential development.
- New developments should have safe and efficient connections to the roadways.
- Developers should be held accountable for providing inclusionary housing.
- San Leandro’s inclusionary housing program should be strengthened, and in-lieu fees should be increased, and funds leveraged from in-lieu fees should support affordable housing development.
- Subsidies are important tools for affordable housing development.
- ADUs are an effective method to provide more affordable housing and add value to an existing housing site.
- Desire for a local housing program dedicated to providing housing for teachers, firefighters and those who work in the city.
- The ability to walk to community services such as grocery stores is important.
- Need greater outreach and housing programs for unhoused people.
- Desire for consideration of design guidelines for large-scale multifamily housing development adjacent to single-family housing, such as appropriate setbacks.

**Topics raised at the workshop and addressed by staff:**

- The measures the City is taking to ensure sufficient community amenities for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) projects.
- How the City can prioritize the very low-income population in the housing element update.
- How the City can follow up on promises that developers make on existing projects that have not yet been fulfilled.
- The number of unhoused individuals in San Leandro.
- How new development can be allocated for residents experiencing homelessness.
- How the City can provide outreach to residents experiencing homelessness to let them know that housing is available for them.
- How the City can or should balance housing needs with cleanliness and desirability.
- How the City can accommodate housing needs with little vacant land.
- The State density bonus law.



## San Leandro Housing Element Update

### Workshop #2: Housing Policies Public Input Summary

The City of San Leandro held an online community workshop on December 9, 2021, to discuss existing housing needs and policies, and to receive input and ideas from members of the community. Participants discussed a series of questions in breakout rooms. The following is a summary of input across all breakout rooms by each question, with a section at the end for general comments that were made during the main presentation.

#### **What are the top housing challenges in San Leandro?**

- The most prevalent concern raised by participants was housing affordability.
- Concern about sufficient development of housing for the “missing middle” (moderate income housing), particularly for people working in public service and/or essential workers, was also a prevalent concern.
- Homelessness was mentioned as a concern several times: sufficient housing for people experiencing homelessness, the systematic mistreatment of the homeless, and qualifying factors for housing such as mental health services.
- Gentrification, overcrowding, displacement, and lack of homeownership opportunities was a concern among participants. It was also mentioned that housing ownership by investment companies was driving up costs (constraining homebuying abilities for residents) and that funds were not being reinvested back into the community.
- Overcrowding and a pace of housing production that doesn't keep up with supply was a central complaint posed by several groups.
- Concern that affordable housing allocated under the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) will not actually be developed.
- Maintaining housing and infrastructure quality as density increases. Acknowledgement that market rate housing can also support improved retail options.
- Understanding and explaining market impacts on San Leandro's housing supply (e.g., whether market rents support the development of new housing in San Leandro).

#### **Which groups are most impacted by housing challenges and what types of housing would be most appropriate to serve them?**

- Low-income, very low-income people, including the homeless and seniors, were most frequently identified as those most impacted by housing challenges in San Leandro.

- Moderate income people, especially nursing staff, were also cited as among the most impacted.
- People of color and those with lower incomes were cited to be among those most impacted.
- Renters and long-term residents were considered to impacted.
- Multi-generational households.

**What kinds of new tools and strategies should the City consider adding or supporting?**

- Take measures to streamline processes and/or reduce permitting process costs and utility connection costs.
- Consider incentives for new housing production.
- Explore tiny homes as transitional and/or permanent housing. Work with Community Based Organizations and faith-based groups to find land for tiny homes.
- Develop safe parking sites for unhoused individuals and families. Consider locations like parking lots, hospitals and City facilities.
- Create incentives for renters and owners to sublet/rent units.
- Support the development of high-density housing.
- Support the development of smaller units or alternative housing types such as dormitory-style housing. Look outside the United States for ideas.
- Explore methods of prioritizing housing for folks who currently live in San Leandro.
- Support the development of clean safe, organized spaces for unhoused populations and transitional housing for those recovering from mental health and addiction crises. Provide services to encampments.
- Allow higher residential densities along side streets and corridors.
- Develop housing specifically for moderate-income residents, especially for those working in public service.
- Interest in the development of “tiny houses” as transitional homes for residents experiencing homelessness and also permanent home opportunities.
- Subsidize room rentals in private homes.
- Permit fees to develop housing should be “all inclusive” to reduce costs for infrastructure and services and include maintenance of property.
- Coordinate services for unhoused residents with the school district as teachers and children are facing homelessness.
- Consider working with a non-profit to provide screening and connect unhoused individuals with rooms available at an affordable rent.

### **What existing City policies should be strengthened, and how?**

- Desire to increase public outreach on housing issues.
- Continue to push for a local preference when affordable housing opportunities become available.
- The subsidy of the “missing middle” was a policy theme of interest, and there was desire to require impact fees for the development of moderate-income housing.
- Strengthening of the requirements for inclusionary housing was proposed.
- Strengthen the link between density, transit, and walkability, especially where parking is concerned. Develop in such a way where residents do not need to drive to get needs met.
- Move forward with a navigation center for unhoused people.
- Promote Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) for multiple generation households.



### **Workshop #3: Housing Opportunity Sites and EIR Scoping** **Public Input Summary**

The City of San Leandro held an online community workshop on January 19, 2022, to discuss housing opportunity sites, the City's plan to meet the regional housing needs assessment (RHNA), and the proposed supplemental environmental impact report (EIR), and to receive input and ideas from members of the community. The following is a summary of community input from discussion sessions, followed by a list of topics where participants had questions answered by City staff.

#### **Housing Opportunity Sites / Meeting the RHNA**

- Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) are a good way to provide infill housing. The City should have a task force for ADU development and an incentive program for homeowners to lease to low-income renters (beyond the existing Section 8 program). Oakland has this program.
- The City should prioritize affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH) and analyze current and historic issues, such as failure to build housing in high resource areas.
- The City should rethink former patterns and approaches to housing development. The proposed housing opportunity sites would "protect" existing residential areas, but the City should consider broadening zoning so that there are more opportunities across the city.
- The City should be proactive to counter residents and/or City leadership who object to low-income housing.
- The City should consider its commitment to being an age-friendly city and provide information on how the housing plan impacts seniors.
- Desire for walkability and services near where people live.
- Vertical density is efficient.
- There should be more accountability to see that projects are actually built and implement mitigation measures when the City is not meeting its goals.
- Would like to see development of tiny homes.
- The City should increase and strengthen the inclusionary housing requirement and increase in-lieu fees to increase affordable housing.
- Desire to see housing along transportation corridors, especially for affordable housing and senior housing.

- Above-moderate housing displaces residents. Projects should include inclusionary housing to mix market-rate and subsidized developments.
- Look at minimum lot sizes in areas zoned for single-family housing. Minimum lot size requirements can be a constraint to housing development.
- Consider commercial conversion to residential uses. Changing some of the transportation routes might be useful, especially for the western area of the city.
- Discourage planned developments since they have their own zoning rules; make it unnecessary to have planned developments by updating zoning requirements.
- Consider effects on schools, including the racial and economic integration of schools.

### **EIR Scoping**

- The City should examine the potential impacts of development on schools.
- EIRs should consider the regional context for the No Project Alternative – for example, not increasing housing in urban places results in more housing on green land in more rural areas.
- The EIR should take into account impacts to the creek and hazards associated with flood zones, sea level rise, and toxic sites.
- San Leandro High School is at capacity.

### **Other Topics Mentioned by Participants and Discussed with Staff**

- Desire to see an electrification / smart homes initiative to promote solar and electrification of homes.
- Methodology in site selection. Sites inventory should be driven by Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).
- More information and education are needed to understand the different land use maps (land use, zoning) and how they influence what type of development can occur.
- Desire for more education around the importance of developing housing to the City Council.
- Question regarding the City's outreach methods across the economic and racial/ethnic spectrum.
- Need to increase parkland with densification, and work with the school districts to provide safe environments around schools due to increased traffic.



### **Meeting with Kiwanis of San Leandro**

On January 11, 2022, the City of San Leandro met with 12 members of Kiwanis San Leandro to discuss the Housing Element. City staff went through a PowerPoint overview of the Housing Element. The members in attendance shared the following questions and comments.

- The RHNA should take into account out migration from California and the Bay Area.
- Where does it end with adding additional housing to San Leandro? Already dealing with overcrowding and impacts of growth.
- Desirable to maintain a mix of land uses in San Leandro with strong industrial base.
- The details matter. Parking (including EV) and utility infrastructure are necessary to support new housing. Maintaining quality of life is important.
- The Balancing Act tool is fun to use and it will be helpful to see how the feedback is used in the Housing Element.



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Elija una de estas Fechas  
y Horarios:

**Miércoles, 27 de Octubre**  
**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Sábado, 6 de Noviembre**  
**10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

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We would like to hear about your experiences and goals for housing in San Leandro. This survey takes about 10 minutes. Thank you for your time!



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**Encuesta del 27 de Octubre al 15 de Diciembre**

Nos gustaría conocer sus experiencias y metas para la vivienda en San Leandro. ¡Esta encuesta dura aproximadamente 10 minutos! Gracias por tu tiempo.



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## Board: Council to decide in November

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advises cities on law enforcement issues.

The city council would have final say on the proposed board, most likely at its Nov. 15 meeting. There will be a full public hearing on the final proposal at that meeting.

If approved by the council in November, the oversight board could be in place by the end of 2021 or early in 2022. Members of the board would apply to be chosen by the city council, and the board is meant to be diverse and representative of the city's residents.

Information on applying for the board will be announced later.

The city council had suggested in February that some specialized knowledge of law enforcement would be helpful for the board, particularly if it was set up without an auditor being also hired. The proposal included the possibility of up to two members of the 7-member board being current or former law enforcement officials.

Several participants questioned having any law enforcement presence on the board.

Melisa Di Tano supported the hybrid model, while not wanting people with law enforcement backgrounds on the board. She didn't so much want to exclude law enforcement, but include other voices, she said.

"Any person's background in this process would change the dynamics," she said, citing the small size of the board.

Robert Bailey said that

## Second Forum on Police Oversight Tonight

The City of San Leandro will host the second of two virtual forums on police oversight tonight (Thursday) from 6 to 7 p.m.

The virtual community forum will cover background on police oversight, possible structures and elements of a police oversight model for San Leandro, and opportunities for public comment and questions.

The forum will be moderated by Brian Corr, immediate past president of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE), and Teresa Ma-

holding any spots open for law enforcement on the board would interfere with the extensive diversity guidelines for board membership that are supposed to be followed.

There will be another public online meeting with a similar format tonight (Thursday) from 6 to 7 p.m., with a link to participate available on the home page of the city's website ([www.sanleandro.org](http://www.sanleandro.org)).

gula from the OIR Group.

San Leandro residents can access the Zoom webinar using the following link:

**Oct. 21 Meeting:**  
<https://sanleandro-org.zoom.us/j/81029420657>  
or by calling (888) 788-0099 and entering Meeting ID: 810 2942 0657

If you are unable to attend the meeting but want to leave a question or comment, contact Eric Engelbart or Dana Turner with the City Manager's office at [eengelbart@sanleandro.org](mailto:eengelbart@sanleandro.org) or [dturner@sanleandro.org](mailto:dturner@sanleandro.org) to share your questions or comments.

## City of San Leandro to Host Two Virtual Meetings on Housing

The City of San Leandro will host two virtual workshops to learn about the next San Leandro Housing Element – a collection of goals, policies, and programs to meet the housing needs for all in San Leandro over the next eight years.

The first workshop will be on Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; and the second workshop takes place on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Choose whichever time works best and register at [www.SLHousingElement.com](http://www.SLHousingElement.com).

The Housing Element is a required part of the City's General Plan intended to provide a comprehensive strategy for promoting the production of available, affordable, and

adequate housing within the community. It serves as a strategy to address housing needs across the economic and social spectrum.

Per state law, every eight years, local governments must update their housing element and have it certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The City's current Housing Element was adopted in 2015 and covers the period from 2015 to 2023.

San Leandro, like all Bay Area jurisdictions, is required to update its Housing Element by Jan. 31, 2023 for the period covering 2023-2031. Having an approved housing element makes San Leandro eligible for a variety of state or other

public financing, including funds for affordable housing, parks, and infrastructure.

The Housing Element update includes many opportunities for the public to get involved. The City wishes to hear from people who live and work in San Leandro to help identify the City's housing needs and priorities.

To ensure inclusive housing policies that represent the values and ideas of the city's diverse population, the City wants to hear from as many people as possible.

To learn more about the process, and to sign up for project updates, visit [www.SLHousingElement.com](http://www.SLHousingElement.com). For more information, email Principal Planner Avalon Schultz at [aschultz@sanleandro.org](mailto:aschultz@sanleandro.org).

## Hill & Valley Club's Annual Scholarship Bazaar

The Hill and Valley Club, 1808 B Street in Hayward, will hold its Annual Scholarship Bazaar on Saturday Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items include jewelry, gift baskets, beautiful handcrafted items,

holiday decorations, table linens, collectibles, homemade jams and jellies, candy and baked goods, plants, toys and games, and more.

This event funds scholarships for graduating seniors

from local high schools and assists nursing students with the cost of state tests. Plenty of parking is available. This is an indoor event and masks are required. Come early for best selection.

# OPINION

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

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### Inspired by Sculpture

Reading the San Leandro Times article, "Library Sculpture Inspires Curiosity," made me think of the PBS program for children, "Elinor Wonders Why." Some of the words to the opening tune are, "...just follow your curiosity..." "Why do birds sing and how do they fly? Why do ants march and where do they hide?"

I am a senior citizen but love to watch this show. Reminds me of when children, ages 2 to 5, start asking "why?" out of curiosity and to understand things. Maybe the library can have a "Wonders Why" program for this age group. Why not?

**Kathy Starzenski**  
San Leandro

### Outlaw Menthol Cigarettes

The City Council should strengthen San Leandro's ordi-

nance prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco products to include menthol cigarettes, which were excluded from the 2017 ordinance.

Anyone paying attention knows the tobacco industry targets flavored tobacco advertising at young people, particularly people of color and LGBT youth. This targeting has paid off. 80 percent of young African American smokers smoke menthol cigarettes.

In 2020 the California legislature passed a bill ending the sale of all flavored tobacco products statewide. Within three days, the tobacco industry filed a referendum on the law and has spent over \$20M to place it on the general ballot in 2022. Thus, even if the referendum loses, the industry will have had almost two full years targeting our youth for addiction.

All the communities surrounding San Leandro have prohibited the sale of menthol cigarettes. My local liquor store has a big sign

above the door saying, "WE SELL ALL MENTHOL CIGARETTES." Since the prohibition of menthol in the surrounding jurisdictions, San Leandro tobacco retailers have enjoyed a windfall of increased revenue from menthol tourism here.

The only legitimate reason to continue to permit menthol cigarette sales is that tobacco retailers, many of whom are mom and pop establishments, will lose revenue. I have sympathy for these merchants. Owning a small store is a huge commitment and investment. But these stores need to change with the times.

The city should give them time to sell their remaining inventory. I do not have sympathy, however, for the tobacco industry that is organizing these retailers to pressure our civic leaders into allowing this public health disaster to continue. The council should lead our city in joining the surrounding communities in stopping menthol cigarette sales to our youth.

### School Lawn Should Be Drought Tolerant

What was the San Leandro School District thinking? California is facing its worst drought in years and it authorized two new lawns as

part of the Roosevelt Elementary School renovation. Not only could it have saved hundreds of gallons of water monthly with drought-tolerant landscaping, it could have set an example by showcasing the beauty and benefits of a water-saving landscape. I hope the residents of San Leandro will see this as an example of how NOT to respond to our state's deepening drought.

**Maureen Sirhall**  
San Leandro

### Arms Supplied to Azerbaijan Army

In reference to the letter "The Forgotten 44-Day War of 2020" (Oct. 7, 2021), let us not forget the role of Israel in the conflict as one of the main suppliers of arms, training and logistics to the Azerbaijani army.

**Barbara Locke**  
San Leandro

### Glad to See Ban on Gas-Powered Mowers and Leaf Blowers

Governor Newsom recently signed AB1346, which bans the sale of gas-powered leaf blowers and mowers by January 1, 2024. These small-engine devices are not just noisy, they pose a serious health hazard, especially to those who use them regularly to earn a living.

Did you know that in Califor-

nia small engines discharge more smog-producing emissions than all of our cars? Using a gas-powered leaf blower for 1 hour emits the same amount of air pollution as driving a 2017 Toyota Camry 1,100 miles—like driving from here to Denver. And running a gasoline lawn mower for 1 hour pollutes as much as a car trip of 300 miles. Small engines spout dangerous levels of formaldehyde, benzene, fine particulate matter, and smog-forming chemicals that contribute to asthma, heart and lung disease, and cancer.

Let's not wait until 2024 to stop using these toxin-spewing machines. If you own one, replace it right away with an electric model. Better yet, use a manual lawn mower—or lose your lawn altogether! Use a rake and broom to distribute leaves into areas of your garden that will benefit from a cover of natural mulch. The city should be a leader on this issue by managing all municipal properties the same way and offering incentives for local landscaping businesses to replace their gas equipment sooner rather than later.

If we all put these measures into practice now, we will be doing our part to improve health conditions and climate resiliency in our community. Let's ditch the small gas-powered equipment now!

**Carol Bardoff**  
San Leandro



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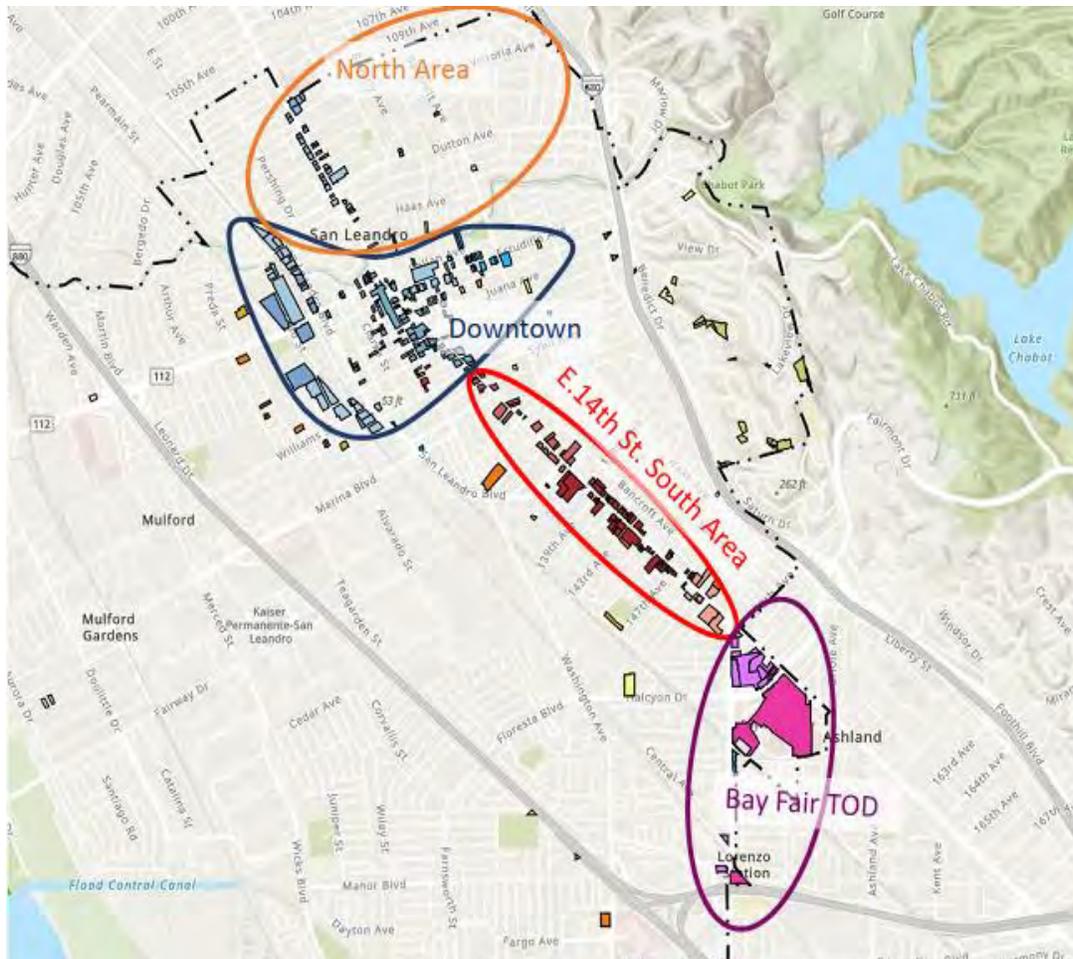


# San Leandro Housing Element Update

## Balancing Act Tool Outcomes Summary

The Balancing Act Tool is a quick and fun online program where community members are able to explore how the City can meet its housing goals and help create a vision for the city. The program allows community members to create a housing plan by allocating housing by neighborhood (**Figure 1**). The Balancing Act program was available from January 10 through 24, 2022.

Figure 1: Neighborhood Map





1200	
2000	
3500	
2000	
1500	
2000	
2500	
0	
1700	I'm concerned that new development be transit oriented (hence my heavy weighting on Bay Fair and Downtown) and ALL ELECTRIC.
1250	1,000 seems conservative based on the recent rezoning and the opportunities - it adds up to less than 10 new homes/acre, which is low compared to how dense buildings could be built there but has to be balanced with the fact that many sites will not be developed or will be developed at lower than zoned. The challenges of engaging existing (large) owners must also be contended with.
2750	
2500	
2750	
0	
0	
800	
3400	
3000	
2000	
2450	
3000	
0	
2500	
2750	
1050	

Table 3: Downtown Outcomes

Downtown	Downtown - Comment
0	
2000	
1450	
1000	
2500	
2000	
1300	

1000	
1650	
5050	
2300	I'm concerned that new development be transit oriented (hence my heavy weighting on Bay Fair and Downtown) and ALL ELECTRIC.
1250	A lot of opportunity here - however, off-street parking requirements have not yet been reformed like they have in BF-TOD and will remain a barrier as long as they are one space per unit in the 1/4 mile radius of BART, and much higher elsewhere. Much of the DA is still filled up with SFHs which might be challenging for developers to assemble lots from. We should consider small lot development and reforming the 10,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size as well as the maximum densities and FARs.
900	
1500	
900	
0	
0	
1000	
1300	
600	
2000	
1500	
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1500	
900	
1000	

Table 4: North Areas Outcomes

North Area	North Area - Comment
0	
600	
600	
1500	
200	
550	
750	
300	
0	
0	

300	I'm concerned that new development be transit oriented (hence my heavy weighting on Bay Fair and Downtown) and ALL ELECTRIC.
1500	1,500 is a lot to fit in this relatively small area, but to fulfill the obligation of affirmatively furthering fair housing, the relatively affluent and transit-adjacent northeast should be targeted for more multifamily housing. Also, these corridors are excessively small focusing on arterials only; more opportunities can be provided by widening the zone at least two blocks on each side.
400	
300	
400	
0	
0	
1500	
0	
300	
0	
200	
0	
0	
500	
400	
1000	

Table 5: South Areas Outcomes

South Area -	South Area - Comment
2150	
300	
850	
650	
400	
550	
750	
750	
900	
0	
750	I'm concerned that new development be transit oriented (hence my heavy weighting on Bay Fair and Downtown) and ALL ELECTRIC.

	This is a transit-adjacent dense inner area with a lot of potential for housing, but it is also less appropriate for the housing element to focus heavily on due to AFFH / risks of displacement. Therefore relatively less.
700	
750	
750	
750	
0	
0	
900	
150	
700	
950	
900	
2000	
0	
500	
750	
1000	

Table 6: Residential Outcomes

Residential	Residential - Comment
0	
100	
950	San Leandro Marina, Washington Av corridor, Alvarado Street
350	
100	
300	
750	Wasn't the redevelopment of the Marina area supposed to include housing?
1000	
0	
0	
0	
1500	It will greatly limit options in the housing element if we continue our conception of where multifamily housing can go to BART-adjacent areas plus a few short and narrow arterial corridors (perhaps a tenth of the city). We need to allow some level of missing middle housing (up to 10 homes per parcel) citywide, which, building on SB9, can add a substantial number of homes while maintaining neighborhood character. We should also expand our zones that allow larger multifamily housing beyond the current ones, including especially the areas adjacent to downtown going north to the city limit and east to the hills (the highest-opportunity areas according to the TCAC Opportunity Map).

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Finally, we have a huge amount of land in currently commercial zones and should consider new mixed-use districts rather than "reserving" the space for such uses; this could increase commercial opportunities there.

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West of 880 there are a number of unbuilt lots, industrial sites, storage facilities and 'blank' industrial sites where there might have been something on the large parcel, but it is just empty asphalt now. These are properties that would be better used as housing. The Mulford Gardens area is full of deep properties many of which have had other, smaller, mostly rental units either behind, or in front, of what used to be the owner's larger house. These ADU like units have existed since the 1980's and everybody knows it. Not all of the properties have been in-filled in this manner. The only thing this area lacks is good transportation and large grocery stores. It is vulnerable to sea level rise and already is experiencing a rising water table. It is also underlain by unconsolidated sediments which are much less stable as more water is introduced. The above site options would allow the open space of the vulnerable bay shore to remain without permanent housing.

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6550

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Affordable housing should be distributed around ALL of San Leandro, not just in the CENTER of the municipality.

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5500

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850

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200

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600

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100

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100

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50

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We should build more affordable housing in Estudillo Estates, Bay-O-Vista, and Assumption Parish, to help maintain their integration with the rest of the San Leandro community.

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5050

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500

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In addition to my previous comment I looked up a few parcels in this zone west of 880 that I think could be used for housing without destroying the shoreline open space. 2806 Marina (Parcel # 79A-588-23-2) is a deep parcel between Marina and W 133rd Ave and the front half on Marina is an empty field. Talk about unutilized, buildable space already zoned residential. I knew people who lived in the rundown building in back but they were forced out in 2016.

Parcel # 79A-385-2-6 is a VERY large parcel that is basically a paved parking lot that has been empty - even of cars - for a few years. Access is on off of Doolittle but the address is listed as 2198 Williams St.

2002 Doolittle (#77A-645-9) is a self-storage facility built in 1978, looks better and is better maintained than the similarly sized apartment building across the street that was

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built about the same time. A testament to San Leandro's valuing stuff more than people. If zoning can be changed to accomodate a housing developer (like at 1388 Bancroft) here is a place were an industrial space is perfectly suited to housing and would not upset any neighborhood that doesn't want multi-family housing near them because it would be an improvement. Why isn't a developer looking at them?

There are other underused, virtually empty lots off of Doolittle north of Marina which are undoubtedly zoned industrial that could be commercial - housing combined and actually might be easier to build on. 77A-680-6 and 77A-680-11

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Table 7: Additional Comments

**Additional Comments**

The North Area would be a wonderful area, where future residents would really enjoy the surrounding neighborhoods. New denser housing developments on Estudillo and Callan and Bancroft could vitalize the currently drab underwhelming area between Estudillo Estates and the Downtown Area. Remember that landowners hold the key on where development occurs, and we cannot count on Bay Fair TOD to carry the bulk of future housing.

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I am a retired architect and planner. My professional opinion is San Leandro needs to vastly modify it's codes to permit high rise (many more than 4 floors) apartment buidlings. Density in the center of the city is too low. You are fighting an uphill, losing battle against NIMBYS if you believe you can reach your housing goals with their support.

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I'd love to see San Leandro require all new builds to be all electric.

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hard choices but unrealistic cause unable to save ANY plan that didn't meet RHNA numbers.

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any plans for green infrastructure? Parks? Mixed use? Other measures to add quality of life to the (generally stigmatized) density housing projects?

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Avalon, Tom, Mary Ann -

Below are my comments about the possibilities of community land trusts that you asked me to share. I did NOT hijack my Housing Element breakout group to talk about this but it is where I have been focused for the past couple of years. And it is too important to not share with you because it could really work in San Leandro.

The purpose of the community land trust is to keep housing in a community PERMANENTLY AFFORDABLE. What a concept.

Community land trusts allow more people to enter into homeownership because the expensive part of the purchase in today's world is the land. The community land trust is a non-profit that carries the deed to the land with renewable year leases with the **commitment to never sell the land at a profit**, eliminating real estate speculation. Individuals own their own home on the CLT land and have all the rights of ownership including selling and inheritance but there are usually clauses in the deeds that limit the profit that can be gained in selling. This builds community wealth AND generational wealth.

CLTs are making real improvements in many places ... in the world and in the US including California and the Bay Area. There are US CLTs that have been around for 50+ years. Northern California CLT has been operating in Berkeley for 25 years, Oakland CLT has been successful in Oakland in the past 7 years. They generally focus on multi-family properties, but there are many other CLTs that are rebuilding affordable neighborhoods of single family homes - the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative in Boston is particularly successful and inspiring <https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-1-d&q=dudley+street+neighborhood+initiative+documentary>

I have to mention the Foreclosure Intervention and Housing Preservation Program passed in CA last year and championed by CLTs. Here's some facts from the CA CLT Network website.

<https://www.cacltnetwork.org/fihpp/>

If you want to find out how this is working in the Bay Area see

<https://www.kqed.org/news/11871064/east-bay-tenant-landtrust-buy-foreclosed-home-in-early-test-of-new-california-law>

I promised Avalon videos. A great place to find them is the Center for Community Land Trust Innovation which has done a number of hour long zooms in the past 6 months about how the community land trust model is being implemented in various parts of the world. The one I saw Dec 2 "Beyond Housing" covers how a CLT has integrated housing and commercial development in Denver. I looked at what is available today at <https://cltweb.org/resources/videos/> and it is rather overwhelming and the site does seem to be undergoing some 'updates' - maybe I should pick out a couple and forward later. I also have some rather hefty CA based reports I could forward too if you are interested. Let me know if you are.

Hope you have time to read this email and entertain the thought of what a community land trust could do for San Leandro ... and join Alameda County and the cities of Oakland and Berkeley in fostering THIS kind of development.

Still here,

Ginny Madsen

San Leandro

Hi Avalon,

- As promised, here are some more policies I think could be helpful for Housing Element. Revamp the fee-and-inclusionary-zoning structure as a whole to focus on producing the fees, housing, and amenities desired. It's a cliché but it's true: 15% of zero is zero. We could lower the fees and percentages, or increase the density that gets us there, or both, depending on analysis, but if it's not producing, it's not working. Also possibly consider union labor
- Allow any gas station, car business, or fast-food restaurant to be redeveloped into mixed-use housing. There are probably more out there. Basically all uses that by nature couldn't be made uglier by redevelopment. And there are so many gas stations in prime areas: San Leandro & Davis, Juana & Hays, E. 14th & Niemi, Bancroft & Estudillo, *five* within a 600-foot radius of Bancroft & E. 14th... (I'm aware there are issues with ground pollution in gas stations but my understanding is they can be remedied, if just by capping over the soil.)
- Target for housing the stretches of street that are full of single-family homes (or similar-scale buildings) that have been converted to commercial use, like Estudillo from E. 14th on east.
- Remove minimum lot requirements in multifamily zones and examine specific barriers to building higher up on small lots. As I think we discussed in the past, I know developers mostly build multifamily in larger lots these days, but I think it's likely this is responding to their environment that smaller developments are banned almost everywhere, not underlying/immovable trends in construction techniques. One place they allow it is Jersey City, and there they're putting up 20-unit apartment buildings on 5,000-sq.ft. lots. One place I've seen locally that meets this model (although of course it's much older) is 62 Oakes, which is 15 units on 6,625 sq.ft.. Consider that having to buy and combine multiple lots is a big barrier - owners of adjacent lots will frequently not want to sell at the same time.
- For small-lot development, one other barrier that will remain and should be examined is the building code requirement of 2 stairways in everything with three units or more - this cutoff has an arbitrary origin and cities do not have to hold to it; a study would probably show one stairway is fine for fire safety.)
- As a broad principle, single-family-zoned areas should be contributing a lot more since they take up so much of our land. There should be a model where an owner occupant can take their home and build it into a larger missing-middle structure (up to 10 units). Policy components that would make this both palatable and achievable:
  - Make a pre-approved design template that builders can borrow, which hews to city aesthetics. See Opticos obviously, as well as Bryan, TX's work.
  - Ensure the owner can remain there and remain owning - see the Greek land-swap model, where instead of selling up and moving out of town, a small-lot owner would sign over their land to a builder, who would build up on it, and once it was done the owner would be paid in the form of ownership of 2-3 of the 6-10 units, so they could sell the other ones for cash, or rent them out, or let their kids live in them, etc. (This isn't impossible right now, but there's no established model for it; the city could do it as a pilot.) (It also changes the logic for low-income homeowners from "my only good option is to sell for \$1 million" to "I can build generational wealth while staying here.")

- Prevent such development on homes that have been rented out recently, unless tenants get relocation assistance plus right to return on the same terms. SB 330 already requires something like this, but that will expire in 2030, and the principle should be rearticulated at the city level.
- Connect to some financial institution to provide homeowners with financing for ADUs - currently you have to have cash, even though it's a safe investment with all the prefab options so it shouldn't need subsidy, just access to capital at regular mortgage rates. (Even, who knows, a revenue bond?)
- Rental registry to better understand the rental market and ensure existing and future protections can be enforced. (You can't tell a tenant about the Rent Review Board if the city doesn't know the unit is being rented out!)
- To make all neighborhoods more walkable and create the conditions for future car-free redesign, allow neighborhood groceries and shops in all residential areas (see also Accessory Commercial Units).

Some more blue-sky thinking, don't hold me to these:

- Require developers to provide proforma details so the city can understand what might be tinkered with in code to spur more development. (Not sure of legality or practicality here, but it's something we need. Maybe with different parts of construction - parking garage, balconies, etc.?)
- We don't have a Housing Authority, do we? The city of Alameda seems to. A dedicated body might be better able to pounce on opportunities to purchase aging housing and convert to affordable. (And maybe also manage the ADU financing thing I mentioned.)

Dear Ms. Schultz,

Thank you for the informative Housing Element Workshop regarding Sites on January 19th. A lot of work has obviously gone into this effort. It makes sense that when we are updating our Housing Element to start with the pattern of our last Housing Element. Of course, that's just an initial step. I am concerned that we may be "putting the cart in front of the horse." I believe that in order to affirmatively further fair housing, we should first conduct the Assessment of Fair Housing and then utilize that information to inform our Sites Analysis.

The Assessment of Fair Housing is the vehicle for analyzing our fair housing issues, including exclusionary tactics (redlining, racially restrictive covenants, and biased mortgage lending) that were previously used to segregate San Leandro. In addition, we should also analyze today's ostensibly race neutral practices that may result in disparate impacts. Such practices include exclusionary zoning and failure to build affordable housing in high-resource areas.

An important tool in our Assessment of Fair Housing is robust mapping that can be used to highlight areas of historical discrimination in housing (such as the Broadmoor neighborhood where my wife and I live) and thereby help to inform our Sites Analysis in order to affirmatively further fair housing.

Today's San Leandro is a diverse community. We are a far cry from the 99% white town featured in the documentary "The Suburban Wall." The issue is whether we can affirmatively address the harmful legacy of those discriminatory housing policies today?

San Leandro is moving forward on Transit Oriented Development downtown, along East 14th, and at Bayfair. However, affirmatively furthering fair housing demands more, especially in communities such as ours, that have endured, tolerated, or enforced explicitly racially discriminatory practices. By using our Assessment of Fair Housing to help inform our Sites Analysis (and not the other way around) our Housing Element can help to affirmatively right remaining wrongs.

Respectfully,  
Rob Rich

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Here are my proposals as a resident of the Sandev Mobile Home Park:

- Guarantee the right of mobile home park residents to form a residents association or union with penalties for MHP owner retaliations and guarantee permission to use MHP meeting rooms for such activity and to pass out fliers regarding same. .
- Guarantee the right of 1st refusal for mobile home park residents to buy their own park if offered for sale and City's commitment to try to help finance and otherwise help Mobile Home Park first right of refusal buyouts by residents.
- City to create a City Public Bank to be used for affordable housing development and to buy out all of the Mobile Home Parks in the city for purposes of a permanent land trust for the same and to purchase new land for Mobile Home Parks. This if done correctly can be of no cost to the city.
- Use some of the American Rescue Act money for affordable housing including the purchase of mobile home parks in SLE.
- Do an Alameda County and City Initiative to eliminate property and business taxes for all mobile home parks that put their property into a perpetual land trust to be operated solely as mobile home parks. Cannot be changed upon sale of the property. This would be an incentive to retain all mobile home parks in the city as is and also to help build more parks.
- New ordinance that prohibits brand new development in specific flood plain areas, except for replacement or repair of existing structures or addition of ADU units on the same property. This would completely protect Sandev and Mission Hills from developers.. And why would you want new developments built only to be flooded later?
- Any ordinance that the city enacts or has already enacted to allow ADU units to be erected on existing properties will also include manufactured homes and trailers within the definition of allowed ADU units. This change will allow for hundreds of additional spaces for manufactured homes and trailers within the city of San Leandro, thus increasing the affordable housing supply. Also putting these additional ADU units under the jurisdiction of the Rent Stabilization ordinance.
- Amend the Rent Stabilization Ordinance and the MHP Conversion ordinance to define motor homes as included in the definition of covered mobile homes. I am also in agreement with the proposals sent in by the Mission Bay Residents Association.

Regards,  
Sandev Resident

December 9, 2021

Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter, Vice Mayor Victor Aguilar, Jr., and San  
Leandro City Council  
835 E 14th Street  
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San Leandro, CA 94577



RE: HOUSING ELEMENT POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Dear Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter, Vice Mayor Victor Aguilar, Jr., and San Leandro City Council,

The undersigned organizations and individuals are excited to participate in San Leandro's Housing Element process. We write to offer guidance to San Leandro in meeting its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) goals during the upcoming Housing Element cycle that we believe will make room for more families to enjoy everything San Leandro has to offer while ensuring that it is deemed compliant. **This is a once in a decade moment for San Leandro to make pivotal progress on climate change by modernizing local policies to build more housing in the right places and protect open spaces.** The challenge of building enough housing to bridge the gap also brings opportunity for San Leandro to incorporate climate policies into their Housing Element by building the right kind of housing in the right places while protecting our valuable open spaces and irreplaceable farmland.

**The Housing Element is an excellent opportunity for San Leandro to mitigate climate change and negative environmental impacts in San Leandro.** In California, about 40% of climate pollution comes from transportation, the bulk of that from gasoline- and diesel-burning vehicles on our roads. Building more of the right housing in the right places can mitigate climate impacts and reduce housing costs and inequities. But in order to do this we need to change the way we build: as we encourage and engage in equitable, fire-safe infill development, it is imperative that we think about how we can really maximize the benefits that we're getting from our land. We need to build more infill housing in existing urban areas and that infill housing — and all housing — needs to include a healthy amount of green infrastructure like bioswales, carbon sequestering trees that provide canopy cover and can mitigate the urban heat island effect, native plants that can provide habitat, and other nature-based solutions to climate risks.

We believe that by adjusting zoning and development standards strategically, San Leandro can exercise maximum control over its future while also reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and addressing our climate, housing, and equity crises. By considering the feasibility of proposed housing sites, San Leandro can ensure the Department of Housing and Community Development

(HCD) deems the new housing element legally compliant and accepts San Leandro's housing element.

As San Leandro begins their update process, we would like to offer three priorities to base San Leandro's policies and actions around.

1. **Increase density within existing communities in non-high fire severity zones and away from flood zones.** We must build more housing in existing communities to create healthy, resilient, and affordable housing and protect our open spaces to provide climate benefits. Concentrating growth in places with low or even moderate wildfire hazard risk and outside of anticipated flood zones is necessary to address the need for building more homes while avoiding unnecessary pressure for sprawl and unsustainable shoreline development.
  - a. San Leandro has many commercial sites that could be strengthened through the addition of mixed-income or affordable housing. Large parking lots and setbacks of legacy office development represent opportunities to create mixed-uses that lower greenhouse gas emissions, create vitality and increase walkability.
  - b. Increase heights and remove restrictions on density in non-fire or flood severity areas where existing or new high-capacity transit is planned to encourage housing and the creation of mixed-use corridors.
2. **Ensure fair and inclusive zoning policies that make housing accessible to everyone.** The compounding crises of climate change and housing affordability disproportionately impact low-income and communities of color. In order to address our housing, climate, and equity crises, we need to change the stigma around multifamily home structures. Furthermore, current housing policies have resulted in people being unable to afford to live where they work, creating long unsustainable commutes—both for the environment and for our social fabric. Cities need to actively plan for diverse housing options that are accessible to people of all backgrounds and income levels using the principles of Fair Housing.
  - a. **Affordable Housing** - Sites to meet San Leandro's low and very low-income RHNA should focus on feasibility. This means identifying good locations near transit, schools and jobs. Such sites will ensure that affordable housing developers seeking will be competitive in applying for funding. San Leandro also should try to align such the densities of these opportunity sites with affordable housing finance mechanisms. Typical Low-Income Housing Tax Credit affordable housing developments contain between 40 and 75 units. The density yields of sites should reflect this rather than simply reverting to the statutory minimum density of 30 dwelling units per acre for low-income and very low-income housing under RHNA (the so-called Mullin Densities) regardless of the size of the site.
  - b. **Missing Middle** – San Leandro should also focus on creating opportunities for “missing middle” housing like townhouses and duplexes. In San Leandro's, **66%** of housing is owner occupied, the majority of which is single-family homes. Multifamily housing provides housing opportunities for families who cannot afford to buy or rent single-family homes in San Leandro.

3. **Require nature-based solutions for climate resilience in future developments.** To ensure that San Leandro's current and future homes are resilient to climate risks like wildfire and flooding, San Leandro must be better equipped to help communities struck by natural disasters rebuild and respond rapidly and inclusively. San Leandro should require developers to integrate green infrastructure into development and the public right-of-way adjacent to developments at a level that exceeds water quality mandates and ensures that the community has an opportunity to provide input. New infill development has the opportunity to rejuvenate parts of San Leandro that currently contribute negatively to GHG emissions, urban heat islands and pose fire and flood risks.
- a. Implement nature-based adaptation - or consider relocating - critical public assets threatened by sea-level rise or rising groundwater.
  - b. Require and incentivize green infrastructure in future developments and when possible, use green infrastructure as a preferred alternative.
  - c. Consider permit streamlining for new housing that exceeds current green infrastructure requirements.
  - d. Reduce mandatory parking minimums to encourage environmentally friendly transit modes like walking, cycling, taking public transit, and purchasing fewer cars.

We look forward to continuing to engage with the City of San Leandro and the community on how this vital work can move forward in the new year.

Sincerely,  
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Director of Climate Resilience and Resilience Fellow

Feb. 10, 2022

Dear San Leandro Planning Department,

I'm writing to comment on the draft list of housing opportunity sites released as part of San Leandro's 2023-31 Housing Element planning process.

It is both San Leandro city policy and state obligation to facilitate the development of multifamily housing, for affordability, for climate, and for livability. This means engaging with the details of how new housing comes about, not merely laying out sites that could theoretically accommodate it. If the final opportunity list resembles the draft list in overall quantity and there are no major changes to zoning/development standards, I believe the element will fall short of approvable by not sufficiently accommodating barriers to development. Additionally, although I look forward to more analysis on this topic, the draft list falls into patterns contrary to the legally required principle of affirmatively furthering fair housing.

1. Nonvacant and non-exclusively residential sites

According to the HCD Housing Element Sites Inventory Guidebook, when an included site "has the potential to be developed with nonresidential uses, requires redevelopment, or has an overlay zone allowing the underlying zoning to be utilized for residential units," realistic capacity limits to those sites' development must be included. Most of the sites in the inventory are both non-vacant and are in mixed-use zones that allow both residential and commercial uses (including DA, SA, and B-TOD, which together make up 87% of the assumed sites).

This was also the case with the 2015 housing element. It is unavoidable given how the city has been built on (though not "built out") over the years, but the nonvacancy has to be taken into account when computing realistic capacity. Many owners will not want to redevelop in the 2023-31 period; some will try and fail; some will redevelop with fully nonresidential uses as zoning allows this. Given that under similar circumstances only 15% of the city's RHNA allocation had been permitted by late 2021, a realistic development capacity factor taking existing trends into account would be, as generously as possible, 30% of buildable units in most cases, unless other constraints are relaxed. This suggests the ballpark of a 333% buffer needed, not the 30-70% range options in the online tool.

(It may seem extreme, but it reflects the extremity of our housing crisis. As long as very few areas are zoned multifamily, buyers will bid the price of scarce buildable land higher and higher, squeezing out uses that do not command the highest possible profits - dissuading not only familiar large developers, but also nonprofit affordable housers like BRIDGE and Eden, other cooperative or social housing entities, and small local developers, which used to be a major force but have been largely squeezed out of new building over the past generation.)

Many of the sites not only have buildings on them, but also enjoy active and likely profitable commercial uses, a higher degree of limitation compared to, say, lots with old warehouses. Put together, properties hosting Macy's, Lucky's, Pep Boys, Chase Bank, and CVS account for at least 1,930 units of the 5,616 units of assumed capacity in the current inventory.

Additionally, under Government Code 65583.2(g)(2), since more than 50% of the sites are nonvacant, the city will need to show substantial evidence that each such site is likely to have its current use discontinued in the RHNA 6 period.

## 2. Density and parking constraints

The city of San Leandro has repeatedly found its off-street parking minimums to be impediments to development, in reports going back decades, as well as its recent Multifamily Development Standards process. Parking requirements vary by zone and by number of bedrooms, but are roughly as follows:

Zoning designation	Number of units in draft housing opportunity site list	Parking minimum per unit
Downtown Area (DA)	2,568	1.5 (1.0 within 0.25mi of BART, but few sites are this close)
Bay Fair TOD (BTOD) Sub-Area 2	1,005	0.5
BTOD Sub-Area 1	849	No minimum
South Area (SA)	485	1.5-2
Multifamily in all other zones	709	1.75-2.75

City staff wrote in the Site Test Summary for their recent Multifamily Development Standards program:

With current standards, a lot of the development area will be dedicated to parking and access. The parking ratio is too high and unrealistic for mid-rise apartment buildings and more typical of townhomes and suburban development patterns. Parking requirements are sometimes equal in space to the amount of housing.

They also wrote on the density limitations:

Current density allowances are low; particularly in the NA-2, SA-1, SA-2, and SA-3 districts (and DA-2). Given these densities, we are likely to see townhome development, regardless of the other development standards. Current development standards fit

townhouses, but constrain mid-rise apartment buildings and mixed-use development and limit the amount of housing that can be built. With the current density allowances, maximum density can be achieved while meeting current development standards on test sites in most cases. However, there is not a lot of 'wiggle room' and more constrained... lots may not be able to achieve maximum density.

To make development more realistic, the city should commit to reducing all the obstacles listed in the MFDS process: increasing density per acre; eliminating parking minimums in the areas it wishes development to take place; and further limiting the Daylight Plane, which it also named as a barrier. It should also consider increasing the allowable heights in some areas.

### 3. Distribution and fair housing

The city is obligated to consider past patterns of unfair housing and affirmatively counter those patterns in its housing element. Although more analysis is apparently on the way, the site list is evidence against it doing so. It concentrates development into a few pockets (DA, SA, BTOD), while keeping a large majority of land where residential uses are allowed zoned for single-family housing. These include the highest-resource sections of the city according to the TCAC/HCD Opportunity Maps: census tracts 4321 and 4322 (north of the creek and east of E 14th St.), 4327 (east of Bancroft and north of Sybil), and 4328 (Bay-O-Vista). They also include 4334 and 4335, but both of those are near the Bay and vulnerable to sea level rise, so I set them aside.

**The draft site list appears to contain only one site in those four advantaged census tracts**, and that one site is extremely marginal<sup>1</sup>. These tracts are large areas that even include some commercial corridors with underused properties. The city should consider identifying more sites within historically advantaged areas, rezoning to facilitate this development, **including** currently single-family-zoned areas. Much of this area is served by transit along E. 14th and Bancroft. (This is on top of allowing up to ten units on all residential lots citywide, but that is a policy with less impact on the site list itself.)

There are also a number of underused sites in small commercial corridors in these areas, such as on Bancroft between Oakes and Durant, and all along Grand Ave. and MacArthur Blvd. west of 580. (Examples: Sinclair gas station on Bancroft and Dowling; Bancroft Safeway parking lot; 1051 MacArthur Blvd; Estudillo Shopping Center and/or its parking lot; parking in rear of 993 Estudillo.) These corridors should be rezoned to something in line with an evolving DA.

### 4. Conditional use permitting as barrier

Seven sites are zoned P or CC, for which multifamily housing is only allowed with a conditional use permit. This should be analyzed as an impediment, especially considering many common commercial uses are allowed by right in these districts. The city's site testing also showed little

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<sup>1</sup> 1010 E. 14th, 0.246 acres, 43 feet wide at the street, on the edge of the area, backing onto the creek, assessed capacity 6 units, one of the smallest sites on the list

but townhouses was feasible under CC development standards, and P development standards are lower (FAR 0.5 where CC is 0.1),

Also, some sites, like 2185 Clarke, have an (S) overlay indicating some kind of discretionary review, which may pose a barrier on its own as well. All zoning overlays should be incorporated into the analysis.

#### 5. Acreage errors and miscellaneous

I have previously emailed about miscellaneous errors on sites that require adjustment, but putting them all here for the record:

- 14235 Bancroft is listed as 12.5 acres and therefore given an assumed capacity of 306 units. It is in fact just over one acre. Additionally, this is Bethel Community Presbyterian Church which is actively working to put tiny homes and community gardens on its underused space.
- 2185 Clarke: listed as 13 acres, in fact less than 0.2.
- 077 057001300 is part of a car lot at E. 14th and Blossom which is oddly divided up on the assessor's map into five tiny parcels whose lot lines cross the building footprint. Even all five parcels together are only about a quarter acre, not the 1.55 listed.
- 1604 San Leandro is new affordable housing at 101 Parrott that should be opening this year and count to RHNA 5.
- 080G140602500 (Heron Dr.): it is correct to call it 2 acres, but it is unbuildable, being a parcel consisting of nothing but a privately-owned roadway, snaking between single-family homes in the tract it serves.
- 075 006700200 on Williams St. is an irregular, narrow triangular chunk of land mostly taken up by railway, which I believe is actively used. Even if I am wrong and it is a defunct line, Union Pacific seems to own it, and will likely keep the land undeveloped.

Other site suggestions to add:

- 2021 Washington Ave., an 0.45-acre vacant lot currently up for sale in public listings, not far from BART.
- The portion of San Leandro Plaza north of where Estudillo Ave would be, which is more parking-dense than the rest of the Plaza
- The gas stations at 1495 Hayes and 589 Davis - and centrally-located gas stations generally; by definition their customers can go further out

Sites which are good ideas to develop but which need more component sites added to the housing element:

- Only two parcels in the triangle between Davis, E. 14th, and Dan Niemi Way are contemplated: 234 Davis and 1145 E. 14th, but not the gas station at 1117 E. 14th, or the rest of the parking lot, or the buildings south of 1145. It would be more feasible for development if the entire block could be combined, and if the (S) overlay were removed.

- The San Leandro Business Park on Alvarado, where it would be a good area to zone for significantly higher density than the maximum DA currently allows, being a large underused space (several one-story commercial buildings) directly next to BART, and next to a set of existing tall buildings closer to BART. Most of this area is already in the site list, but it is missing 1525 Alvarado, which is a piece with 1565, 1615, 1645, and 1670 which are there. 1525 is 4 acres and it would greatly aid development if it could be assembled with the adjacent 1565. Given the transit and shopping proximity, Alvarado St. along this stretch could be closed to cars and become a pedestrian/bike-only zone, perhaps even a mixed-use shopping destination at ground level, without affecting surrounding traffic (there seems to be very little through traffic when I recently visited it).
  - I hope 1525 Alvarado was not excluded because it abuts Thrasher Park - near parks is a great place to put dense housing so they can be properly enjoyed, and as we get more and more 100-degree days, everyone will be grateful for the shade. Also, the new requirements in the MFDS will require more public open space, transitioning into and enhancing the existing park.

Thanks for your attention and solicitude on public comment.

Best,  
John Minot

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# SAN LEANDRO 2050

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cc: Tom Liao

Dear Avalon,

I have been reading and researching the various points of the housing element draft work that has gone on to date. I hoped to develop a concise response to the components as presented, but have found it essentially impossible to do. Because we have separated policies that are completely linked, it is very difficult to comment on because many of the links have been pushed into different scopes of work- parking being a great example.

San Leandro - and all of urban/suburban California- needs a lot of affordable, sustainable, inclusionary housing placed in ALL areas of San Leandro- not just multifamily zoned districts. We must plan for how to encourage and incent housing of all kinds, in all neighborhoods, not just developer built, multi family developments. Because we have separate projects covering Multi Family Housing Standards, Reach Codes, a Climate Action Plan, The Housing Element, and Parking in isolation, it is unclear to me how to effectively evaluate that we are planning for 5000 units with mixed affordability, that are Net Zero or close to it, and are located in **ALL neighborhoods**.

On the face of it I would say that we are focusing way too heavily in the downtown area and the Bayfair TOD. These developments could be many more years in the making or may never get built. Why are we not planning for housing on Bancroft and Estudillo? They are already littered with multifamily housing that could be expanded and densified. We could plan for more building in Estudillo Estates and Broadmore- Quad plexes that are built with the turn of the century aesthetic, and ultra modern sustainability standards would be a boon to our neighborhoods.

We must consider no policy too sacred for change-zoning, height limits, parking elimination- and others , should all be on the table as potential tools for more aggressive housing development. Additionally we measure our progress and trajectory for meeting our goals on an annual basis, so that we can make more aggressive changes BEFORE we have failed to meet our 2030 goals for housing units.

Sincerely, Patty

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April 21, 2022

Dear San Leandro City Council:

We are writing on behalf of **YIMBY Law** and **Greenbelt Alliance** regarding San Leandro's 6th Cycle Housing Element Update. **YIMBY Law** is a legal nonprofit working to make housing in California more accessible and affordable through enforcement of state law. **Greenbelt Alliance** is an environmental nonprofit working to ensure that the Bay Area's lands and communities are resilient to a changing climate.

We are writing to remind you of San Leandro's obligation to include sufficient sites in your upcoming Housing Element to accommodate your Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) of **3,855 units**.

In the Annual Progress Reports that San Leandro submitted to HCD, we observe the following trend of housing units permitted in the last three years:

Year	Housing units permitted
2018	7
2019	33
2020	88
<b>Average, 2018-2020</b>	<b>43</b>

To meet the 6th cycle RHNA target, the rate of new housing permits in San Leandro would need to increase from **43 units per year** in 2018-2020 to **482 units per year** in the next 8 years. This is a 1030% increase from recent years. **If the current pace were to continue, San Leandro would meet only 9% of its new housing target.**

Based on these trends, it is unlikely that San Leandro's existing realistic zoning capacity is sufficient to meet its 6th cycle RHNA target. According to HCD's Housing Element Site Inventory Guidebook, housing elements must analyze the realistic capacity of their sites, which may include considerations of "[l]ocal or regional track records", "past production trends", and "the rate at which similar parcels were developed during the previous planning period". A housing element that does not include a significant rezoning component is therefore unlikely to be compliant with state law.

We urge San Leandro to include a major rezoning component in its Housing Element—a rezoning large enough to close the gap between recent housing production trends and the RHNA target. The rezoning should be within existing communities and should comply with the city's obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing. We also urge San Leandro to ease any other constraints, such as discretionary approval processes or impact fees, that may impede the rate of development on your city's housing sites.

Thank you,

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East Bay Housing Organizations

September 8, 2021

To: Bay Area Local Planning Directors

**RE: Public Participation and Transparency for Bay Area Housing Elements**

Dear Bay Area Planning Directors,

The Bay Area can be a place where everyone can afford to live and prosper in a healthy community. To realize this vision, our local governments must prioritize deep community engagement when updating our Housing Elements.

We face an unprecedented affordable housing crisis exacerbated by the climate crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic. Decades of racist and exclusionary policies and systems have caused these crises to disproportionately harm Black, Latinx, Asian & Pacific Islander, and Indigenous communities. The 6th Cycle Housing Element update can be an opportunity for our region to recover from these crises by making sure everyone, regardless of race or income, can enjoy safe, stable homes near their jobs, families, and healthcare needs.

To plan for a better future, **we urge our cities and counties to comply with Housing Element law by implementing comprehensive, inclusive, and detailed public engagement processes.** Regional experts and community leaders have developed recommendations below.

State law requires local governments to **make “a diligent effort...to achieve public participation of *all economic segments* of the community in the development of the housing element.”** (Gov. Code 65583(c)(9) (emphasis added)). “A diligent effort means going beyond simply giving the public an opportunity to provide input and should be **proactively and broadly conducted through a variety of methods to assure access and participation.**” (Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), [Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing \(AFFH\) Guidance](#) Memo, April 2021, p. 21). Therefore, our cities and counties must make intentional, proactive, and robust efforts to solicit and incorporate input from community members of all economic backgrounds. A particular effort must be made to include low-income people, people of color, immigrants, non-English speakers, people with disabilities, and others who often face barriers to being heard in public decision making.

The Housing Element “**must describe meaningful, frequent, and ongoing community participation, consultation, and coordination that is integrated with the broader stakeholder outreach and community participation process** for the overall housing element,” (HCD AFFH [Guidance Memo](#), p. 10). Local governments should create an outreach plan, release drafts of the Housing Element to the public for review and comment with ample time before submission to HCD, and schedule community input meetings at accessible locations and times, including on evenings and weekends (*Id.* at 10).

Particularly for the Assessment of Fair Housing section of the Housing Element, local governments must examine housing needs and disparities for members of protected classes based, in part, on “**local data and knowledge,**” including “**information obtained through community participation or consultation, such as narrative descriptions of people’s lived experiences.**” (Gov. Code 65583(c)(10); HCD AFFH [Guidance Memo](#), p. 24). This “analysis should not be limited to the jurisdiction itself, but should **include the surrounding region** and an understanding of the role the jurisdiction plays in current and historical trends of segregation at a regional level.” (HCD AFFH [Guidance Memo](#), p. 46). This means that cities and counties must also explicitly seek out information about fair housing issues and disparities from people who need to live in the jurisdiction but cannot.

Public health challenges related to the pandemic demand even more thoughtful and robust planning than usual to ensure that members of the public have opportunities to participate. For example, in addition to traditional public meetings and workshops, cities and counties should provide a mix of opportunities, including booths at outdoor events, hard copy surveys at essential offices and businesses (such as culturally diverse grocery stores, corner stores, and laundromats in low-income neighborhoods), online surveys advertised through email, social media, and local news, and other creative avenues.

Regional experts and community leaders have developed the following recommendations and call on local leaders to employ these strategies to fulfill their legal and moral obligations:

1. **Proactively work with community-based organizations to plan engagement workshops and opportunities** to ensure that their members and partners can directly participate as part of the evaluation and creation of the Housing Element. Send any relevant preparatory materials and other necessary documents to community-based organizations prior to the meeting, so that they may share them with interested members with ample time for review. HCD requires local jurisdictions to engage with groups and individuals, including the following (HCD AFFH [Guidance Memo](#), p. 21):
  - a. Public housing authorities
  - b. Housing and community development providers
  - c. Advocacy groups (local, regional, and state level)
  - d. Community members who are lower income
  - e. Persons and households with special needs
  - f. Members of protected classes
  - g. Representative advocacy organizations and other similarly interested parties

- h. Fair housing agencies
  - i. Independent living centers
  - j. Regional centers
  - k. Homeless service agencies
  - l. Legal services organizations
  - m. People who work in the jurisdiction but cannot afford to live there
  - n. Community groups that organize people of protected classes
2. **Engage community participation and feedback at all stages of the Housing Element process.** Participation should not be limited to public hearings. Jurisdictions should create a roadmap of all major milestones in the Housing Element process each with clear, targeted, and robust outreach and communication plans in which the public should have opportunities to:
- a. Provide input on all components of the Housing Element including: the review and evaluation of the prior element's programs and policies, Assessment of Fair Housing, existing needs and conditions, barriers to addressing housing needs, the adequacy of the land inventory, the selection of sites to accommodate affordable housing needs, potential new programs, etc. before release of a new draft element;
  - b. Review and comment on any draft Housing Element well in advance of its submission to HCD; each draft should indicate how the jurisdiction incorporated public input;
  - c. Review how the jurisdiction has considered and incorporated public input;
  - d. Review the adopted Element; and
  - e. Provide input on each annual Housing Element progress report before it is submitted to the City Council or County Board of Supervisors for approval.
3. **Conduct various methods of engagement to allow participation by all members of the public.** It is likely that much of the public engagement will be "virtual", however, access to computers and internet is not equitably available. For members of the public who lack those resources or who are unable to use video applications, consistently provide an adequate telephone option to participate in meetings as well as surveys, short interviews, and other opportunities to engage at outdoor events and essential businesses and offices. When hosting a virtual meeting, provide multiple options for teleconferencing, with *two-way* communication options that allows computer- and phone-users to engage and provide public comment. For live-streamed meetings, the public should be allowed to comment in real time, through a combination of phone and video, chat boxes, and/or email.
4. **Post notices of all hearing/meeting times, topics, and detailed information regarding participation on easy-to-find places on the jurisdiction's website.** Notices must clearly show how public comments will be received.
5. **Translate all materials and notices into multiple languages** appropriate to the community. During meetings, interviews, and workshops, consider using separate

teleconference lines or audio channels to meet language access needs. Interpreters should be available for residents to understand and participate in the meeting.

6. **Make engagement opportunities accessible to people with disabilities**, including by providing reasonable accommodations such as sign language interpretation and written materials in Braille and other alternative formats.
7. **Give ample time for the public to review materials and submit comments prior to the meeting's start time, such as via email or a dedicated phone number.** Comments should be accepted starting from the time the notices are disseminated. Written or voice message comments should be allowed up until the start of the meeting, as well as live comments throughout the meeting. Have staff read them aloud on the record during the live meeting for transparency and consideration by the full governing body. Avoid arbitrary word limits for email comments. Voice message comments, which can be limited to 3 minutes, should be played during the comment period of the meeting. Ensure that these messages, as well as the emails, can be received in multiple languages and interpreted as needed.
8. **Convene public meetings at times outside of working hours.** Public meetings should be held at times that are convenient, and accessible to allow as many community members as possible to attend. Meetings during traditional working hours excludes many community members and disregards the intention of public participation.
9. **Meet people where they are.** For example, ask to attend regular meetings of community organizations, neighborhood associations, unions, advocacy and industry groups. Other opportunities could include having booths at outdoor events, school district food distribution sites, or outside of culturally diverse grocery stores. At all public engagement opportunities, the local government should describe the Housing Element process and ways to provide input at all stages. Advance planning and creativity will help ensure participation by all economic segments of the community.
10. **Meaningfully incorporate community input and show how it was incorporated.** Provide a transparent feedback loop about how the jurisdiction has considered and incorporated public input into the Housing Element.
11. **Create a designated Housing Element mailing list and website.** Maintain an active mailing list to notify the community, advocates, and all interested of new meetings and documents. Meeting notes, recordings of meetings, data tables and charts, and interim work products should be available on an easily accessed website.
12. **Create a diverse Housing Element Working Group** to provide input on the development of the Housing Element update AND to support and evaluate ongoing implementation. Ensure robust representation by renters, low-income people, people of color, tenant and community organizations, seniors, people with disabilities, unhoused people, farm and

agricultural workers, and others with special needs who are most impacted by the housing crisis, as well as experts in affordable housing development. This working group should continue after the adoption of the Housing Element to review and comment on its Annual Progress Reports and implementation.

The undersigned organizations remain committed to working in partnership with Bay Area jurisdictions to ensure the Housing Element update process is inclusive and lays out an effective roadmap to effectively address the affordable housing crisis. All Bay Area residents deserve a safe, accessible and affordable place to call home, with a range of choices free of barriers to fair housing. The Housing Element update process provides the tools to do just that. We look forward to continuing this work with you.

Regards,

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## **Stakeholder Meetings** **Input Summary**

The City of San Leandro held virtual stakeholder meetings on January 12 and 14, 2022, to receive feedback from representatives of affordable and market-rate housing organizations, labor unions, housing service providers, public housing authorities, fair housing agencies, organizations serving special needs populations and persons experiencing homelessness, and members of the community who identified as low-income. The following is a list of participant organizations:

### **Housing Service Providers/Social Service Providers/Community-Based Organizations**

- Alameda Housing Authority
- Davis Street Family Service Center
- Rebuilding Together Oakland/East Bay
- ECHO Housing (Fair Housing, Tenant-Landlord Counseling)
- Bay East Association of Realtors
- Community Resources for Independent Living
- Regional Center of the East Bay
- East Bay Homebridge Connect
- April Showers
- Building Futures
- Hively
- Ruby's Place, Inc.
- Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments (SAVE)
- Asian Business Council
- African American Business Council

### **Housing Developers/Labor Representatives**

- Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council (ACBTC)
- BRIDGE Housing
- DR Horton
- Eden Housing
- IW 378
- Sheet Metal Workers Local 104

The following is a summary of input across all stakeholder by each question.

### **Discussion with housing providers, service providers, and community-based organizations**

#### **Housing needs and issues within the community:**

- Need for more housing across all income levels, including for low wage earners, workforce housing, teachers, union members, and families.
- Housing is needed close to transit, schools, services, and shopping.
- Low inventory for rental units within the city. Service providers have had to look outside of San Leandro to place people in apartments.
- Home prices are high in the city (several stakeholders expressed they are currently looking to purchase a home and have experienced this personally).
- High housing costs and rent increases has created turnover among residents, and residents are being pushed out to other areas. Low-income residents are especially vulnerable to displacement. Large corporations for rental properties often increase rent upon transition of ownership.
- Concern about gentrification near the BART stations, which are areas ideal for people who rely on public transit.
- Concern that if people cannot afford to buy a home, there is a lack of assets for next generation to use, since homeownership can break the cycle of poverty.

#### **Issues around homelessness and special needs**

- Unhoused people throughout the city are living on the street or in vehicles.
- Unhoused individuals are more susceptible to sickness and have much higher mortality rates than those who are housed.
- Domestic violence rates are very high in the unhoused community.
- Domestic and sexual violence is one of the leading causes of homelessness. Gender and race analysis should be considered in housing issues.
- Rising rental costs have pushed residents out of the city and into homelessness
- No shelters in the city accommodate men who are homeless, only women and children.
- Lack of transitional housing throughout the city, and there is a need for permanent supportive housing.
- Keeping people housed is becoming more of an issue, especially during the pandemic. Once housing is lost it is almost impossible for people to find new housing.

- Homeless populations have an immediate need for support, including provision of food and supplies, Safe and Organized Spaces (SOS), and low-cost trash collection. Waiting for transitional housing to become available or be developed takes a lot of time.
- Addressing homelessness requires services as well as housing. Transitioning out of homelessness is a challenging and terrifying process and people need more support throughout. (Building Futures has had success in transitioning unhoused individuals to housing and provides case managers and outreach workers to support the transition).
- Permanent supportive housing is needed in addition to transitional housing.
- Despite outreach, landlords have been hesitant to work with organizations such as Building Futures to provide transitional housing.
- Difficult to find affordable housing for persons with disabilities – they do not want to live in group homes, they want their own apartments. These apartments must be ADA-accessible and close to transit.
- Senior population: difficult to age well in housing units with stairs, which is why it is better for them to live in single-story units or places with elevators, not tall townhomes. Senior housing is becoming too expensive for many seniors. Seniors who own their homes have limited incomes and cannot afford home repairs. Some get assistance if low enough income but many fall through the cracks. Seniors need to live near health services.
- Female-headed households need housing near transit and close to schools and services.
- Undocumented residents fear applying for assistance, which can lead to overcrowding in housing units.

### **City tools and policies that have been useful in addressing housing-related barriers**

- The voucher program through Housing Authority of Alameda County works well.
- The City's rent review program is working well.
- The City provides great communication on case management.

### **Strategies for addressing housing needs**

- Build smaller homes to reduce home prices, such as studio apartments with small kitchens and common areas (Hong Kong as a model). Kitchens and bathrooms are the biggest expenses when it comes to building homes. Also build more two and three-bedroom homes as starter homes for families.
- Look into tiny homes. Build partnerships with high schools with wood shops and trade schools to construct tiny homes/housing to reduce labor costs (example in Kawai'i).
- Review policies to understand effects on whether they will cause people to become homeless or not becoming housed, such as the crime free program.
- Encourage ADU development/SB 9 development to increase density.
- Work with landlords to encourage taking renters with less than stellar past and credit.
- Reduce NIMBYism to encourage more housing.

- Look into opportunities for vacant land for safe sleeping programs.
- Assist small rental housing providers who are struggling to maintain rental properties.

## **Discussion with representatives of affordable and market-rate housing organizations and labor unions**

### **Barriers to affordable housing development**

- Shortage of available funds.
- Neighbor concerns are a big barrier to housing projects, especially with infill sites and higher density projects.
- In the past, neighbors have not been supportive of developing navigation centers and transitional housing centers within their communities.
- Difficult to make development projects profitable due to high land costs and high material costs.
- Including inclusionary units on site makes projects even more expensive. It may be preferred to have market rate developers pay inclusionary housing in lieu fees, which can be used to leverage public financing.

### **City tools and policies that have been useful in addressing housing-related barriers**

- Including a site as a Housing Element site can help projects get through the entitlement process and obtain financing.
- SB35 helps expedite the entitlement process and has been useful in several housing projects throughout the Bay Area.
- Density bonuses and parking reductions. In Berkeley, a recent affordable housing development project that included 100% affordable units received up to an 80% density bonus and three additional stories.

### **Actions the City can take to address housing issues**

- City should be flexible about potential housing sites and make smart use of existing space, examples include outdated strip malls.
- City should get involved to help resolve concern/opposition on housing development projects from neighbors.
- City staff should be knowledgeable on legislation, including density bonus laws, to help development projects go through the entitlement process more quickly.
- Zoning changes should be made more quickly.
- The City should set aside units in new housing development projects for transitional and/or permanent housing for homeless individuals.

### **Tools or strategies that would help to address housing-related barriers**

- Waive fees and impact fees.
- Rethink zoning to allow for more housing options and create a more sustainable approach to developing affordable housing.
- The Housing Element should do more than provide for new housing development and needs to include community engagement. It should be utilized as an economic development tool and address other housing related issues such as shelter and security, labor standards around housing production, and access to good paying jobs for local workers.
- Educate developers on what tools/policies are available to them.
- Utilize local resources, including local sources of funding and local labor for housing projects.
- Compliance and monitoring for affordable units increase the cost of projects. One way to reduce operating costs is to accept TCAC audits and reports instead of City specific reports and site visits.
- Continue to allow inclusionary units to be spread throughout all phases of a project, instead of requiring all inclusionary units to be built within the first phase.
- Expedite and streamline the entitlement process. City partnerships with local organizations can help housing projects through the entitlement process.
- Allow parking reduction up to zero parking spaces for projects within 0.5- mile of transit.
- Condition impact fee reductions around labor standards.
- Maintain open conversations with local labor unions.
- Missing middle housing – build smaller homes that are less expensive.

San Leandro Public Draft Housing Element Response to Comments

August 8, 2022

Commenter's Organization/Name	Comment #	Summarized Comment	Response to Comment
BART (Tim Chan, Group Manager – Station Area Planning)	A1	<p>BART's Transit-Oriented Development Program Work Plan currently does not categorize the subject station areas as 'Near-term (project initiation in 2020-2025)'. TOD projects on BART's land are more complex and time consuming than development projects on private land and requires strong partnerships and commitment between BART and local jurisdictions.</p> <p>Jurisdictions with station areas that are currently listed in BART's TOD Work Plan timeframes of Mid-term or Long-term need to meet the following conditions to be considered for prioritization:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local Support for TOD               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Local Support and Funding</li> <li>b. Prohousing Designation</li> <li>c. Environmental Studies: allowed density is 75+ du/acre and assumed in CEQA docs</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Infrastructure Needs               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Station Access and Parking Strategies: In areas requiring substantial amounts of parking, partner jurisdictions will need to support BART in securing funding for parking replacement or other station access improvements. Further, to address potential community opposition to replacing surface parking with housing, the City should plan for and implement a locally led parking resource assessment and management plan for at least ¼-mile radius around the station area.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>The City held discussions with BART during the preparation of the housing element. Action 8.1 in Chapter 6, Housing Plan, directs the City to continue to implement the Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan by coordinating with BART and other regional partners and transportation stakeholders, evaluating infrastructure financing and funding options, pursue grant funding for improvements, and convene property owner and stakeholder meetings.</p> <p>Action 10.7 directs the City to apply for the State Pro-housing Designation Program.</p>

		3. BART Policies and Standards: commit to support and meet BART's policies and standards	
Campaign for Fair Housing Elements (Keith Diggs, Housing Elements Advocacy Manager, YIMBY Law)	B1	<p>The letter expresses appreciation for San Leandro's extensive engagement efforts and identification of ways to make housing more accessible and affordable throughout the city and states that the Campaign encourages faster removal of a wider variety of constraints, namely permitting by-right development of all types of housing throughout the city. The commenter believes that the Draft Housing Element substantially complies with State law.</p>	<p>The housing element currently includes Action 7.1: Review the Zoning Code to identify opportunities to increase and encourage a greater mix of dwelling types and sizes, specifically housing types that may accommodate moderate-income households (e.g., duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, townhouses, courtyard buildings), in lower-density residential areas and amend the Zoning Code as needed.</p> <p>In response to this comment, the timeframe for this action has been moved up by two years. The City will review Zoning Code by January 2026 and implement any changes by January 2027.</p>
East Bay for Everyone (John Minot, co-executive)	C1	<p>The letter states that crediting two-thirds of the RHNA allocation using "pipeline" projects (some not actually approved) without accounting for their uncertainty of completion, and for the remaining third, not sufficiently accounting for market and non-market barriers. The city is obliged to consider this risk in realistic production projections.</p> <p>Additionally, the letter states that the sites inventory realistic development capacity estimate should be marked down from a factor of 70% by a further 30% factor, to account for the</p>	<p>The City is obligated to identify sites suitable for development to meet the RHNA. The sites inventory buffer accounts for the possibility of units not being developed from pipeline projects or on inventory sites. The 70% development capacity estimate is considered conservative for the Bay Area region. The programs identified in Chapter 6, Housing Plan, encourage and monitor</p>

		likelihood of the projects' being proposed and not completed at all.	development. Staff will continue to meet with developers of pipeline projects to monitor progress.
	C2	Parking minimums are a major barrier to new housing, but the draft makes no commitment to reduce off-street parking minimums, only to research and potentially change them in a few years' time, even though the draft and other city documents identify existing minimums as extremely high and a major barrier to new housing.	<p>The housing element currently includes Action 14.1: Evaluate parking standards and consider reducing or eliminating parking minimums, with a focus on projects with transit access, to make housing developments more financially feasible. Consider establishing a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Ordinance to encourage reduction in vehicle trips and reliance on automobile parking. Stakeholder outreach shall include discussions with for-profit and non-profit housing developers, housing advocates, and environmental groups. Recommend any necessary changes to the City's Zoning Code by January 2025.</p> <p>In response to this comment, the City has changed the language in Action 14.1 to <b>“Retain services of third-party parking consultant and conduct stakeholder outreach to identify feasible reductions or eliminations to parking minimums,</b></p>

			with a focus on projects with transit access...”
	C3	Planning to add the vast majority of new housing in low-resource areas - and significantly increasing density to attract housing in ways mostly targeted to the same tracts, without taking the opportunity to affirmatively further fair housing.	<p>As noted in Chapter 5, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, more than 60% of the city is considered a “low resource” opportunity area by TCAC, and the remainder of the city is considered “moderate resource” areas. The analysis conducted in Chapter 5 determined that the opportunity sites could generate housing opportunities at all income levels in low-resource areas, providing not only opportunities for housing, but also committing City resources to infrastructure, economic development, and community organizing supports and/or grant funding for these areas to assist with transition to higher opportunity areas.</p> <p>The housing element currently includes Action 7.1: Review the Zoning Code to identify opportunities to increase and encourage a greater mix of dwelling types and sizes, specifically housing types that may accommodate moderate-income households (e.g., duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes,</p>

			townhouses, courtyard buildings), in lower-density residential areas and amend the Zoning Code as needed. However, these parcels would not count as "opportunity sites" and are not listed in the sites inventory.
	C4	Site 4: 375 units on Bay Fair BART station parking lot. These projects require intensive BART attention and planning, and in BART's timeline for parking lot development. Bay Fair station is only slotted for the 2025-2030 period if additional funding is made available. Also, half the parking lot is outside San Leandro city limits; while the acreage and capacity correctly reflect only the San Leandro portion, BART may decide not to build to maximum density on both sides, or to build only on the San Lorenzo side first.	See response to comment for A1.
	C5	Incomplete AB 1397 rezoning: Several sites, including the BART lot, were included in the most recent two housing element site lists: 1-4 and 6-9 at a minimum. Also, site 10, 14875 Bancroft, appears to have been split, and its larger predecessor, APN 077E-1593-015-00, was in the 2015 housing element site list. Per the Housing Element Inventory Sites Guidebook, all of these sites must be rezoned to allow by-right development with 30 units/acre if they have 20% units affordable to lower incomes. For most of these sites, that requirement may be redundant with current SA, DA, or B-TOD zoning. However, site 3 is only partially SA zoned, and sites 8 and 9 are zoned CC, which requires a conditional use permit for mixed-use or multifamily residential development (city code 2.08.200(B)(34) and (35)). These must all be committed to be rezoned appropriately to be included; the element does not yet make this commitment.	AB 1397 does not require sites that were included in previous housing element updates to be zoned with a minimum of 30 du/acre. The by-right requirement under AB 1397 applies to sites that were identified in previous housing element updates as sites that could accommodate lower-income units.  Action 5.4 in the Housing Plan addresses requirements of AB 1397 and directs the City to amend the Zoning Code to require by-right approval for housing developments that include at least 20 percent of units as affordable to lower-income households on non-vacant sites

			included in one previous housing element inventory and vacant sites included in two previous housing element inventories and on sites that are being rezoned to accommodate the lower-income RHNA.
	C6	Site 18, 523 San Leandro Blvd, tapers to a narrow point and may sustain less buildable area than its acreage suggests.	The sites inventory currently lists this parcel as 1.01 acres. Based on this comment, the available developable area for this site has been reduced to 0.88 acres by excluding the narrowest portion of the site. The development capacity assumptions for this site has been changed in the inventory to reflect this reduced acreage.
	C7	Two sites, 3 and 19, or respectively 14583 E 14th St and 1565 Alvarado St, are both zoned differently within the same parcel. For the site on Alvarado, they are both dense DA zones, DA-4 and DA-6, but rezoning the entirety to DA-6 would ease development as it may be legally complex to develop a site that falls in multiple zones. For the one on 14th St., a full half of the parcel appears to be zoned RD, residential duplex, yet its capacity appears to be calculated with SA-1 density only.	The City will review the zoning on these sites and revise the zoning and maps as needed. 14583 E 14th Street is a site that was identified in the 5 <sup>th</sup> Housing Cycle and is carried over into the 6 <sup>th</sup> Housing Cycle with a development capacity of 35 dwelling units per acre.

	C8	<p>The letter states that the disparities between the medium-resource area of the northeast and the rest of the city, whether measured by race, income, pollution, or visible signs like trees, are obvious in the graphs shown in the draft, and keenly felt in city life. So as part of local action to affirmatively further fair housing, San Leandro should work to enable a significantly higher share of housing in this higher-resource area.</p> <p>Where existing uses (such as low and medium-density residential neighborhoods) are a barrier to the availability of vacant and underutilized sites, zoning and development standards can be leveraged to overcome that barrier - as the city is currently doing more in the other mixed-use zones, DA, SA, and B-TOD. Single-family zones should not retain their density indefinitely while the remainder of the city adds new housing.</p> <p>Right now San Leandro has dense zoning for corridors and then single-family-home zoning, with very little in between. A medium-density zone in between would be an easy way to add housing. MacArthur, Bancroft, and the north part of E. 14th St. are served by transit, and have multifamily zoning on paper, but that zoning extends only half a block - one parcel - in from each of those roads. (Bancroft has a commercial and multifamily strip, but with a patchwork of zoning and existing apartment buildings whose redevelopment could risk displacement - and a large part of it is single-family even directly on the arterial, on which a protected bike lane is planned.) In addition to upzoning the corridors, all parcels within two blocks of the roads themselves should be identically zoned to foster more diverse neighborhoods and better use of transit.</p> <p>Also, the draft plans to pursue missing middle housing to open up housing opportunity in low-density residential areas, but</p>	<p>The housing element contains Action 6.6 in the Housing Plan which directs the City to maximize the density potential of limited land resources by promoting residential densities that achieve the highest allowable density for specific properties, particularly within 0.25-mile of high-quality public transit stops. Objective is to annually review the City's existing Zoning Code to remove potential constraints to achieving highest possible densities.</p>
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		<p>does not commit to produce missing middle housing in any quantity or with any particular policies. As currently specified, that project could yield a lot or nothing. With more aggressive middle housing programs, there could be significant voluntary redevelopment of higher-resource areas of San Leandro (similar to how ADUs in San Francisco have primarily been added in their higher-resource areas).</p> <p>To affirmatively further fair housing in a more meaningful volume, the city should commit to upzone E. 14th, Bancroft, and MacArthur corridors comparably to the Downtown, South, and Bay Fair areas, and to expand those three corridors by at least two blocks on both sides. Bancroft should not have single-family zoning on any of its northern portions, and the zoning up and down should be more flexible, comparable to the DA, SA, or even NA designations.</p>	
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	C9	As part of the planned missing middle work, the city should commit to allow by-right fourplexes on feasible terms and up to 10-plexes with affordability (using SB10 authority) in medium-resource areas, as well as other parts of the city, with displacement protections throughout.	Comment is noted. Although the Housing Element does not address SB 10, Action 7.1 directs the City to review the Zoning Code to identify opportunities to increase and encourage a greater mix of dwelling types and sizes, specifically housing types that may accommodate moderate-income households (e.g., duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, townhouses, courtyard buildings), in lower-density residential areas and amend the Zoning Code as needed.
	C10	San Leandro's off-street parking minimums for single-family and multifamily housing are high: at least 1.5 per unit in almost all cases, and more often 2+, as shown in Table 3.6 of the draft document. The only exception is the Bay Fair BART TOD, where the minimum is 0 or 0.5, maximum 1.0, since the 2021 rezoning. San Leandro should further opportunities for housing by committing, in its 2025 parking policy work, to not just study possible reductions to off-street parking minimums, but eliminate them in most of the city, and to have no part of the city where more than 0.5 spaces per home is mandated, including no guest parking requirements, transit demand management (TDM), and appropriate space for people with disabilities.	See response to comment C2.
TransForm (Kendra Ma, Housing Policy Analyst)	D1	The letter states that TransForm appreciates San Leandro's inclusion of Action 14.1, which will evaluate parking standards and potentially change the parking provision for TODs and implement stronger TDM policies. TransForm recommends that San Leandro consider the following policies in the Housing Element:	See response to comment C2.

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Requiring unbundled parking for certain developments for certain Transit Oriented Developments, especially in zones near BART where it is currently allowed but not required; this is easier for building managers to implement now with new parking tech tools like Parkade.</li> <li>2. Encouraging developments to subsidize transit passes in return for reduced parking provision.</li> <li>3. Expand the reduced parking requirements for the South and Downtown Areas beyond 0.25 mile radius of the BART station.</li> </ol> <p>The comment letter noted that a 2014 statewide Caltrans survey which showed lower income households, on average, drove nearly 50% less when they lived within ¼ mile of transit, than when they lived over ½ of a mile from transit.</p>	
AJ	E1	<p>Comment states that the City should buy or lease any warehouses to convert into emergency or transitional housing for the homeless population with on site mental health and support services.</p>	<p>The housing element contains Policy P.6.2 Support Existing and New Transitional and Emergency Shelters. The City shall remove barriers to interim and emergency shelter access and continue to prioritize the use of available funds to support emergency shelters and transitional and supportive housing programs for people experiencing homelessness and those who are at risk of becoming homeless.</p> <p>The City is open to industrial sites and has begun looking at options during search for navigation center, but they tend to require higher construction costs due to changing</p>

			building occupancy and are often located farther from services and transit.
Anonymous Commenter	F1	Comment desires a new grocery store in Downtown San Leandro prior to additional housing development.	<p>The Housing Element contains Action 18.9 to continue to implement plans and strategies for areas designated to increase low-, moderate, and mixed-income housing development during the planning period, including Downtown TOD, the East 14th Street South Area, and Bay Fair TOD area. This action includes directing the City to continue to look for opportunities for placemaking, including neighborhood-serving needs and opportunities and collaborate with regional partners and seek grant funding for implementation when practicable.</p> <p>A significant new mixed-use project at 1188 E. 14th St is moving into construction and the developer is in negotiations with a specialty grocer that will be a centerpiece of the development.</p>
Cheryl Bendian	G1	Tenant relocation assistance is not sufficient. Affordable housing income limits are antiquated. More middle and lower income housing is needed.	The housing element contains Action 9.2 to review the City's Tenant Relocation Ordinance with input from tenants and property owners/managers, ensuring

			<p>representation across the economic spectrum, and update as appropriate.</p> <p>The housing element contains several programs and actions to increase moderate and lower-income housing.</p>
Dupree-Dominguez, Molleen	H1	Comment supports the way the housing element and the City find ways to create affordable and supportive housing.	Comment noted.
Greene, Nicole	I1	Comment supports eliminating/reducing parking minimums for new development and for the City to consider zero emissions building standards in the housing element. Comment states that disadvantaged and low income communities are disproportionately impacted by climate change, and the City must do more to combat this by requiring new housing to be affordable and follow zero emission standards.	<p>See comment C2 regarding parking minimums.</p> <p>The City plans to adopt a Reach Code to reduce energy use in new buildings. San Leandro’s Reach Code is being developed following the approval of the 2021 Climate Action Plan to address climate change by saving energy and reducing emissions. San Leandro kicked off its reach code development process in November 2021 and is supported by technical assistance from East Bay Community Energy (EBCE).</p> <p>As noted in Program 12 of the housing element, the City will conduct an economic feasibility study to guide an update of the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, to maximize the production of affordable housing without</p>

			compromising development opportunity.
Knoll, Bob	J1	Comment supports incorporation of plans or policies related to the preservation of historic or architecturally significant residential structures.	Although there are no policies in the housing element related to historic preservation, new development would be required to comply with Chapter 4-26 of San Leandro Municipal Code, which regulates the recording, designation, and alteration of historic resources in the city.
Masden, Ginny	K1	Desire for the City to have a database of all of the rental properties in San Leandro, know what the rents are, and what the property conditions are.	It is not feasible to maintain a database of all rental properties with rental prices and conditions.
	K2	Comment letter and attachment promoted community land trusts including the California Community Land Trust Network: "Community Land Trusts as Stewards of Public Land: A Guide for Local Governments in California."	The housing element contains Policy P.3.6: Support Alternative Housing Solutions and Efficient Use of Housing Stock, and Policy P.4.4: Support Alternative Ownership Models. Both policies direct the City to support land trusts as a potential method of utilizing existing housing stock to increase housing supply, and affordability, and ownership. The City will consider the information provided by the commenter.

	K3	<p>The comment letter provided details of the commenter’s residence and landlord/property management situation and commented that increasingly distant property management bureaucracy means increased fees as well as higher costs for repairs and maintenance because service people are no longer local. This situation is unsustainable for tenants.</p>	<p>The City currently enacts anti-displacement strategies, including tenant relocation assistance, preservation of existing affordable housing, assistance with free legal services for lower-income households facing displacement, and fair housing/tenant-landlord counseling and outreach. The housing element contains policies and actions to enhance existing programs and services for tenants and consider new methods of support. Action 9.3 directs the City to determine feasibility and seek funding for a local displacement study that includes policy measures to address any findings of displacement. This effort will ensure the City’s compliance with Fair Housing Law. Action 9.6 directs the City to explore the development of a rental assistance program to provide relief to tenants and landlords to avoid the displacement of vulnerable communities.</p>
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Rich, Rob	L1	<p>Comment letter stated that the Tenant Protections program included in the housing element properly recognizes the importance of protecting residents of mobile home parks from excessive rent increases and arbitrary displacement, and to add extending similar protections to stabilize rents and requiring just cause for evictions to more San Leandro tenants.</p>	<p>The City maintains a contract with the nonprofit ECHO Housing to provide San Leandro tenants and/or landlords information on their housing rights and responsibilities, while the nonprofit Centro Legal de la Raza provides eviction defense and legal counseling. The City also maintains a Rent Review Board (RRB) to assist tenants and landlords with publicly and mutually settling disputes related to significant rent increases in residential rental units. The City will continue to promote public awareness of the role of the RRB, including providing outreach materials on tenant's rights and the appeals procedure in English, Spanish, and Chinese. Action 9.3 directs the City to determine feasibility and seek funding for a local displacement study that includes policy measures to address any findings of displacement. This effort will ensure the City's compliance with Fair Housing Law. Action 9.6 directs the City to explore the development of a rental assistance program to provide relief to tenants and landlords to avoid the displacement of vulnerable communities.</p>
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	L2	Comment letter states that the housing element should include earning the “Prohousing Designation” from HCD as an Action Item.	The housing element includes Action 10.7, which directs the City to apply for the State Pro-housing Designation Program.
	L3	Comment letter states that the housing element should include an action item to ensure adequate funding for existing facilities and services benefiting people experiencing homelessness.	The housing element includes Action 16.5, which directs the City to continue to provide funding for local and regional service providers that operate temporary, permanent, and emergency shelters in the City such as Building Futures, assisting persons experiencing homelessness and at risk of becoming homeless.
	L4	Comment letter includes a request to analyze the reasons for the loss of over 1,000 African Americans residents from San Leandro since the 2010 census and recommend tangible steps to reduce and reverse this trend.	<p>Chapter 2 of the Housing Element (Housing Needs Assessment) and Chapter 5 (Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing) detail regional and local trends related to racial and ethnic populations over time. Chapter 2, Section 2-4, has been revised to include the following sentence: The largest percent decrease from 2010 to 2019 of any racial or ethnic group is “Other Race Alone” followed by Non-Hispanic Black/African-American.</p> <p>Chapter 5 provides conclusions from the 2020 Alameda County Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) regarding disparities between racial and ethnic</p>

			populations concerning rates of homeownership and housing problems (such as housing cost burden), which are factors that decrease housing stability. Chapter 6, Housing Plan, includes programs to focus housing education and outreach efforts and community planning resources in areas with higher proportions of minority and/or low-income households.
Storm, Lance	M1	Comment letter addresses concerns regarding desertification and resource shortages and supports the use of solar hot water heaters and prioritizing making existing housing infrastructure more resilient than building new housing.	The housing element promotes high-density transit-oriented development, which reduces environmental impacts compared to the development of single-family and auto-dependent housing. The City plans to adopt a Reach Code concurrent with adoption of the 2022 Building Code to reduce energy use in new buildings. San Leandro's Reach Code is being developed following the approval of the 2021 Climate Action Plan to address climate change by saving energy and reducing emissions. San Leandro kicked off its reach code development process in November 2021 and is supported by technical assistance from East Bay Community Energy (EBCE).

Comment letters received during public comment period of the revised Draft Housing Element from November 2, 2022 through November 9, 2022.

# EAST BAY FOR EVERYONE

November 8, 2022

Dear San Leandro Community Development Department,

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the revised San Leandro 2023-31 Housing Element draft with iterations and some amendments, and the detailed responses to our concerns.

Except for a few site-specific issues, the revision does not substantially resolve our concerns. We draw attention to four aspects that we think are the most urgent for building a healthy, productive, equitable, and compliant Housing Element.

1. 99% of the housing is located in the 60% of the city that is lower income. At least 40% should go outside of lower-income areas.
2. San Leandro should commit to reducing/eliminating parking minimums, not just making studies.
3. Some sites must still be rezoned under AB 1397.
4. Assumptions for pipeline projects are still unrealistically optimistic, and assumptions for opportunity sites are not empirically justified.

## Furthering Fair Housing

A disproportionate number of sites were, and still are, in low-resource areas. San Leandro noted that 61.5% of the city is in low-resource areas. But with the updated Table 4.9 of housing opportunity sites (HOSs) adding a column for TCAC opportunity level, we can now calculate precisely that **99% of the future units in HOSs are in low-resources areas, well over the 61.5% share of city land.** (Exactly zero projected low-income units are in moderate-resource areas.) Despite much development opportunity in areas like the Bancroft corridor, city staff is likely assuming adding housing capacity to this prosperous section of the city is politically infeasible. But if we in the city are not able to break through this opposition on our own, the state can and must. Otherwise, the housing element will perpetuate historical inequity, and not affirmatively further fair housing. Moderate opportunity areas should contain at least 40% of the housing, and of the low-income housing, in the site inventory.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Options available to the city that put together could more actively further fair housing: rezone all Bancroft from Durant to Sybil, in a corridor at least 2,000 feet wide (not just the Bancroft frontage), to a mixed-use

## Parking minimums

On off-street parking minimums, while the language was slightly changed to contemplate eliminating minimums (not just reducing), the element still makes no commitment to any change, referring to "feasible" changes, which could justify any action or inaction. To reiterate our original letter, the city has acknowledged at multiple points that off-street parking requirements pose a serious constraint to housing development. We must make concrete commitments to reduce these requirements if we are to truly tackle constraints.

Since the initial housing element draft, AB 2097 has been signed into law reducing parking requirements in the vicinity of BART and BRT stations. However, compromises in the legislation may allow cities to reimpose parking requirements in many cases. Additionally, these half-mile radiuses leave untouched much of central San Leandro and other parts suitable for development. The city should remove parking minimums within 1 mile of major transit stops, with no exceptions except ADA parking, and should reduce to 0.5 spaces per new home everywhere else. While it makes sense to simultaneously add transportation demand management policies which may take time to formulate, the city should firmly commit to reduce parking minimums to to 0 or 0.5 spaces as above by January 2025, if they are to be applicable for any significant portion of the planning period.

## AB 1397 rezonings

The city argues in response to our concern about the need to rezone parcels in previous housing elements per AB 1397 that this law does not apply - stating that parcels were only applicable if they had been designated for low-income housing units in previous rounds. However, the latest text of the relevant law, quoted below, shows it applies to all sites designated for low-income housing in the current round.

[Govt. Code 65583.2\(c\)](#): A nonvacant site identified pursuant to paragraph (3) or (4) of subdivision (a) in a prior housing element and a vacant site that has been included in two or more consecutive planning periods that was not approved to develop a portion of the locality's housing need shall not be deemed adequate to accommodate a portion of the housing need for lower income households that must be accommodated in the current housing element planning period unless the site is zoned at residential densities consistent with paragraph (3) of this subdivision and the site is subject to a program in the housing element requiring rezoning within three years of the beginning of the planning period to allow residential use by right for housing developments in which at least 20 percent of the units are affordable to lower income households.

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designation comparable to DA-2 standards, with no more than 0.5 minimum parking ratio; and rezone all moderate-opportunity areas without exception (those northeast and southwest) to feasibly accommodate up to fourplexes and townhouses without combining typical lots.

Based on this language, sites 1, 8, and 9 do not need to be rezoned because they are only projected to include moderate- or above-moderate-income housing, but sites 2-7 do.

### **Pipeline and opportunity site expectations**

To our concern that the pipeline project sites were counted as being 100% developed, and that this 70% development assumption was not vetted against experience, San Leandro responded that "the sites inventory buffer accounts for the possibility of units not being developed" and that the 70% assumption was considered conservative for the Bay Area. This does not address our core concern. The pipeline projects' inclusion at 100% is, taken on its own, an unrealistic assumption, providing buffer that can be expected to evaporate. (The city has acknowledged that many approved projects languish, and while the city's program to remove expiration dates for entitlements will help pipeline projects, there is no evidence of exactly how much it will help.)

Similarly, the 70% assumption for HOSs may be conservative by comparison with current practices, but recent reforms to RHNA recognize that current practices are deeply insufficient, creating paper plans that cities expect to fail. The burden is now on the city to show based on data of past experience what a realistic development assumption would be, not to poll conventional wisdom.

We do recognize and credit that the total projected units from pipeline, ADUs, and HOSs sum to over 140% of the overall RHNA allocation, which is probably better than many cities will be achieving this cycle. However, while this is an improvement, it is still on paper only. The pertinent question is whether the plan is sufficient to meet RHNA allocation in practice. San Leandro's recent history of growing housing by a mere 533 units from 2010 to 2022 (while population grew by 3,454) suggests that even assuming 50% of pipeline and 50% of HOSs are developed in the planning period might be overoptimistic. If we are wrong, there should be data to show why.

The city joins its peers in frequently pointing out that the city approves housing, but does not build it, arguing against blame if plans do not work out. But since non-governmental market conditions are known to make housing construction more expensive, that makes it all the more important for the city to mitigate the also-severe governmental constraints we do have control over - density limits, parking requirements, other development standards limiting building envelope, certainty of approval, etc.. That is what we ask San Leandro to seriously tackle via this Housing Element.

Avalon,

I realized belatedly there was one issue I left off when I helped compose East Bay for Everyone's letter. Since it is the last day I will submit this comment under my own name only.

Another of EBFE's concerns about the housing opportunity sites was the inclusion of the Bay Fair BART property, owned by BART, for future development. While we look forward to this development, we noted that based on BART's official schedule and resource allocation, this property is highly unlikely to be developed during the planning period.

It appears BART made a similar comment to the city, but the edit in response was to add to the listed actions for the city to advocate to move up the timeline for development of Bay Fair (action 8.1). It remains listed as opportunity site 4 with a realistic capacity of 375 units within the planning period.

While it would be great if this happened, BART planning and development resources are stretched as they seek to use AB 2923 authority across many station sites at once to maximize housing development. If anything changes about the schedule, projects are likely to be delayed rather than moved up. Site 4 capacity should be marked down significantly or eliminated based on this reality.

Thanks,  
John

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Hello,

My comments primarily focus on the obligation to AFFH. I've been a fair housing attorney, advocate and practitioner in the Bay Area for over nine years, and as a former renter and new homeowner in San Leandro, I strongly recommend that the Housing Element better address the following issues:

(DFEH is now the California Civil Rights Department, so this should be updated to reflect that. I will be referring to them as CRD below.)

5.3.1. This does not paint an accurate picture of what fair housing services are available to San Leandro residents. There are only two organizations that provide actual fair housing services to San Leandro – Bay Area Legal Aid and ECHO. Project Sentinel's fair housing division does not serve San Leandro households. Further, the other agencies listed in the chart do not provide fair housing services. Fair housing means *housing discrimination*. Fair housing services only include conducting outreach and education, advocacy and investigating complaints that involve housing discrimination, not general homeownership counseling or counseling for landlord/tenant issues. It is further essential to note that Bay Legal only provides assistance to low income households, which limits access to fair housing services in San Leandro. ECHO is also not a HUD-funded Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP), and is thus not funded to provide the full range of fair housing enforcement services to local residents.

5.4 Though audit testing and encouraging compliance can be a useful tool, the failure to put sufficient emphasis on enforcement is problematic and should be discussed as a place for improvement. Testing is an essential tool in investigating complaints brought by individuals who have experienced discrimination, particularly at the rental application stage. Neither HUD nor CRD conduct complaint-based testing and look to fair housing organizations to conduct that testing on behalf of complainants. Testing should be conducted *prior to filing a complaint* to ensure that the housing provider is not tipped off. How many complaint-based tests is ECHO conducting per year? Additionally, how many complaints with HUD or CRD is ECHO filing or helping residents file each year? Navigating the complaint filing process can be difficult, particularly for members of protect classes who are LEP or have disabilities. This data should be provided so we have a better understanding of the full scope of ECHO's services. I have also seen ECHO's audit report and I have serious questions about their testing methodology and whether it is accurate. Conducting race tests via email or telephone is highly inaccurate, especially if the proper methodology is not followed. Moreover, the rental market from the last 5 years has been one where units go quickly and housing providers receive dozens of emails and calls. One person receiving a call (or email) and the other not receiving a call (or email) does not speak to whether the lack of return call (or email) was due to race as opposed to the volume of calls (or email) and/or the quickness with which a unit was rented.

Table 5.16 Fair housing enforcement and outreach should not be a medium priority. ECHO is ineffective in its testing and does little enforcement activity from what I have seen. Obtaining a third-party audit of their testing methodology is a good start (Fred Freiberg at the Fair Housing Justice Center in NYC is a good place to start). However, with no cost, San Leandro can immediately begin negotiating annual CDBG contracts with ECHO that better emphasize enforcement activity – not just auditing and education activity. Require complaint-based testing and a certain number of complaints filed with HUD or CRD annually. ECHO also needs to better publicize training opportunities and offer these opportunities to tenants both in English and at a minimum, Spanish, as they also have Title VI obligations. I have lived in San Leandro since August 2018 as a renter, and earlier this year, a homeowner, and I have never seen any educational materials or information about outreach from ECHO. I only know about them because I work in fair housing.

We should also not just be prioritizing affordable housing, but affordable and median-income housing with appropriately sized units. We desperately need more 2- and 3-bedroom units, particularly in new developments. The city should incentivize developers to include larger unit sizes regardless of the targeted income population. See, for example, the proposed project by the movie theater at Bay Fair – hundreds of 1-bedroom units. Families with children will be primarily excluded from these units. These units also won't address the overcrowding issue, which disproportionately impacts Black and Hispanic households.

Thank you,

Stephanie Rabiner

Avalon,

I hope you are well!

While there was not sufficient time to absorb the *Housing Element* revisions, it appears that we still have not removed residential-development parking minimums. It is clear that Planners, major cities, transit agencies, and environmental experts all agree that removal of minimums boosts small business, promotes housing development, encourages active transit, and puts people over parking. Why do we waffle? Your own San Leandro led workshop had developers that stated, if they developed here, they still would add some parking, because some buyers would demand some, but they all agreed that having no minimums was good for decreasing the price of development and would be an incentive to build more in our city. Everyone wins with no minimums, right?

Over the last three years we have asked people at seven listening sessions, five focus groups and 17 outreach events what change they would most like to see in San Leandro. The answer was “*more safe walking and biking,*” and one of the most frequent comments made was that “*speeds are too high on our streets.*” People don't want to get in their cars more; they are looking to get out of them. We must support that by shifting our infrastructure and policies to meet that need. Please, add in the *Housing Element* that San Leandro, in order to meet climate action plan goals and RHNA goals, will eliminate residential development parking minimums, and work with developers to meet San Leandro's future interests.

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Community Climate Solutions

*Environmental Justice affirms the need for urban and rural ecological policies to clean up and rebuild our cities and rural areas in balance with nature, honoring the cultural integrity of all our communities, and provided fair access for all to the full range of resources. [EJ Principle #12](#)*

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It is 2022.

What is an Actual Sustainable Design? What is Possible?

**What is Respectful design to are climate Change Emergency!?!**

It is Important to Understand the Sustainable technology that is Available.

Every New House. Should have solar Panels. **That don't need to be on the Roof!!!!**

A Backup Power System for Power Outages. Called **Batteries**.

As Well as Solar Hot water Systems.  
That can Boost the Regular Hot water system.

New Houses Will need to be Constructed With These Updates.

Older Houses Can be Easily Updated.

### **###. Sustainability Reaserch Reporting**

I Found the Best Solution is to Separate **High Demand Appliances**. Like the Electric water heater, Electric Furnace, and Electric Stove. Dryer To Keep on the Grid and let them shut off during power Outages.

\*\* For The **Low Power Systems** like the, lights, Internet, Power Outlets. Stereo Computers,. Should be Isolated from the high power Units and be Switchable from Grid to Off Grid. Transfer switches Are Readily Available. The Users can switch Circuits from Off Grid to grid if they Whant. Or Have Specific Rooms on The Solar/ Battery systems.

The Users. Should be able to select. For Exsample. Only one Bedroom might be on the Solar Equipment during winter. But the Entire house might be on the solar Equipment During Summer.

It will Require Education and a Culture Shift

Grid Tie Systems Turn off during Power Outages. And are not very Resilient because of this.

Grid Tie Systems could be modified. To Switch the PV power to a Charge Controller during power Outages.

**I am Setting up off Grid Solar Systems for around \$3,000. For a House. With about. 1200watt array, and about 100-400amp hours of Batteries at 24volts.**

My Standard for house's is 24volts DC Systems.

I Recently Started using. **Lithium iron Phosphate Batteries** as well.

With a 2300-3000 watt. Inverters. For the Entire House.

At the Sight at 2824 Halcyon Dr. San Leandro. I set up the Large White Building to be Switchable from Grid to Off Grid easily with a \$500 Off Grid Kit. As a Sustainability Office for Learning.

I Converted the Gas water Heater to be Electric for Under \$100.

All Electric Houses. With no Solar panels is Really 1990's Tech. It Might be Time to move Forward into the Future.

FYI

All the Equipment is Available Online today!!

**San Leandro Sustainability Office  
At Historical Halcyon Park.  
2824 Halcyon Dr.**

Also. I Still Believe in What's Possible at 2824 Halcyon Dr. On July 4th 2022. It had a Sustainability Office, An Urban Farm, and Bird Sanctuary. As well as an Off Grid Starting Kit for the House. I Believe the Opportunity was Abandoned to The Homeless Because of the lack of Respect for the Opportunity. It Would have been Semi Easy to have the Irrigation Well pump on Solar. And have a Sustainable Food Supply Urban Farm. The Local Community was Very Supportive. But their Opinion was not really Valued.

Link

<https://vimeo.com/757053152>

Thank you. **San Leandro.**

Lance T Storm

Grey Engineering.

# Appendix B

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Sites Inventory

**Please Start Here, Instructions in Cell  
A2, Table in A3:B16**

**Form Fields**

Site Inventory Forms must be submitted to HCD for a housing element or amendment adopted on or after January 1, 2021. The following form is to be used for satisfying this requirement. To submit the form, complete the Excel spreadsheet and submit to HCD at [sitesinventory@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:sitesinventory@hcd.ca.gov). Please send the Excel workbook, not a scanned or PDF copy of the tables.

<b>General Information</b>	
Jurisdiction Name	ALAMEDA
Housing Element Cycle	6th
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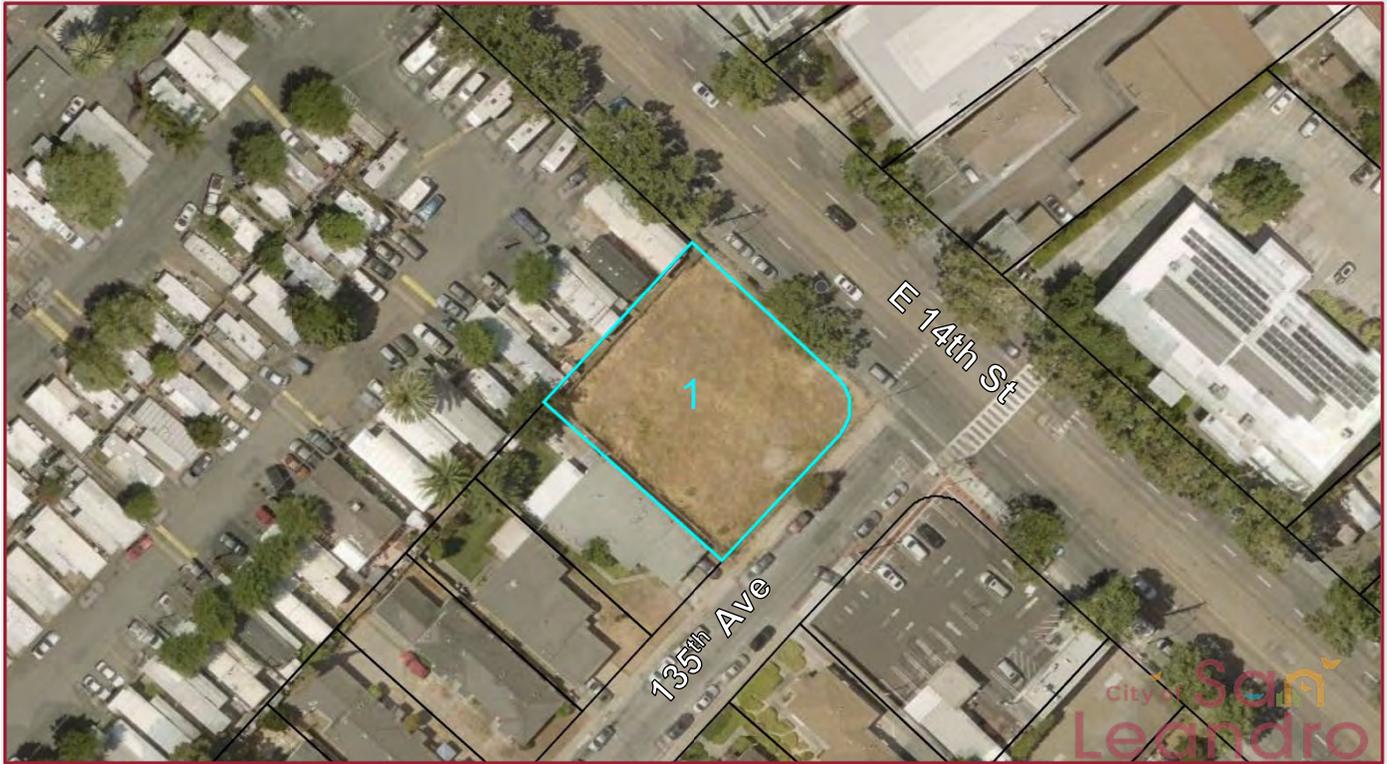
**Table A: Housing Element Sites Inventory, For Alameda County jurisdictions, please format the APN's as follows: 999A-9999-999-99**

Jurisdiction Name	Site Address/Intersection	5 Digit ZIP Code	Assessor Parcel Number	Consolidated Sites	General Plan Designation (Current)	Zoning Designation (Current)	Minimum Density Allowed (units/acre)	Max Density Allowed (units/acre)	Parcel Size (Acres)	Existing Use/Vacancy	Infrastructure	Publicly-Owned	Site Status	Identified in Last/Last Two Planning Cycle(s)	Lower Income Capacity	Moderate Income Capacity	Above Moderate Income Capacity	Total Capacity	Priority Development Area (PDA)	Current Improvement to Land Value Ratio	Current Floor Area Ratio			
SAN LEANDRO	13489 E 14TH ST	94578	077D-1405-001-01		MUC	SA-2	18	85	0.29	Vacant	YES - Current	YES - Special District-Owned	Available	Used in Two Consecutive Prior Housing Elements - Vacant	0	0	12	12	E 14th Street PDA	0	0.07			
SAN LEANDRO	13940 E 14TH ST	94578	077E-1548-001-06		MUC	SA-1	18	85	0.67	Vacant	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Used in Two Consecutive Prior Housing Elements - Vacant	12	14	14	40	E 14th Street PDA	0	0			
SAN LEANDRO	14583 E 14TH ST	94578	077D-1460-001-00		MUC/RM	RD/SA-1	18	85	1.36	Misc. Commercial Uses	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Used in Prior Housing Element - Non-Vacant	35	0	0	35	Bay Fair BART Village PDA	0.37	0.2			
SAN LEANDRO	15242 HESPERIAN BLVD	94578	077D-1490-019-00		BTOD/PR	B-TOD	65	N/A	4.23	BART parking lot	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Used in Prior Housing Element - Non-Vacant	56	0	319	375	E 14th Street PDA	0	0			
SAN LEANDRO	14263 E 14TH ST	94578	077D-1432-040-01		MUC	SA-1	18	85	0.72	Used car lot and auto storage	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Used in Prior Housing Element - Non-Vacant	43	0	0	43	E 14th Street PDA	0.28	0.12			
SAN LEANDRO	14830 E 14TH ST	94578	077E-1593-013-08		MUC	SA-3	18	85	1	Used car dealer	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Used in Prior Housing Element - Non-Vacant	59	5	0	64	Downtown TOD PDA	0.03	0			
SAN LEANDRO	1805 WASHINGTON AVE	94577	075-0008-003-03		MUD	DA-2	20	100	0.52	Brake and wheel shop and surface parking	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Used in Prior Housing Element - Non-Vacant	11	13	13	37	n/a	0.99	0.32			
SAN LEANDRO	604 MACARTHUR BLVD	94577	076-0319-014-02	A	MUC	CC	0	24	0.76	Restaurant and surface parking	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Used in Prior Housing Element - Non-Vacant	0	12	0	12	n/a	0.31	0.28			
SAN LEANDRO	560 MACARTHUR BLVD	94577	076-0319-025-01	A	MUC	CC	0	24	0.46	Restaurant and surface parking	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Used in Prior Housing Element - Non-Vacant	0	7	0	7	E 14th Street PDA	0.17	0.1			
SAN LEANDRO	14875 BANCROFT AVE	94578	077E-1593-015-04		MUC	SA-3	18	85	0.8	Misc. commercial uses	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	14	16	16	46	Bay Fair BART Village PDA	0.55	0.09			
SAN LEANDRO	1300 FAIRMONT DR	94578	077D-1495-021-00	B	BTOD	B-TOD	60	N/A	5.78	Shopping center and surface parking	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	152	177	177	506	Bay Fair BART Village PDA	0.82	0.24			
SAN LEANDRO	1330 FAIRMONT DR	94578	077D-1495-018-00	B	BTOD	B-TOD	60	N/A	0.97	Shopping center and surface parking	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	26	30	30	86	Bay Fair BART Village PDA	1.68	0.22			
SAN LEANDRO	E 14TH ST	94578	077D-1495-022-00	B	BTOD	B-TOD	60	N/A	3.07	Shopping center and surface parking	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	80	94	94	268	Bay Fair BART Village PDA	1.71	0.19			
SAN LEANDRO	15251 E 14TH ST	94578	077D-1495-015-00	B	BTOD	B-TOD	60	N/A	0.5	Shopping center and surface parking	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	0	43	0	43	Bay Fair BART Village PDA	2.9	0.27			
SAN LEANDRO	15555 E 14TH ST	94578	077D-1490-030-00		BTOD	B-TOD	65	N/A	4.78	Bayfair Center Mall and surface parking	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	125	146	146	417	Bay Fair BART Village PDA	0.82	0.4			
SAN LEANDRO	600 CASTRO ST	94577	075-0067-001-06		MUTOD	DA-2	20	125	0.83	Warehouse and surface parking	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	22	25	25	72	Downtown TOD PDA	0.57	0.22			
SAN LEANDRO	440 PERALTA AVE	94577	075-0225-001-04	C	MUTOD	DA-2	20	125	1.33	Warehouse and surface parking	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	35	41	41	117	n/a	0.25	0.42			
SAN LEANDRO	523 SAN LEANDRO BLVD	94577	075-0225-001-03	C	MUTOD	DA-2	20	125	0.88	Auto body shop and surface parking	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	25	26	26	77	Downtown TOD PDA	0.14	0.1			
SAN LEANDRO	1565 ALVARADO ST	94577	075-0047-014-00		MUTOD	DA-4/DA-6	60	125	4.55	Warehouse and surface parking	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	119	139	139	397	Downtown TOD PDA	2.34	0.37			
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**Table C: Land Use, Table Starts in A2**

Zoning Designation From Table A, Column G and Table B, Columns L and N (e.g., "R-1")	General Land Uses Allowed (e.g., "Low-density residential")
B-TOD	BTOD - BayFair TOD Mixed Use (Chapter 2.10.200): <a href="https://library.qcode.us/lib/san_leandro_ca/pub/zoning_code/item/title_2-chapter_2_10-article_1">https://library.qcode.us/lib/san_leandro_ca/pub/zoning_code/item/title_2-chapter_2_10-article_1</a>
CC	Mixed-Use (Chapter 2.08.200): <a href="https://library.qcode.us/lib/san_leandro_ca/pub/zoning_code/item/title_2-chapter_2_08-article_1-2_08_200">https://library.qcode.us/lib/san_leandro_ca/pub/zoning_code/item/title_2-chapter_2_08-article_1-2_08_200</a>
DA-2	Mixed-Use(Chapter 2.08.228): <a href="https://library.qcode.us/lib/san_leandro_ca/pub/zoning_code/item/title_2-chapter_2_08-article_1-2_08_228">https://library.qcode.us/lib/san_leandro_ca/pub/zoning_code/item/title_2-chapter_2_08-article_1-2_08_228</a>
DA-4/D-6	Mixed-Use (Chapter 2.08.236, 2.08.240): <a href="https://library.qcode.us/lib/san_leandro_ca/pub/zoning_code/item/title_2-chapter_2_08-article_1-2_08_236">https://library.qcode.us/lib/san_leandro_ca/pub/zoning_code/item/title_2-chapter_2_08-article_1-2_08_236</a>
RD	Single Family Residential and Two-Family Residential (Chapter 2.04.200)
SA-1	Mixed-Use (Chapter 2.08.260): <a href="https://library.qcode.us/lib/san_leandro_ca/pub/zoning_code/item/title_2-chapter_2_08-article_1-2_08_260">https://library.qcode.us/lib/san_leandro_ca/pub/zoning_code/item/title_2-chapter_2_08-article_1-2_08_260</a>
SA-2	Mixed-Use (Chapter 2.08.264): <a href="https://library.qcode.us/lib/san_leandro_ca/pub/zoning_code/item/title_2-chapter_2_08-article_1-2_08_264">https://library.qcode.us/lib/san_leandro_ca/pub/zoning_code/item/title_2-chapter_2_08-article_1-2_08_264</a>
SA-3	Mixed-Use (Chapter 2.08.268): <a href="https://library.qcode.us/lib/san_leandro_ca/pub/zoning_code/item/title_2-chapter_2_08-article_1-2_08_268">https://library.qcode.us/lib/san_leandro_ca/pub/zoning_code/item/title_2-chapter_2_08-article_1-2_08_268</a>
RD/SA-1	Residential Duplex (RD)/South Area-1 (SA-1): <a href="https://library.qcode.us/lib/san_leandro_ca/pub/zoning_code/item/title_2-chapter_2_08-article_1-2_08_260">https://library.qcode.us/lib/san_leandro_ca/pub/zoning_code/item/title_2-chapter_2_08-article_1-2_08_260</a>

# San Leandro 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Sites



<b>Site ID</b>	1	<b>Group</b>	N/A
<b>APN</b>	077D-1405-001-01	<b>Year Built</b>	N/A
<b>Address</b>	13489 E 14 <sup>th</sup> Street	<b>Current Use</b>	Vacant Commercial Land
<b>Parcel Size</b>	0.29 Acres	<b>FAR</b>	N/A
<b>Priority Dev. Area</b>	E 14 <sup>th</sup> Street		
<b>Imp. to Land Value Ratio</b>	0		
<b>General Plan</b>	Corridor Mixed Use (MUC)		
<b>Zoning</b>	South Area-2 (SA-2)		
<b>Current Density</b>	18-35 du/ac		
<b>Amended Density</b>	18-85 du/ac		
<b>Current Realistic Capacity</b>	7 Total Units: 0 Lower, 0 Moderate, 7 Above-Moderate		
<b>Amended Realistic Capacity</b>	12 Total Units: 0 Lower, 0 Moderate, 12 Above-Moderate		
<b>Identified in Prior Cycle(s)</b>	Used in Two Consecutive Prior Housing Elements - Vacant		
<b>Criteria Met</b>	1, 2, 4		

## SITE DESCRIPTION

This vacant corner site was last sold in 2014 and is located within the E. 14th Street Priority Development Area. The property is located between the San Leandro BART Station and the Bay Fair BART Station. The site is within a 5-minute walk to a grocery store, San Leandro High School, and other retail shops and services. The site is considered Very Walkable (81) and most errands can be done on foot. There is developer interest in developing the site with housing. There are no known environmental hazards or contaminations on the site.

Concurrent Zoning Amendments are proposed to increase the maximum density in the SA-2 District from 35 to 85 du/ac, which is reflected in the Amended Realistic Capacity based on an assumed density of 59.5 du/ac.



<b>Site ID</b>	2	<b>Group</b>	N/A
<b>APN</b>	077E-1548-001-06	<b>Year Built</b>	N/A
<b>Address</b>	13940 E 14 <sup>th</sup> Street	<b>Current Use</b>	Vacant Commercial Land
<b>Parcel Size</b>	0.67 Acres	<b>FAR</b>	N/A
<b>Priority Dev. Area</b>	E 14 <sup>th</sup> Street		
<b>Imp. to Land Value Ratio</b>	0		
<b>General Plan</b>	Corridor Mixed Use (MUC)		
<b>Zoning</b>	South Area-1 (SA-1)		
<b>Current Density</b>	18-35 du/ac		
<b>Amended Density</b>	18-85 du/ac		
<b>Current Realistic Capacity</b>	17 Total Units: 5 Lower, 6 Moderate, 6 Above-Moderate		
<b>Amended Realistic Capacity</b>	40 Total Units: 12 Lower, 14 Moderate, 14 Above-Moderate		
<b>Identified in Prior Cycle(s)</b>	Used in Two Consecutive Prior Housing Elements – Vacant		
<b>Criteria Met</b>	1, 2		

### SITE DESCRIPTION

This mid-block, vacant site is located within the E. 14th Street Priority Development Area, between two automotive uses. The San Leandro Hospital and Senior Center are located across the street and the site is very walkable (with a Walk Score of 83) and multiple community organizations, services, and schools are within a 10-minute walk. The site less than a 10-minute bus ride away from downtown, San Leandro BART, and Bay Fair BART. Developers have expressed an interest in developing the site with housing. There are no known environmental hazards or contaminations on the site.

Concurrent Zoning Amendments are proposed to increase the maximum density in the SA-1 District from 35 to 85 du/ac, which is reflected in the Amended Realistic Capacity based on an assumed density of 59.5 du/ac.

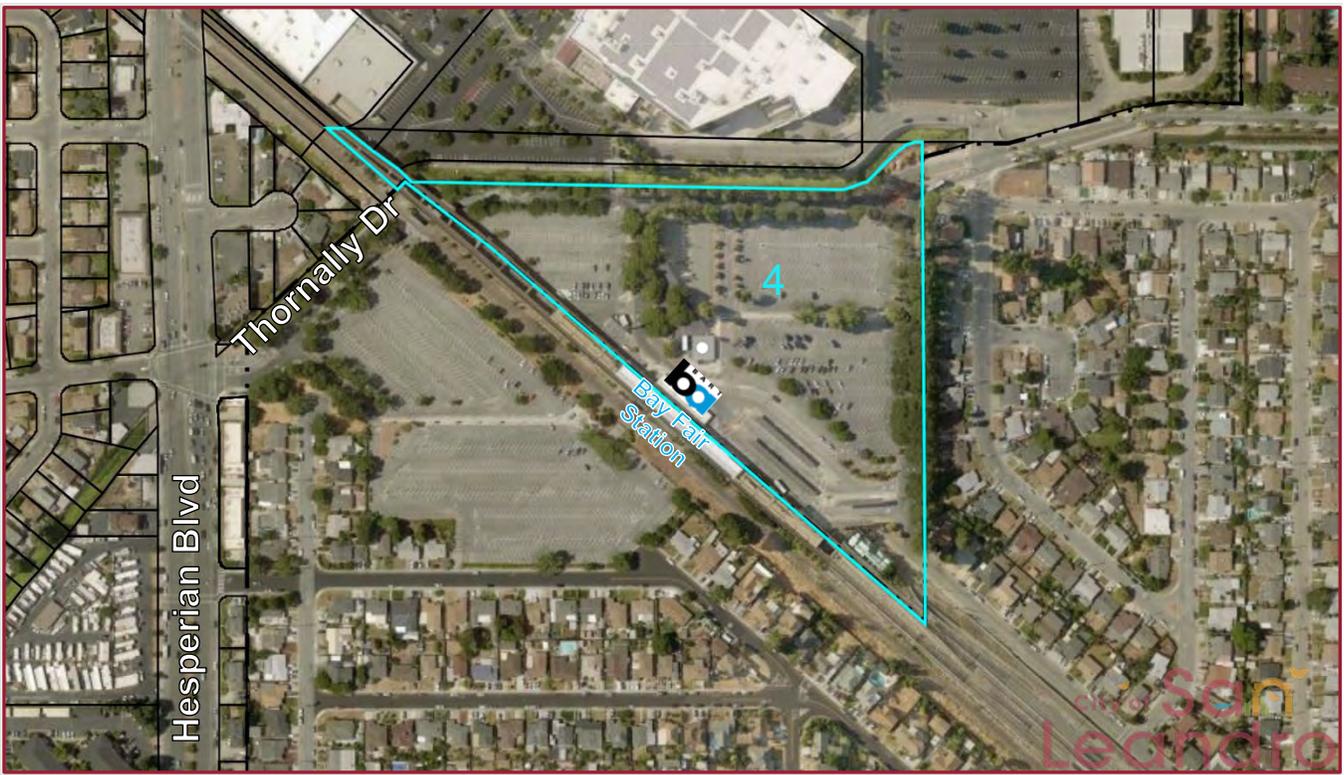


Site ID	3	Group	N/A
APN	077D-1460-001-00	Year Built	1944
Address	14583 E 14 <sup>th</sup> Street	Current Use	Misc. Commercial Uses
Parcel Size	1.36 Acres	FAR	0.20
Priority Dev. Area	E 14 <sup>th</sup> Street		
Imp. to Land Value Ratio	0.37		
General Plan	Corridor Mixed Use (MUC)/Medium Density Residential (RM)		
Zoning	Residential Duplex (RD)/South Area-1 (SA-1)		
Current Density	18-35 du/ac		
Amended Density	18-85 du/ac		
Current Realistic Capacity	33 Units: 33 Lower, 0 Moderate, 0 Above-Moderate		
Amended Realistic Capacity	35 Units: 35 Lower, 0 Moderate, 0 Above-Moderate		
Identified in Prior Cycle(s)	Used in Prior Housing Element – Non-Vacant		
Criteria Met	1, 2, 3		

### SITE DESCRIPTION

This 1.36-acre site in the E. 14th Street Priority Development Area is one of the larger available sites in the E.14th Street South Area between Downtown and the Bay Fair TOD. The underutilized site currently has a mix of personal service and commercial uses. The land is valued at roughly three times the buildings, which were constructed in the mid-1940s. The site is located in a neighborhood with several multi-family housing development applications currently under review and is in close proximity to goods and services. The site is a 9-minute bike ride to the San Leandro BART station and is considered Very Walkable (87). There are no known environmental hazards or contaminations on the site.

Concurrent Zoning Amendments are proposed to increase the maximum density in the SA-1 District from 35 to 85 du/ac. The Amended Realistic Capacity would be 81 units based on an assumed density of 59.5 du/ac; however, assumptions include lowering the unit count to 35 to align with 5th cycle assumptions and account for the site's split-zoning.

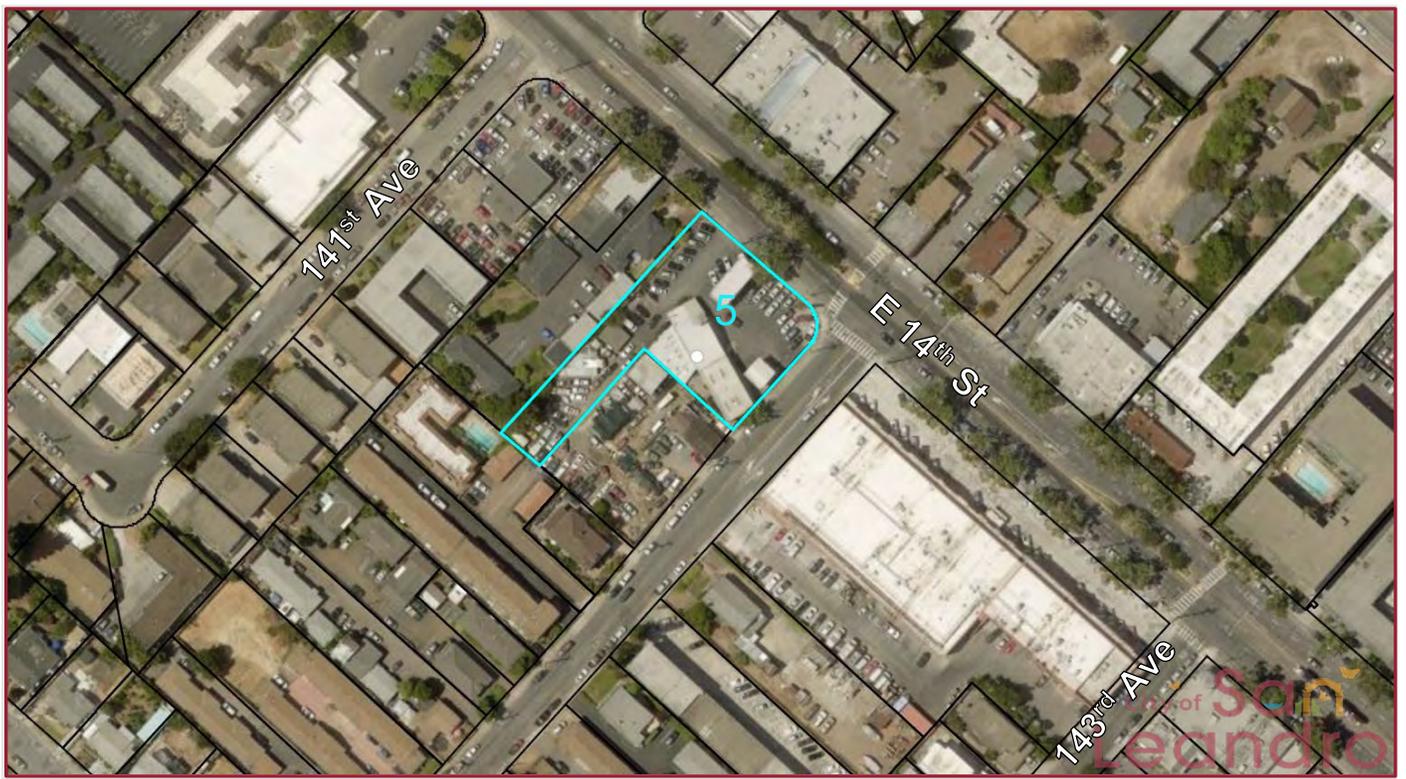


Site ID	4	Group	N/A
APN	077D-1490-019-00	Year Built	N/A
Address	15242 Hesperian Blvd	Current Use	BART parking lot
Parcel Size	10.88 Acres*	FAR	N/A
Priority Dev. Area	Bay Fair BART Village		
Imp. to Land Value Ratio	N/A		
General Plan	Bay Fair Transit-Oriented Development (BTOD)/ Parks & Recreation (PR)		
Zoning	Bay Fair Transit-Oriented Development (B-TOD)		
Current Density	65 du/ac min – no max density (conservatively assumed 125 du/ac)		
Amended Density	N/A		
Current Realistic Capacity	375 Units: 56 Lower, 0 Moderate, 319 Above-Moderate		
Amended Realistic Capacity	N/A		
Identified in Prior Cycle(s)	Used in Prior Housing Element – Non-Vacant		
Criteria Met	1, 2		

#### SITE DESCRIPTION

The Bay Fair BART station parking lot is a key opportunity site. The Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan and implementing Zoning are intended to transform the area around the Bay Fair BART into a vibrant transit village. The City is committed to continuing to partner with BART to advance pre-development efforts on the site. There are no known environmental hazards or contaminations on the site.

Unit assumptions conservatively match 5th cycle unit assumptions of 375 units with lower income units equal to the City's minimum 15 percent inclusionary housing requirement although BART has set a 35 percent system-wide affordable housing target. \*The assumptions conservatively assume housing development on only 4.23 acres of the 10.88-acre parcel using an assumed density of 87.5 du/ac despite no maximum density or minimum parking requirements in the B-TOD District. An approved multi-family development in the B-TOD District adjacent to Site 15 achieved 138 du/ac with approximately 500 units on 3.6 acres.

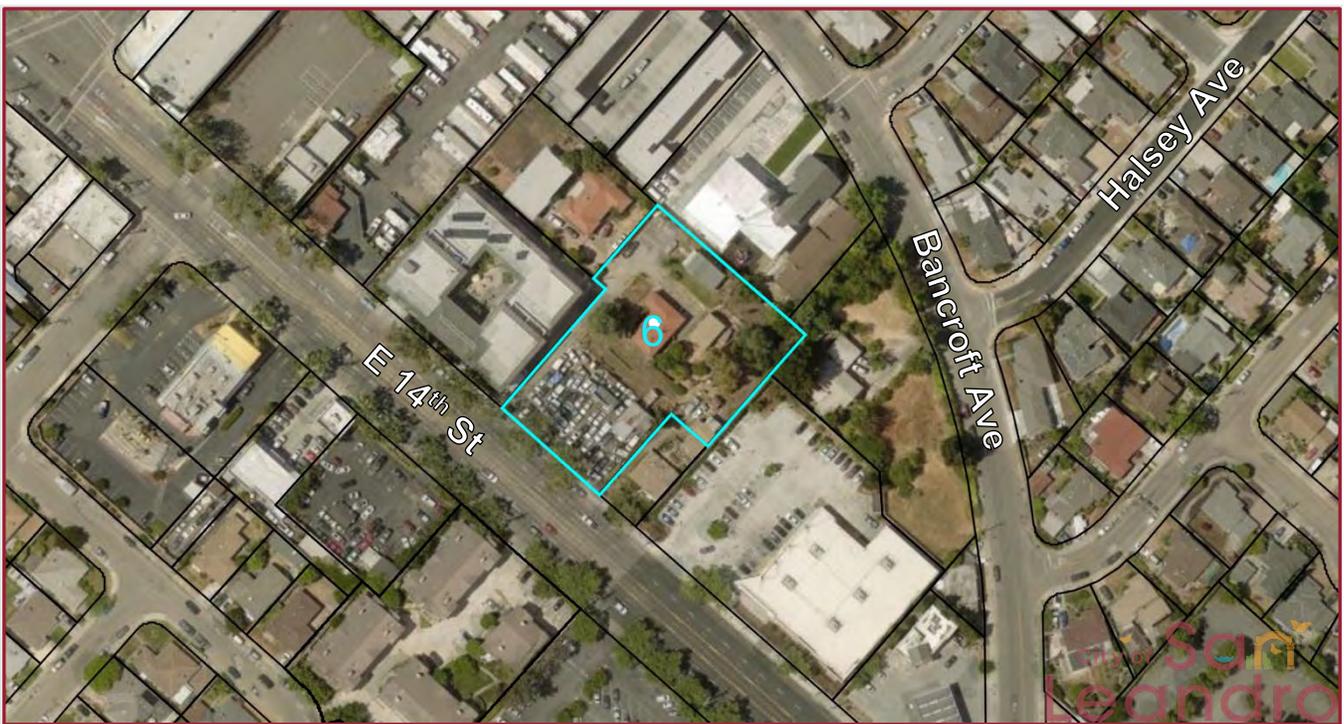


Site ID	5	Group	N/A
APN	077D-1432-040-01	Year Built	1935
Address	14263 E 14 <sup>th</sup> Street	Current Use	Used car lot and auto storage
Parcel Size	0.72 Acres	FAR	0.12
Priority Dev. Area	E 14 <sup>th</sup> Street		
Imp. to Land Value Ratio	0.28		
General Plan	Corridor Mixed Use (MUC)		
Zoning	South Area-1 (SA-1)		
Current Density	18-35 du/ac		
Amended Density	18-85 du/ac		
Current Realistic Capacity	17 Units: 17 Lower, 0 Moderate, 0 Above-Moderate		
Amended Realistic Capacity	43 Units: 43 Lower, 0 Moderate, 0 Above-Moderate		
Identified in Prior Cycle(s)	Used in Prior Housing Element – Non-Vacant		
Criteria Met	1, 2, 3		

#### SITE DESCRIPTION

This corner site, located within the E. 14th Street Priority Development Area, is currently occupied by a used car dealership and automotive repair businesses. The land value is assessed at approximately four times the improvement value. Similar to the other properties on E. 14th Street, the site has a high Walk Score of 84 and is easily accessible to transit and downtown. The property has common ownership with 1371 143rd Avenue (currently a vacant office building) and there is potential for lot consolidation with a combined 1.17 acres. There are no known environmental hazards or contaminations on the site.

Concurrent Zoning Amendments are proposed to increase the maximum density in the SA-1 District from 35 to 85 du/ac, which is reflected in the Amended Realistic Capacity based on an assumed density of 59.5 du/ac.

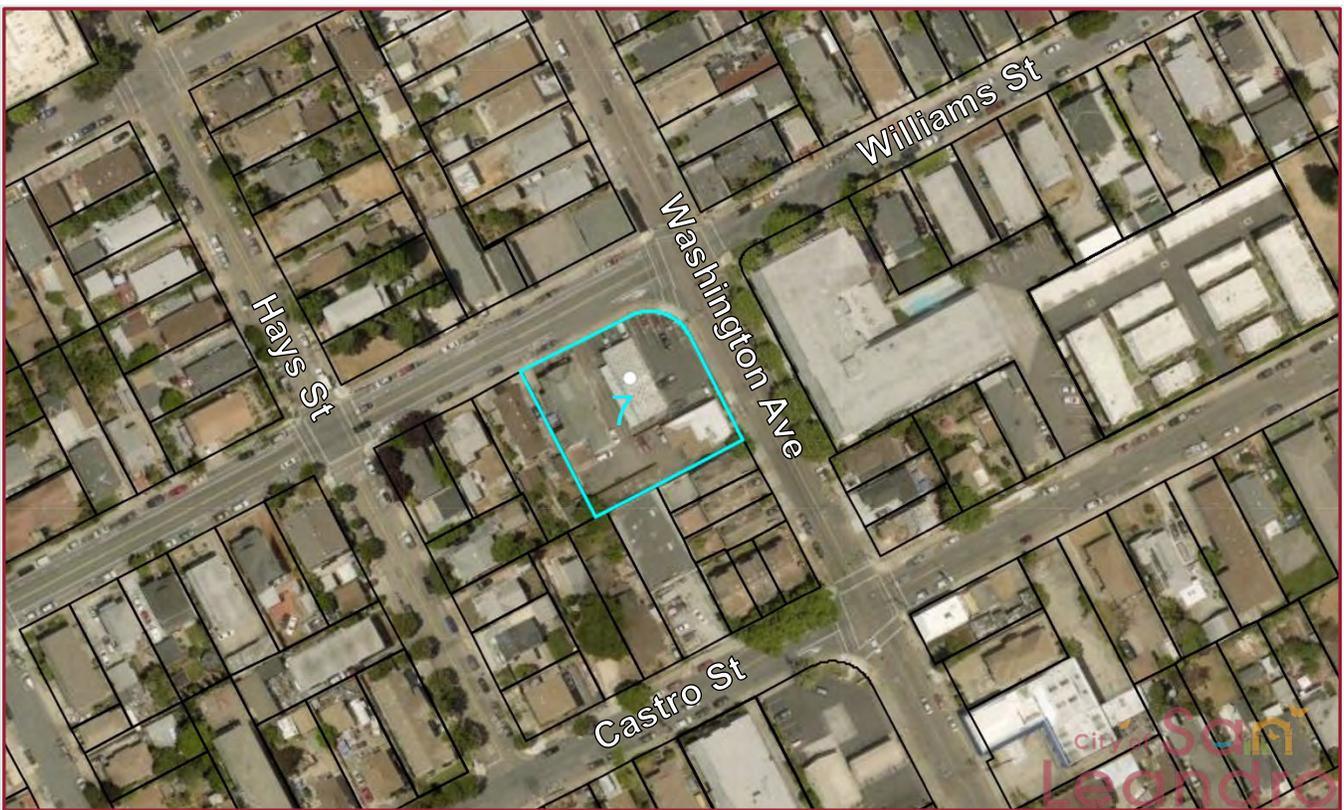


<b>Site ID</b>	6	<b>Group</b>	N/A
<b>APN</b>	077E-1593-013-08	<b>Year Built</b>	Unknown
<b>Address</b>	14830 E 14 <sup>th</sup> Street	<b>Current Use</b>	Used car dealer
<b>Parcel Size</b>	1.00 Acres	<b>FAR</b>	No Data
<b>Priority Dev. Area</b>	E 14 <sup>th</sup> Street		
<b>Imp. to Land Value Ratio</b>	0.03		
<b>General Plan</b>	Corridor Mixed Use (MUC)		
<b>Zoning</b>	South Area-3 (SA-3)		
<b>Current Density</b>	18-35 du/ac		
<b>Amended Density</b>	18-85 du/ac		
<b>Current Realistic Capacity</b>	25 Units: 23 Lower, 2 Moderate, 0 Above-Moderate		
<b>Amended Realistic Capacity</b>	64 Units: 59 Lower, 5 Moderate, 0 Above-Moderate		
<b>Identified in Prior Cycle(s)</b>	Used in Prior Housing Element – Non-Vacant		
<b>Criteria Met</b>	1, 2		

### SITE DESCRIPTION

This mid-block site located within the E. 14th Street Priority Development Area is currently occupied by a used car dealership and is adjacent to multi-family development. The underutilized site has an extremely low improvement to land value ratio. Similar to the other properties on E. 14th Street, the site has a high Walk Score of 87 and is a five-minute bike ride to Bay Fair BART station. The site adjoins Site 10 and there may be opportunities for consolidation for a combined site of 1.8 acres. There are no known environmental hazards or contaminations on the site.

Concurrent Zoning Amendments are proposed to increase the maximum density in the SA-3 District from 35 to 85 du/ac, which is reflected in the Amended Realistic Capacity based on an assumed density of 59.5 du/ac.



Site ID	7	Group	N/A
APN	075-0008-003-03	Year Built	1941
Address	1805 Washington Ave	Current Use	Brake and wheel shop
Parcel Size	0.52 Acres	FAR	0.32
Priority Dev. Area	Downtown TOD		
Imp. to Land Value Ratio	0.99		
General Plan	Downtown Mixed Use (MUD)		
Zoning	Downtown Area 2 (DA-2)		
Current Density	20-40 du/ac		
Amended Density	20-100 du/ac		
Current Realistic Capacity	15 Units: 5 Lower, 5 Moderate, 5 Above-Moderate		
Amended Realistic Capacity	37 Units: 11 Lower, 13 Moderate, 13 Above-Moderate		
Identified in Prior Cycle(s)	Used in Prior Housing Element – Non-Vacant		
Criteria Met	1, 2, 3		

#### SITE DESCRIPTION

This corner site within the Downtown TOD Priority Development Area is currently occupied by a brake and wheel shop and is located across the street from multi-family development in close proximity to Downtown retail and service. The site is classified as Walker's Paradise (95) and is a 2-minute bike ride or 11-minute walk to San Leandro BART. There are no known environmental hazards or contaminations on the site.

Concurrent Zoning Amendments are proposed to increase the maximum density in the DA-2 District from 40 to 100 du/ac, which is reflected in the Amended Realistic Capacity based on an assumed density of 70 du/ac.

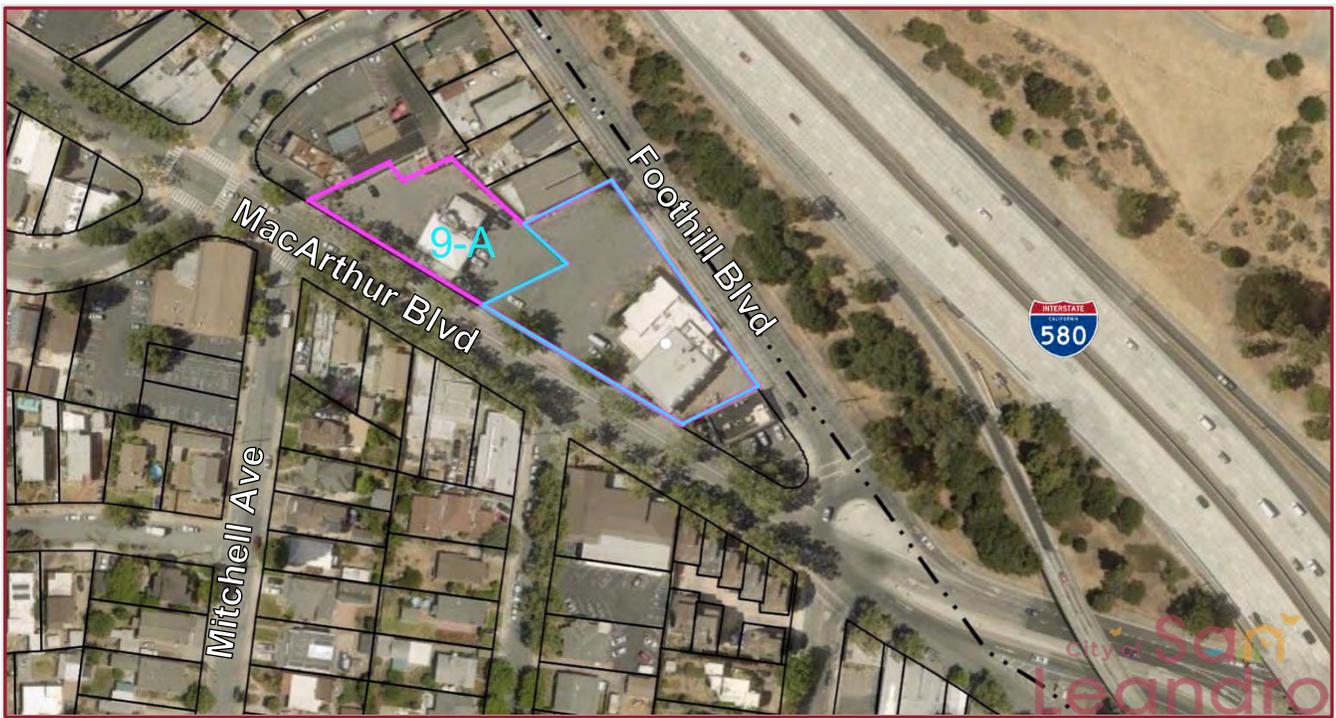


Site ID	8	Group	A
APN	076-0319-014-02	Year Built	1959
Address	604 MacArthur Blvd	Current Use	Restaurant
Parcel Size	0.76 Acres	FAR	0.28
Priority Dev. Area	N/A		
Imp. to Land Value Ratio	0.31		
General Plan	Corridor Mixed Use (MUC)		
Zoning	Community Commercial (CC)		
Current Density	0-24 du/ac		
Amended Density	N/A		
Current Realistic Capacity	12 Units: 0 Lower, 12 Moderate, 0 Above-Moderate		
Amended Realistic Capacity	N/A		
Identified in Prior Cycle(s)	Used in Prior Housing Element – Non-Vacant		
Criteria Met	1, 2, 3, 4		

### SITE DESCRIPTION

This 0.76-acre underutilized site is occupied by a 1950s-era restaurant with large parking area. The site has a low FAR and the land is valued at three times the building. The site is in common ownership with Site 9, which are 1.22 acres combined. The site has a Walk Score of 75 and is close to There is property owner interest in housing development at the site. There are no known environmental contaminations on the site.

Zoning Text and Map Amendments to establish a Housing (H) Overlay Zone are proposed concurrently with Housing Element Update to make multi-family and mixed-use developments permitted by right in this location. Unit Assumptions are based on an assumed density of 16.8 du/ac.

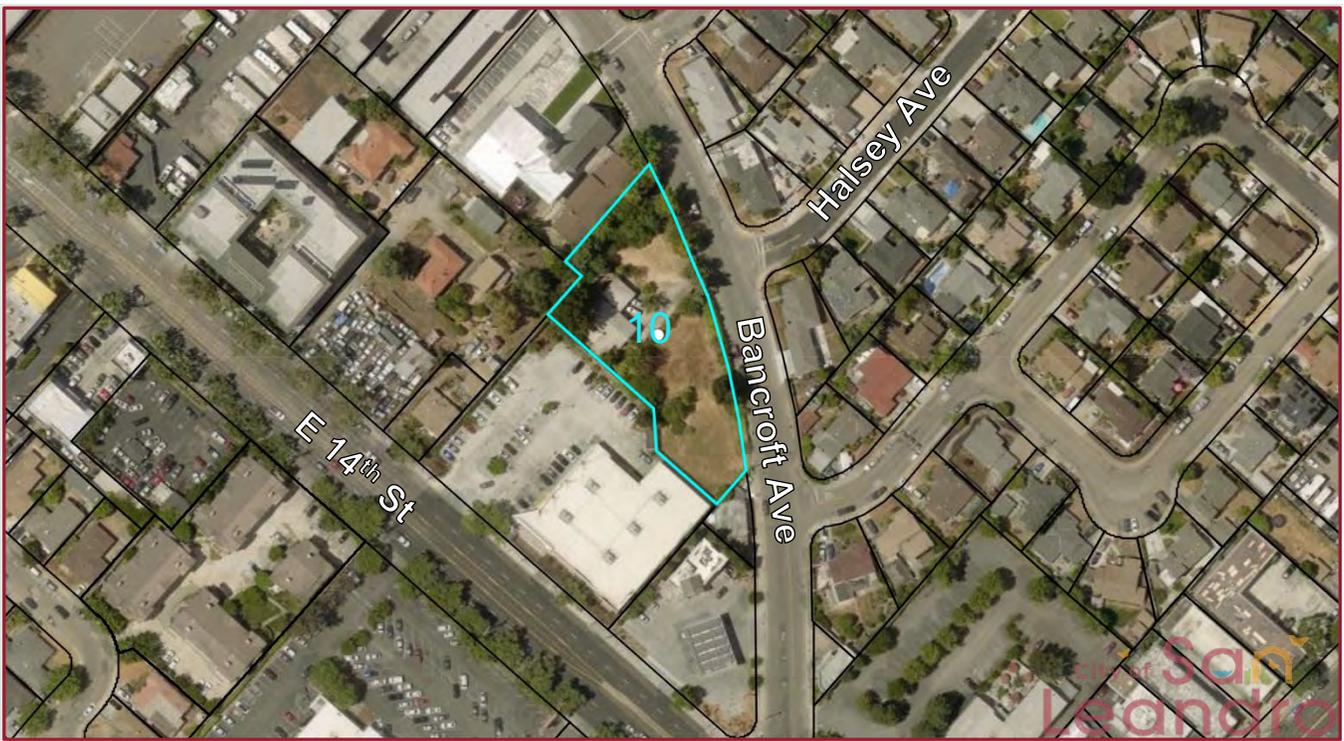


Site ID	9	Group	A
APN	076-0319-025-01	Year Built	1954
Address	560 MacArthur Blvd	Current Use	Restaurant
Parcel Size	0.46 Acres	FAR	0.10
Priority Dev. Area	N/A		
Imp. to Land Value Ratio	0.17		
General Plan	Corridor Mixed Use (MUC)		
Zoning	Community Commercial (CC)		
Current Density	0-24 du/ac		
Amended Density	N/A		
Current Realistic Capacity	7 Units: 0 Lower, 7 Moderate, 0 Above-Moderate		
Amended Realistic Capacity	N/A		
Identified in Prior Cycle(s)	Used in Prior Housing Element – Non-Vacant		
Criteria Met	1, 2, 3, 4		

### SITE DESCRIPTION

This 0.46-acre underutilized site is occupied by a 1950s-era restaurant with low FAR. The land is valued at six times the building value. The site is in common ownership with Site 8, which are 1.22 acres combined. There is property owner interest in housing development at the site. There are no known environmental contaminations on the site.

Zoning Text and Map Amendments to establish a Housing (H) Overlay Zone are proposed concurrently with Housing Element Update to make multi-family and mixed-use developments permitted by right in this location. Unit Assumptions are based on an assumed density of 16.8 du/ac

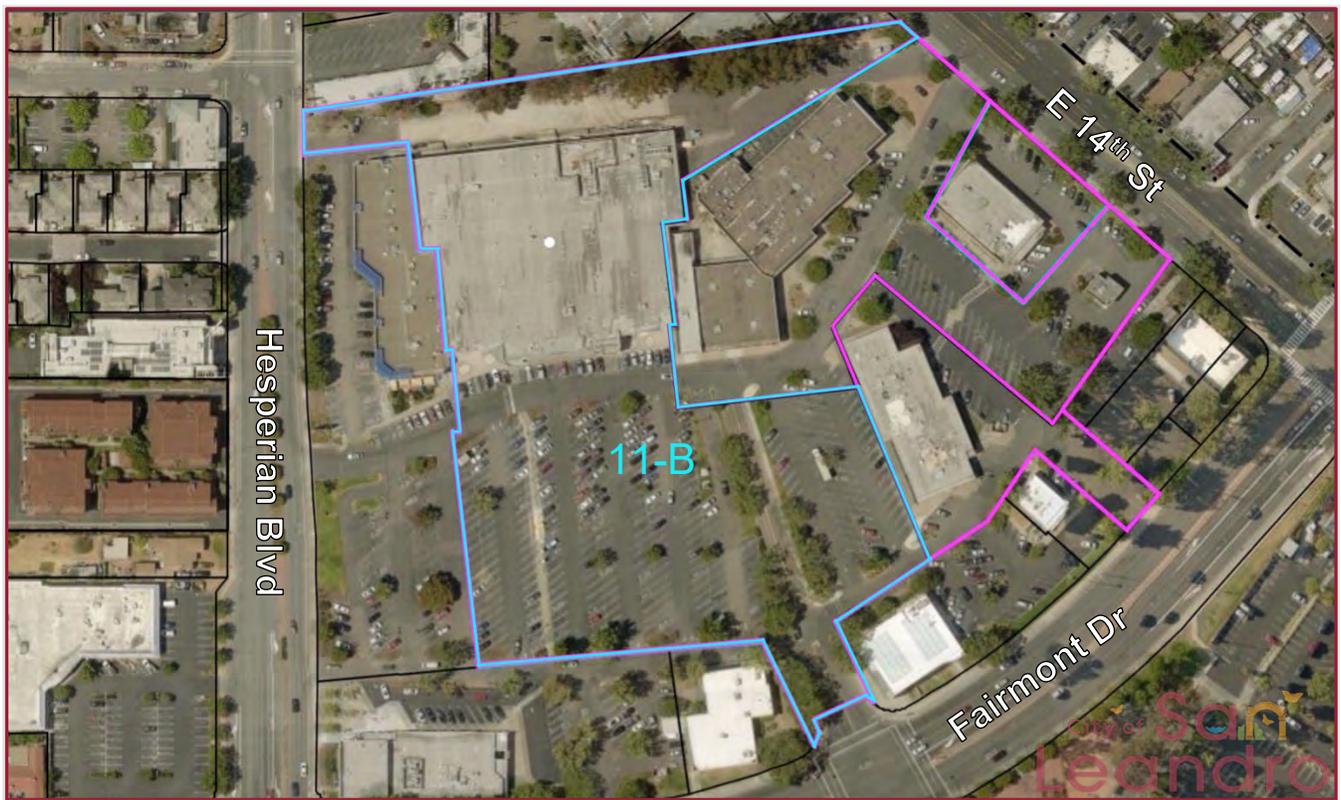


<b>Site ID</b>	10	<b>Group</b>	N/A
<b>APN</b>	077E-1593-015-04	<b>Year Built</b>	Unknown
<b>Address</b>	14875 Bancroft Ave	<b>Current Use</b>	Misc. Commercial Uses
<b>Parcel Size</b>	0.80 Acres	<b>FAR</b>	0.09
<b>Priority Dev. Area</b>	E 14th Street		
<b>Imp. to Land Value Ratio</b>	0.55		
<b>General Plan</b>	Corridor Mixed Use (MUC)		
<b>Zoning</b>	South Area-3 (SA-3)		
<b>Current Density</b>	18-35 du/ac		
<b>Amended Density</b>	18-85 du/ac		
<b>Current Realistic Capacity</b>	21 Units: 7 Lower, 7 Moderate, 7 Above-Moderate		
<b>Amended Realistic Capacity</b>	46 Units: 14 Lower, 16 Moderate, 16 Above-Moderate		
<b>Identified in Prior Cycle(s)</b>	Not Used in Prior Housing Element		
<b>Criteria Met</b>	1, 2, 4		

#### SITE DESCRIPTION

This underutilized mid-block site located within the E. 14th Street Priority Development Area has an extremely low FAR of 0.09. The site has a high Walk Score of 87 and is a five-minute bike ride to Bay Fair BART station. The site adjoins Site 6 and there may be opportunities for consolidation for a combined site of 1.8 acres. There is property owner interest in multi-family housing development at this site. There are no known environmental hazards or contaminations on the site.

Concurrent Zoning Amendments are proposed to increase the maximum density in the SA-3 District from 35 to 85 du/ac, which is reflected in the Amended Realistic Capacity based on an assumed density of 59.5 du/ac.

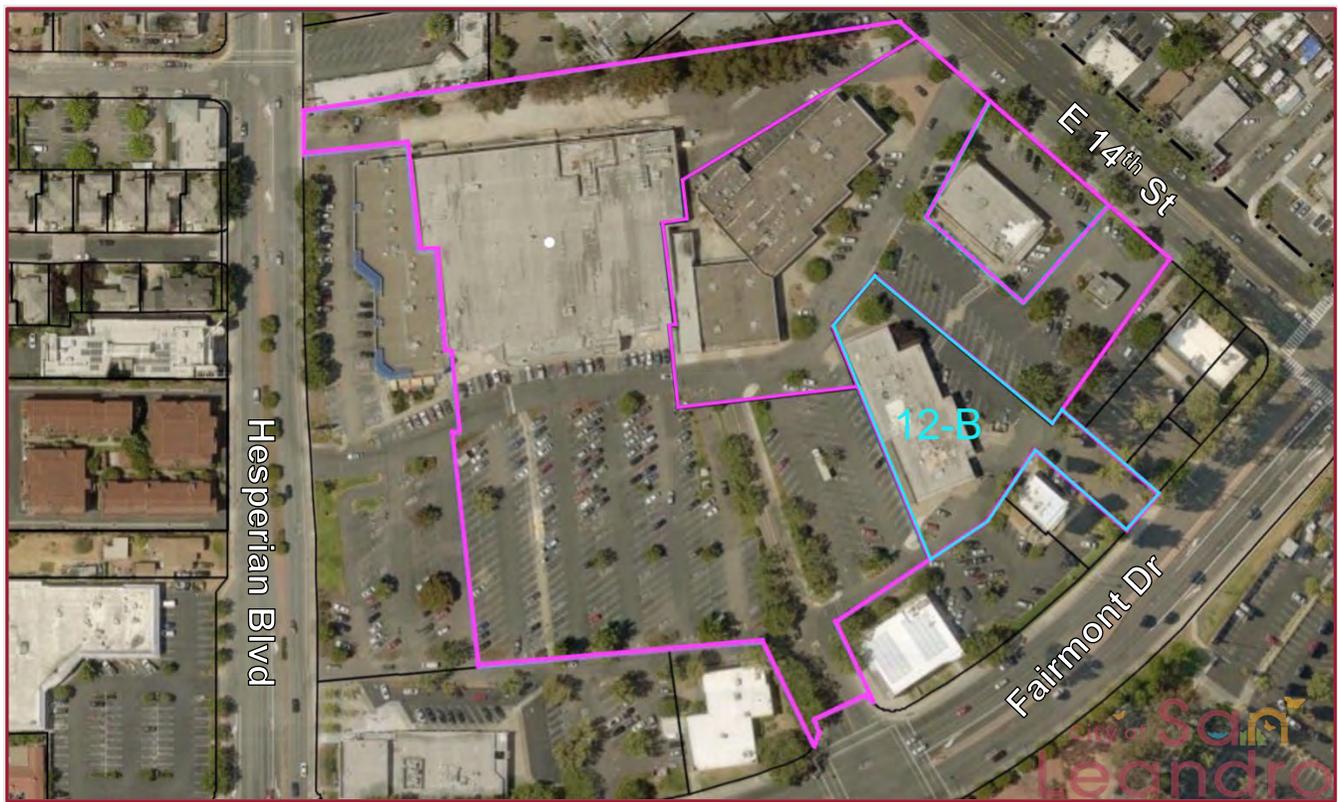


<b>Site ID</b>	11	<b>Group</b>	B
<b>APN</b>	077D-1495-021-00	<b>Year Built</b>	1981
<b>Address</b>	1300 Fairmont Drive	<b>Current Use</b>	Shopping center and parking lot
<b>Parcel Size</b>	5.78 Acres	<b>FAR</b>	0.24
<b>Priority Dev. Area</b>	Bay Fair BART Village		
<b>Imp. to Land Value Ratio</b>	0.82		
<b>General Plan</b>	Bay Fair Transit-Oriented Development (BTOD)		
<b>Zoning</b>	Bay Fair Transit-Oriented Development (B-TOD)		
<b>Current Density</b>	60 du/ac min – no max density (conservatively assumed 125 du/ac)		
<b>Amended Density</b>	N/A		
<b>Current Realistic Capacity</b>	506 Units: 152 Lower, 177 Moderate, 177 Above-Moderate		
<b>Amended Realistic Capacity</b>	N/A		
<b>Identified in Prior Cycle(s)</b>	Not Used in Prior Housing Element		
<b>Criteria Met</b>	1, 2, 3, 4		

### SITE DESCRIPTION

This site is in common ownership with sites 12, 13, and 14 for a combined 10.3 acres. The Fairmont Square shopping center was built in the early 1980s and has excellent redevelopment potential as part of the Bay Fair TOD. The property owner has an established track-record with multi-family and mixed-use developments near transit and has expressed interest in higher-density housing as part of a mixed-use project at the site. There are no minimum parking standards in the B-TOD District and the site is within ½ mile of Bay Fair BART. here are no known environmental hazards or contaminations on the site.

Assumptions conservatively assume a realistic density of 87.5 du/ac despite having no maximum density in the B-TOD District.

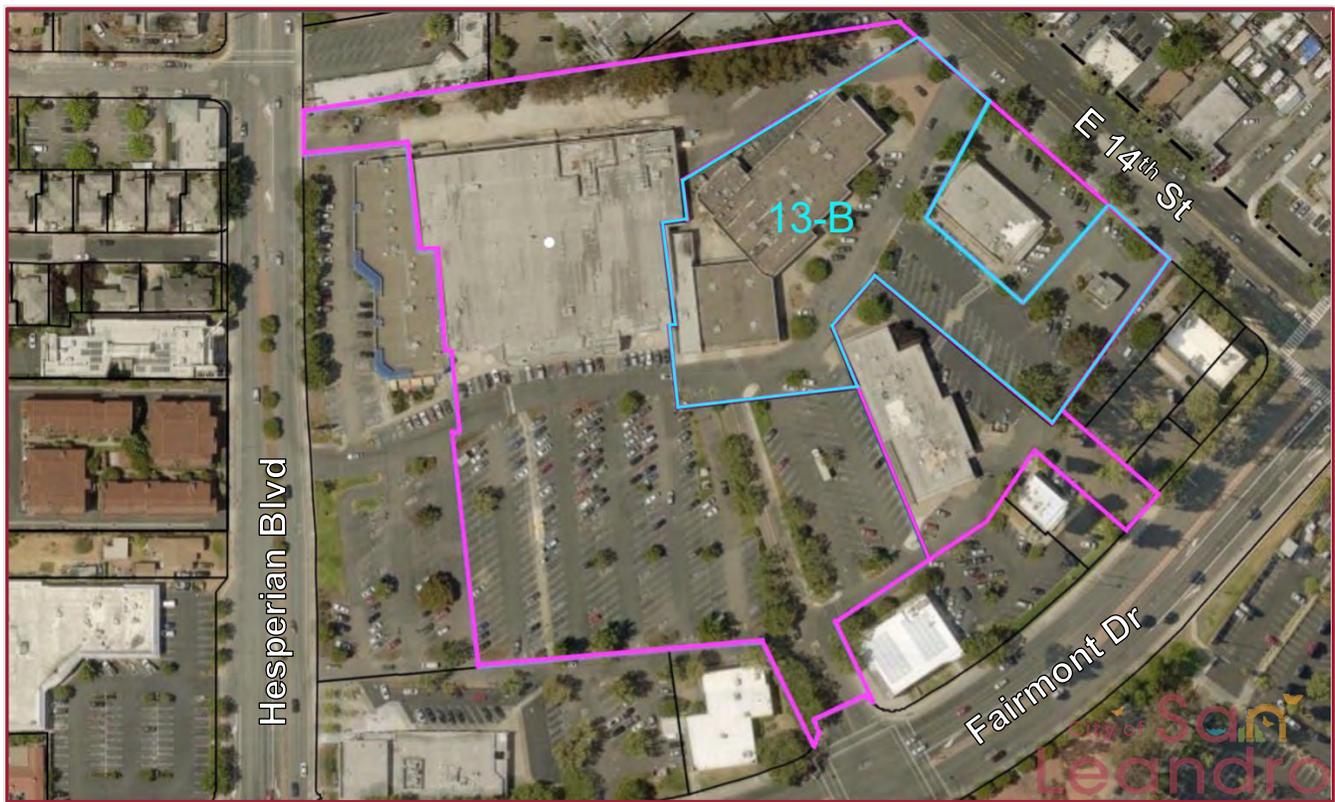


<b>Site ID</b>	12	<b>Group</b>	B
<b>APN</b>	077D-1495-021-00	<b>Year Built</b>	1980
<b>Address</b>	1330 Fairmont Drive	<b>Current Use</b>	Shopping Center
<b>Parcel Size</b>	0.97 Acres	<b>FAR</b>	0.22
<b>Priority Dev. Area</b>	Bay Fair BART Village		
<b>Imp. to Land Value Ratio</b>	1.68		
<b>General Plan</b>	Bay Fair Transit-Oriented Development (BTOD)		
<b>Zoning</b>	Bay Fair Transit-Oriented Development (B-TOD)		
<b>Current Density</b>	60 du/ac min – no max density (conservatively assumed 125 du/ac)		
<b>Amended Density</b>	N/A		
<b>Current Realistic Capacity</b>	86 Units: 26 Lower, 30 Moderate, 30 Above-Moderate		
<b>Amended Realistic Capacity</b>	N/A		
<b>Identified in Prior Cycle(s)</b>	Not Used in Prior Housing Element		
<b>Criteria Met</b>	1, 3, 4		

#### SITE DESCRIPTION

This site is in common ownership with sites 11, 13, and 14 for a combined 10.3 acres. The Fairmont Square shopping center was built in the early 1980s and has excellent redevelopment potential as part of the Bay Fair TOD. The property owner has an established track-record with multi-family and mixed-use developments near transit and has expressed interest in higher-density housing as part of a mixed-use project at the site. There are no minimum parking standards in the B-TOD District and the site is within ½ mile of Bay Fair BART. There are no known environmental hazards or contaminations on the site.

Assumptions conservatively assume a realistic density of 87.5 du/ac despite having no maximum density in the B-TOD District.

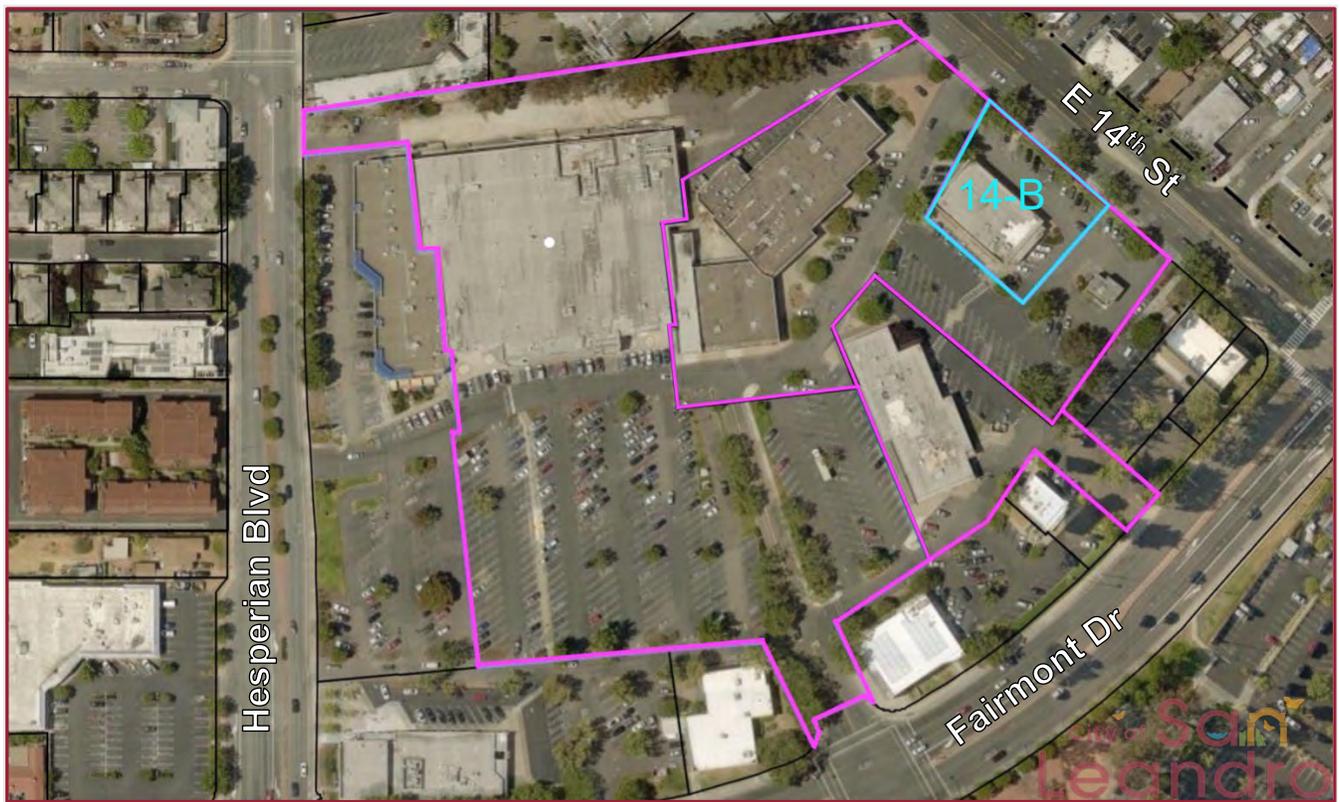


Site ID	13	Group	B
APN	077D-1495-022-00	Year Built	1980
Address	E 14 <sup>th</sup> Street	Current Use	Shopping center and parking lot
Parcel Size	3.07 Acres	FAR	0.19
Priority Dev. Area	Bay Fair BART Village		
Imp. to Land Value Ratio	1.71		
General Plan	Bay Fair Transit-Oriented Development (BTOD)		
Zoning	Bay Fair Transit-Oriented Development (B-TOD)		
Current Density	60 du/ac min – no max density (conservatively assumed 125 du/ac)		
Amended Density	N/A		
Current Realistic Capacity	268 Units: 80 Lower, 94 Moderate, 94 Above-Moderate		
Amended Realistic Capacity	N/A		
Identified in Prior Cycle(s)	Not Used in Prior Housing Element		
Criteria Met	1, 3, 4		

#### SITE DESCRIPTION

This site is in common ownership with sites 11, 12, and 14 for a combined 10.3 acres. The Fairmont Square shopping center was built in the early 1980s and has excellent redevelopment potential as part of the Bay Fair TOD. The property owner has an established track-record with multi-family and mixed-use developments near transit and has expressed interest in higher-density housing as part of a mixed-use project at the site. There are no minimum parking standards in the B-TOD District and the site is within ½ mile of Bay Fair BART. There are no known environmental hazards or contaminations on the site.

Assumptions conservatively assume a realistic density of 87.5 du/ac despite having no maximum density in the B-TOD District.



<b>Site ID</b>	14	<b>Group</b>	B
<b>APN</b>	077D-1495-015-00	<b>Year Built</b>	1986
<b>Address</b>	15251 E 14 <sup>th</sup> Street	<b>Current Use</b>	Restaurant and surface parking
<b>Parcel Size</b>	0.5 Acres	<b>FAR</b>	0.27
<b>Priority Dev. Area</b>	Bay Fair BART Village		
<b>Imp. to Land Value Ratio</b>	2.90		
<b>General Plan</b>	Bay Fair Transit-Oriented Development (BTOD)		
<b>Zoning</b>	Bay Fair Transit-Oriented Development (B-TOD)		
<b>Current Density</b>	60 du/ac min – no max density (conservatively assumed 125 du/ac)		
<b>Amended Density</b>	N/A		
<b>Current Realistic Capacity</b>	43 Units*: 0 Lower, 43 Moderate, 0 Above-Moderate		
<b>Amended Realistic Capacity</b>	N/A		
<b>Identified in Prior Cycle(s)</b>	Not Used in Prior Housing Element		
<b>Criteria Met</b>	1, 3, 4		

#### SITE DESCRIPTION

This site is in common ownership with sites 11, 12, and 13 for a combined 10.3 acres. The Fairmont Square shopping center was built in the early 1980s and has excellent redevelopment potential as part of the Bay Fair TOD. The property owner has an established track-record with multi-family and mixed-use developments near transit and has expressed interest in higher-density housing as part of a mixed-use project at the site. There are no minimum parking standards in the B-TOD District and the site is within ½ mile of Bay Fair BART. There are no known environmental hazards or contaminations on the site.

Assumptions conservatively assume a realistic density of 87.5 du/ac despite having no maximum density in the B-TOD District.

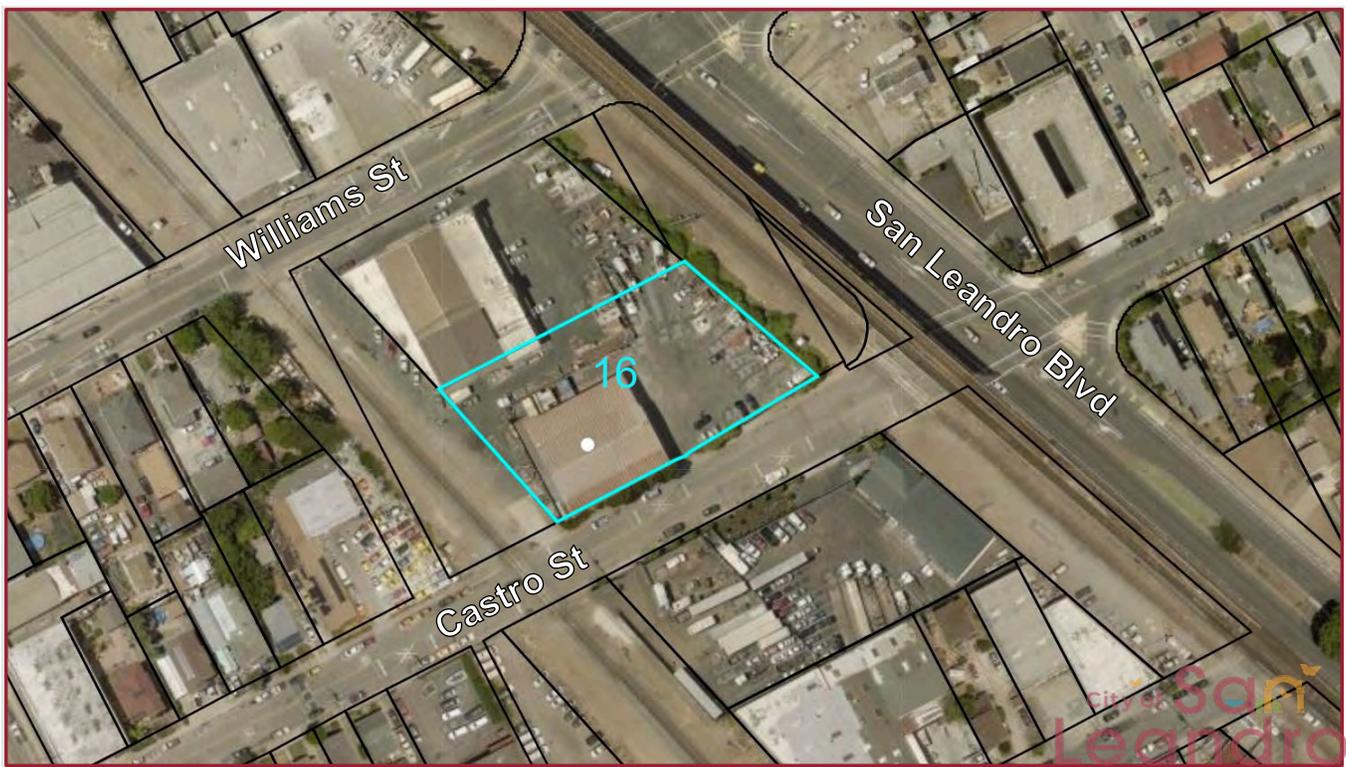


Site ID	15	Group	N/A
APN	077D-1490-030-00	Year Built	1970
Address	15555 E 14 <sup>th</sup> St	Current Use	Bayfair Center Mall and parking lot
Parcel Size	35.95 Acres*	FAR	0.40
Priority Dev. Area	Bay Fair BART Village		
Imp. to Land Value Ratio	0.82		
General Plan	Bay Fair Transit-Oriented Development (BTOD)		
Zoning	Bay Fair Transit-Oriented Development (B-TOD)		
Current Density	65 du/ac min – no max density (conservatively assumed 125 du/ac)		
Amended Density	N/A		
Current Realistic Capacity	417 Units: 125 Lower, 146 Moderate, 146 Above-Moderate		
Amended Realistic Capacity	N/A		
Identified in Prior Cycle(s)	Not Used in Prior Housing Element		
Criteria Met	1, 2, 3, 4		

### SITE DESCRIPTION

The Bayfair Center aging mall site is a key housing opportunity site adjacent to Bay Fair BART that was recently acquired by new owners. The Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan and implementing Zoning are intended to transform the area around Bay Fair BART into a vibrant transit village. The City is in regular coordination with the new owners who have expressed interest in development opportunities on the site. There are no known environmental hazards or contaminations on the site.

\*The assumptions conservatively assume housing development on only 4.78 acres of the 35.95-acre mall site using an assumed density of 87.5 du/ac despite no maximum density or minimum parking requirements in the B-TOD District. An approved multi-family development in the B-TOD District adjacent to Site 15 achieved 138 du/ac with approximately 500 units on 3.6 acres.



<b>Site ID</b>	16	<b>Group</b>	N/A
<b>APN</b>	075-0067-001-06	<b>Year Built</b>	1973
<b>Address</b>	600 Castro Street	<b>Current Use</b>	Warehouse and surface parking
<b>Parcel Size</b>	0.83 Acres	<b>FAR</b>	0.22
<b>Priority Dev. Area</b>	Downtown TOD		
<b>Imp. to Land Value Ratio</b>	0.57		
<b>General Plan</b>	Transit-Oriented Development Mixed Use (MUTOD)		
<b>Zoning</b>	Downtown Area 2 (DA-2)		
<b>Current Density</b>	20-40 du/ac		
<b>Amended Density</b>	20-125 du/ac		
<b>Current Realistic Capacity</b>	24 Units: 8 Lower, 8 Moderate, 8 Above-Moderate		
<b>Amended Realistic Capacity</b>	72 Units: 22 Lower, 25 Moderate, 25 Above-Moderate		
<b>Identified in Prior Cycle(s)</b>	Not Used in Prior Housing Element		
<b>Criteria Met</b>	1, 2, 3		

### SITE DESCRIPTION

This site in the Downtown TOD Priority Development Area is in common ownership with the neighboring 0.78-acre site at 621 Williams St. and offers consolidation potential. The site is Very Walkable (85) and has Good Transit (64) access. There are no known environmental hazards or contaminations on the site.

Concurrent Zoning Amendments are proposed to increase the maximum density in the DA-2 District within the MUTOD Land Use Designation from 40 to 125 du/ac, which is reflected in the Amended Realistic Capacity based on an assumed density of 87.5 du/ac.



<b>Site ID</b>	17	<b>Group</b>	C
<b>APN</b>	075-0225-001-04	<b>Year Built</b>	Unknown
<b>Address</b>	440 Peralta Ave	<b>Current Use</b>	Warehouse and surface parking
<b>Parcel Size</b>	1.33 Acres	<b>FAR</b>	0.42
<b>Priority Dev. Area</b>	Downtown TOD		
<b>Imp. to Land Value Ratio</b>	0.25		
<b>General Plan</b>	Transit-Oriented Development Mixed Use (MUTOD)		
<b>Zoning</b>	Downtown Area 2 (DA-2)		
<b>Current Density</b>	20-40 du/ac		
<b>Amended Density</b>	20-125 du/ac		
<b>Current Realistic Capacity</b>	38 Units: 12 Lower, 13 Moderate, 13 Above-Moderate		
<b>Amended Realistic Capacity</b>	117 Units: 35 Lower, 41 Moderate, 41 Above-Moderate		
<b>Identified in Prior Cycle(s)</b>	Not Used in Prior Housing Element		
<b>Criteria Met</b>	1, 2		

#### SITE DESCRIPTION

This site is located about 0.5 miles from San Leandro BART and there is an existing Class II bike route along San Leandro Boulevard that offers a direct connection to the station. There is lot consolidation potential with adjacent Site 18 for a combined 2.34 acres. There are no known environmental hazards or contaminations on the site.

Concurrent Zoning Amendments are proposed to increase the maximum density in the DA-2 District from 40 to 125du/ac, which is reflected in the Amended Realistic Capacity based on an assumed density of 87.5 du/ac.



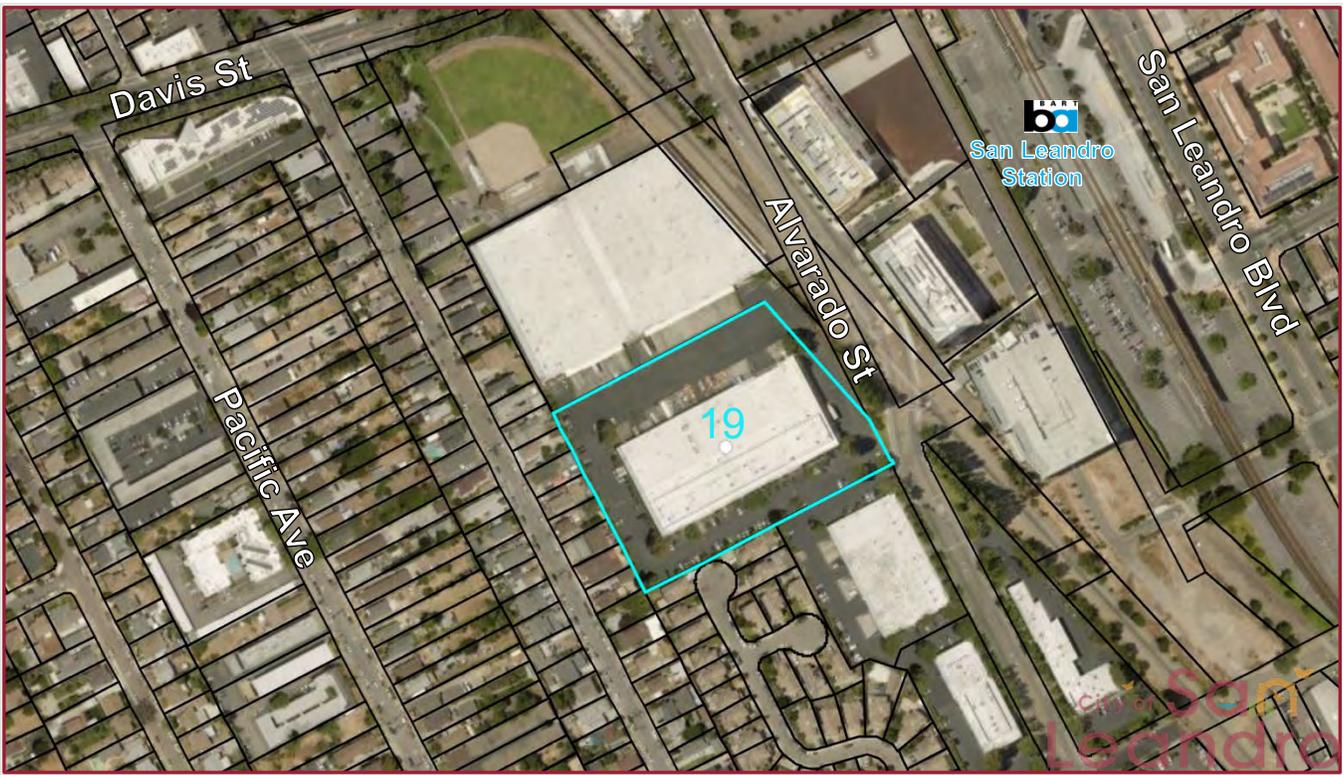
Site ID	18	Group	C
APN	075-0225-001-03	Year Built	1962
Address	523 San Leandro Blvd	Current Use	Auto body shop and surface parking
Parcel Size	1.01 Acres*	FAR	0.10
Priority Dev. Area	N/A		
Imp. to Land Value Ratio	0.14		
General Plan	Transit-Oriented Development Mixed Use (MUTOD)		
Zoning	Downtown Area 2 (DA-2)		
Current Density	20-40 du/ac		
Amended Density	20-125 du/ac		
Current Realistic Capacity	24 Units: Lower, Moderate, Above-Moderate		
Amended Realistic Capacity	77 Units: Lower, Moderate, Above-Moderate		
Identified in Prior Cycle(s)	Not Used in Prior Housing Element		
Criteria Met	1, 2, 3		

### SITE DESCRIPTION

This underutilized site was last sold in 2018 and is occupied by an auto body and towing company. It is located about 0.5 miles from San Leandro BART and there is an existing Class II bike route along San Leandro Boulevard that offers a direct connection to the station. There is lot consolidation potential with adjacent Site 17 for a combined 2.34 acres. There are no known environmental hazards or contaminations on the site.

Concurrent Zoning Amendments are proposed to increase the maximum density in the DA-2 District from 40 to 100 du/ac, which is reflected in the Amended Realistic Capacity based on an assumed density of 70 du/ac.

\*The assumed site area used in assumptions was conservatively reduced to 0.88 acres due to the triangular shape of the parcel.



<b>Site ID</b>	19	<b>Group</b>	N/A
<b>APN</b>	075-0047-014-00	<b>Year Built</b>	1988
<b>Address</b>	1565 Alvarado Street	<b>Current Use</b>	Warehouse and surface parking
<b>Parcel Size</b>	4.55 Acres	<b>FAR</b>	0.37
<b>Priority Dev. Area</b>	Downtown TOD		
<b>Imp. to Land Value Ratio</b>	2.34		
<b>General Plan</b>	Transit-Oriented Development Mixed Use (MUTOD)		
<b>Zoning</b>	Downtown Area 4 (DA-4)/Downtown Area 6 (DA-6)		
<b>Current Density</b>	60-100 du/ac		
<b>Amended Density</b>	60-125 du/ac		
<b>Current Realistic Capacity</b>	320 Units: 96 Lower, 112 Moderate, 112 Above-Moderate		
<b>Amended Realistic Capacity</b>	397 Units: 119 Lower, 139 Moderate, 139 Above-Moderate		
<b>Identified in Prior Cycle(s)</b>	Not Used in Prior Housing Element		
<b>Criteria Met</b>	1, 3, 4		

### SITE DESCRIPTION

This site in the Downtown TOD Priority Development Area is occupied by a 74,000 warehouse and has three main tenants, the leases for two of the tenants, which comprise approximately half of the total warehouse space are set to expire in the next three years. This property is located adjacent to the new San Leandro Tech Campus that was completed in 2019 and is located within walking distant to the San Leandro BART Station and to downtown, with a Walk Score of 76. This site offers a walkable setting with many amenities a short distant away. There are no known environmental hazards or contaminations on the site, and there is developer interest in this area due to its proximity to BART and connectivity to major employment centers around the Bay Area.

Concurrent Zoning Amendments are proposed to increase the maximum density in the DA-4 District from 100 to 125du/ac, which is reflected in the Amended Realistic Capacity based on an assumed density of 87.5 du/ac. There is no maximum density in the DA-6 District.

# Appendix C

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Past Accomplishments

# 1 Review of Past Accomplishments

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To develop appropriate programs to address the housing issues identified in the 2023-2031 Housing Element, the City of San Leandro reviewed the housing programs adopted in the 2015-2023 Housing Element and evaluated the effectiveness of these programs in delivering housing services and assistance. Table C-1 and Table C-2 summarizes the City's construction, rehabilitation, and preservation goals and accomplishments during the 5th Cycle planning period and Table C-3 provides a detailed program-level assessment of housing accomplishments over the last planning period.

## 1.1 Overview of Accomplishments

During the 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element, the City implemented numerous programs to support market-rate and affordable housing production, homeownership, preservation of existing housing stock, and tenant protection. A full list of programs is included in Table 5-2. Most notably, the city implemented the following:

- **Rent Review Program** – The Rent Review Program offers public negotiation/mediation of rent disputes between tenants and landlords through a five-member board consisting of two landlords, two tenants and a homeowner.
- **Tenant Relocation Assistance Program** – The tenant relocation ordinance is triggered when a tenant's rental agreement is terminated due to landlord-caused terminations as defined in the Ordinance. Eligible tenants may receive relocation assistance of up to \$7,000 per unit from their landlord following a landlord-caused termination to assist with relocation to a new residence.
- **Landlord-Tenant Counseling with Legal Aid** – The City of San Leandro maintain a contract with Centro Legal to provide San Leandro tenants information on their housing rights and responsibilities. ECHO Housing has a subcontract with Centro Legal to provides information and referral assistance in resolving rental housing disputes through conciliation.
- **First Time Homebuyer Program** – The City of San Leandro contracts with Bay Area Affordable Homeownership Alliance (BAAHA) to administer first-time homebuyer seminars, homebuyer education and counseling, and assists with the administration of the City's Inclusionary Housing Ownership Program.
- **Owner Occupied Home Repair Program** – The City's Minor Home Repair Program offers home repair grants of up to \$5,000 for needed improvements including compliance with health and safety standards.
- **Inclusionary Housing Program** – City staff continues to implement the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance that requires new residential rental development projects (including condominium conversions) to set aside at least 15 percent of their units for moderate-, low-, and very low-income households.
- **Mobilehome Rent Stabilization Ordinance** – Beginning in 2019, a mobilehome park owner may impose a rent increase for a mobilehome space of no more than four percent or the annual percent change in the CPI, whichever is less. In addition, the rent for a mobilehome space may not be increased more than once in any twelve-month period.

Additionally, San Leandro has focused on long-range planning efforts to support housing development, including:

- **Bay Fair TOD Plan** – The Bay Fair TOD Specific Plan was adopted by the San Leandro City Council in 2018, following an extensive community engagement and planning process. The Specific Plan sets a vision for the Bay Fair area to become a walkable, transit-oriented community hub, with public gathering spaces and a mix of retail, neighborhood services, housing, and office space.

### 1.1.1 Development of Affordable Units

During the 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle, multiple affordable housing developments either began construction or were completed (see Table 5-2 for total number of units). The following notable projects have contributed to the affordable housing stock in the city:



**Marea Alta, BRIDGE Housing** – This 115-unit development was completed in 2017 and is affordable to households earning 30-55 percent of the AMI. The Marea Alta development is located adjacent to the San Leandro Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) station.



**La Vereda, BRIDGE Housing** – This 85-unit senior development was completed in 2019. The development was allocated 62 project-based vouchers.



**Loro Landing, Eden Housing** – This 62-unit development was completed in May 2022. The development was allocated 25 project-based vouchers under the HUD-VASH (Housing and Urban Development - Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) program as a subsidy to the development.



**15101 Washington, Abode Communities** – This 72-unit development is in the planning stage as of April 2022. Non-profit Abode Communities was approved by City Council for \$7 million in City affordable housing funding for this project.

### 1.1.2 Effectiveness in Addressing Special Needs

Special needs communities are demographic or occupational groups that call for specific program responses to address unique housing needs. State law specifically requires analysis of the special housing needs of people who are elderly or disabled (including developmental disabilities), female-headed households, large families, farmworkers, and people experiencing homelessness. These special-needs groups often spend a disproportionate amount of their income to secure safe and decent housing and are sometimes subject to discrimination based on their specific needs or circumstances.

The City of San Leandro's 5<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element addressed special needs populations through actions under *Goal 58: Special Needs Populations*, which has the objective to proactively address the identified special housing needs of the community, which include seniors, low-income families, and unhoused residents. During the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle, the City took the following actions to address special needs housing:

- In 2015, the City adopted zoning code amendments which allow emergency shelters by right in the Industrial-Light (IL) zoning district.
- In March 2016, the City of San Leandro partnered with Building Futures with Women & Children and the Rental Housing Association of Southern Alameda County to form the San Leandro Homeless Compact, a collaborative dedicated to providing long-term housing and services to San Leandro residents experiencing chronic homeless individuals in San Leandro. The compact provided 25 housing units for those persons.
- The City annually contributed funds along with other Alameda County jurisdictions to provide general support for EveryOne Home (EOH) and the management of InHOUSE Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database. EOH continues to design and incubate best practices and innovative approaches to reducing and ending homelessness in Alameda County.
- In 2021, the City Council prioritized the acquisition of a site for a homeless navigation center with temporary and/or permanent supportive housing. City staff began actively searching for a site since Spring 2021 and City Council approved a purchase agreement in March 2022 to acquire and rehabilitate the Nimitz Motel into an interim homeless navigation center with shelter/housing and longer-term conversion to permanent supportive housing. The City submitted a state Project Homekey Program grant application in May 2022 for funding.
- La Vereda completed construction of 85 affordable housing units for seniors.
- Loro Landing completed construction of 62 residential apartments that includes housing vouchers for 25 formerly homeless military veterans.
- The City annually allocated General Fund monies to assist with the operation of Building Futures with Women and Children San Leandro Shelter. The City also allocated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public service dollars to Davis Street Family Resource Center Basic Needs Program, SOS Meals on Wheels, Spectrum senior food nutrition program, and CALICO child abuse intervention services.

## 1.2 Quantified Objectives

Table C-1 summarizes the City’s progress toward meeting the previous 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element objectives to rehabilitate and conserve/preserve existing housing stock.

**Table C-1 Quantified Housing Objective and Achieved Accomplishments (2015-2021)**

Income Levels <sup>1</sup>	Rehabilitation		Conservation <sup>2</sup> /Preservation	
	Objectives	Actual	Objectives	Actual
Very Low Income (<50% AMI)	15	43	620	-0
Low Income (50-80% AMI)	205	-	805	-
Moderate Income (80-120% AMI)		-	11	-
Above Moderate (>120% AMI)		-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Income levels are based on Area Median Income (AMI).

<sup>2</sup> There were no units identified in the 5th Cycle Housing Element that were at high risk of conversion to market-rate units.

As shown in Table C-2, the City did not reach its 5<sup>th</sup> cycle RHNA goals for any income category. As detailed in Section 3, *Housing Constraints*, rising construction costs and decreased rents as a result of the pandemic were cited as a hinderance to housing development. However, the City successfully moved forward on several affordable housing projects, as noted above.

**Table C-2 RHNA Progress (2015-2021)**

<b>Income Levels<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2015-2023 RHNA</b>	<b>Permits Issued 2015-2020</b>	<b>Percent RHNA Progress with Permits Issued</b>
Very Low Income (<50% AMI)	504	132	26%
Low Income (50-80% AMI)	270	126	47%
Moderate Income (80-120% AMI)	352	0	0%
Above Moderate (>120% AMI)	1,161	83	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,287</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>15%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Income levels are based on Area Median Income (AMI).

### 1.3 Review of Past Accomplishments

Table C-3 provides a detailed program-level assessment of housing accomplishments during the 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element planning period.

Table C-3 Review of Past Accomplishments

Program	Description and Objectives	Progress and Continued Appropriateness
<b>Goal 53: Affordable Housing Development</b> - Increase the supply of ownership and rental housing in San Leandro affordable to extremely low-, very low-, low-, and moderate-income households		
<b>53.01 A</b>	<b>Downtown TOD Strategy Implementation</b> Continue to promote the San Leandro BART Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Area as a major regional opportunity for mixed use development and ABAG Priority Development Area (PDA).	Mixed-use development projects continue to be implemented, including the following recent and planned projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 62 units of affordable housing at Loro Landing (1604 San Leandro Boulevard)</li> <li>▪ 196 market and moderate-income multi-family units and ground floor grocery and retail at 1188 E 14<sup>th</sup> Street (Centro Callan)</li> <li>▪ Several multifamily projects at including 687 market-rate units by Maximus Development at 915 Antonio</li> </ul> Based on the continued importance of increase housing stock in the City of San Leandro, especially in TOD areas, and in compliance with newly signed housing bills SB 9 and SB 10, this action is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle as part of an overall residential and mixed use promotion program.
<b>53.01 B</b>	<b>Bay Fair BART</b> Work with BART to further develop and refine transit-oriented development plans for the area around the Bay Fair Station, including the BART parking lots and adjoining underutilized private and public properties.	The City Council adopted the Bay Fair BART TOD Specific Plan in February of 2018. The zoning update was initiated and two census tracts in the Specific Plan area were named as federal Opportunity Zones in 2019. In 2020 the Specific Plan amendment and General Plan amendment were adopted by the City Council. In 2021, the Planning Division approved a SB 35 application for 497 new housing units in the Bay Fair TOD areas. Based on the action being completed this action should be eliminated. No further action necessary.
<b>53.01 C</b>	<b>Upper Washington Corridor and MacArthur Blvd Rezoning</b> Consistent with the San Leandro General Plan, rezone the following “CC” areas for Mixed Use development: Washington Street between Castro Street and San Leandro Boulevard (excluding properties zoned RD and RM) MacArthur Blvd between Durant Street and Foothill Boulevard	The rezoning will be adopted concurrently with the Housing Element Update. Based on the progress of this program and continued importance for new housing opportunities in the city, Action 53.01-C is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.
<b>53.01 D</b>	<b>Shoreline Area Housing Opportunities</b> Complete a planning study for the San Leandro Marina area which includes opportunities for new housing at a variety of densities. Following consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council, make appropriate zoning changes which would enable the construction of additional housing units in this area.	The City and Cal-Coast Development continue to work on the comprehensive development plan for the Monarch Bay Shoreline Development Project. In 2020, the City held community meetings and approved a Disposition and Development Agreement, a Purchase and Sale Agreement, and multiple leases, as well as approved an EIR Addendum and Zoning and General Plan Map Amendments. The City also approved consulting contracts to begin community outreach and design for a nine-acre park. The development will include the construction of approximately 285 multi-family units and 206 single-family and townhome units. The developer will construct 21 units of workforce

Program	Description and Objectives	Progress and Continued Appropriateness
		<p>housing and contribute over \$2.1 million to the City’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund. All housing entitlements slated to be approved by mid-2022.</p> <p>Based on the action being completed, this action should be eliminated. No further action necessary.</p>
<b>53.03 A</b>	<p><b>Applications for Grant Funding</b></p> <p>Continue to pursue all available funding sources for affordable housing construction, including annual applications for federal CDBG and HOME funds, and applications for state funds through the Department of Housing and Community Development.</p>	<p>The City is a member of the Alameda County HOME Consortium that collaborates on allocation and appropriation of federal HOME funds. The Loro Landing (aka Parrott Street) Apartments affordable housing development successfully applied for Tax Credit financing in 2019. Construction on this project commenced in 2020 and was fully leased-up by Spring 2022.</p> <p>Based on the progress of this action, Action 53.03 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
<b>53.03 B</b>	<p><b>Support for Non-Profit and For-Profit Affordable Housing Developers</b></p> <p>Continue to provide support and information to non-profit and for-profit developers seeking to create affordable housing in San Leandro, including assistance in applications for Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Affordable Housing Program funds, and other funding sources.</p> <p>The City will continue to participate as a member of the Alameda County HOME Consortium in applications for federal funds. The City will also continue to explore alternatives to make up for the revenue lost when the Redevelopment Agency was eliminated. Among the new state funding sources to be explored are the Proposition 41 funds to acquire, construct, rehabilitate and preserve affordable housing for veterans and their families. Approximately \$545 million in Prop 41 funds will be available statewide in the next seven years. The City will also explore funding to facilitate new housing development through HCD’s Infill Infrastructure Grant Program and its TOD Housing Program. Based on a 2014 Senate Budget Review Committee proposal, approximately 20 percent of the funds collected through the State’s cap-and-trade program may be earmarked for affordable housing in transit-oriented development.</p>	<p>City staff continue to meet with nonprofit housing developers to encourage new affordable housing development in the City. The City released an RFP in 2021 seeking to formally establish a relationship with an Affordable Housing Developer in order to encumber the City’s remaining allocation of Measure A-1 funding. In Spring 2022 City Council approved City Staff’s recommendation to fund a 100% affordable housing development with 71 residential housing units at 15101 Washington Avenue by Abode Communities, a non-profit affordable housing developer who works throughout California with offices in Los Angeles.</p> <p>Based on the progress of this action, Action 53.03 B is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>

Program	Description and Objectives	Progress and Continued Appropriateness
53.03 C	<p><b>Affordable Housing Trust Fund</b></p> <p>Maintain a local affordable housing trust fund (AHTF) that is capitalized with in-lieu fees from the inclusionary housing program and condo conversion fees.</p>	<p>Housing Division staff continue to compile AHTF revenue/expenditure income data from prior fiscal years for annual reporting under the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. The City is anticipating an infusion of in-lieu revenue from entitled housing developments that faced delays during the pandemic.</p> <p>Based on the continued importance of affordable housing in the City to meet RHNA allocations, Action 53.03 C is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
53.03 D	<p><b>Affordable Housing Bonds</b></p> <p>Support affordable housing bond measures at the State and County level. Lobby for and participate in discussions of such bonds if and when they are being developed or proposed.</p>	<p>The County of Alameda Housing and Community Development Department continues to administer the 2016 Measure A-1 Affordable Housing Bond funds. The City of San Leandro issued an RFP in 2021 in order to commit its base City allocation of \$5 million. The nonprofit Abode Communities was selected, and it is seeking to develop 72 affordable rental housing units at 15101 Washington Avenue.</p> <p>Based on the progress of this action, Action 53.03 D is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
53.04 A	<p><b>Housing Nexus Study</b></p> <p>Prepare a nexus study, either independently or collaboratively with other cities, to support an adjustment to the inclusionary housing in-lieu fee and/or an Affordable Rental Housing Impact Fee.</p>	<p>In 2016, the Silicon Valley Community Foundation conducted a regional Nexus Study and Feasibility Analysis. The City of San Leandro participated in this effort and contracted with Keyser Marston Associates to provide their assessment and a program proposal to be considered by the City Council.</p> <p>The City applied the proposed rental housing in-lieu fee to multiple mixed-income projects that were exempt from AB 1505 (915 Antonio, Shoreline Development, 1388 Bancroft, 1188 E. 14th).</p> <p>The amendments to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance to incorporate the Keyser Marston study did not occur during the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle but will be addressed during the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle as part of planned City fee review/study.</p> <p>Based on the progress of Action 53.04 A, this action should be carried over into the next housing cycle as part of the City’s fee review/study.</p>
53.04 B	<p><b>Revisions to Inclusionary Housing Ordinance</b></p> <p><b>Action 53.04 B – Revisions to Inclusionary Housing Ordinance:</b> Revise the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (Zoning Code Article 30) to incorporate “lessons learned” since its adoption.</p> <p><i>It may be desirable to amend the Ordinance so that it is more responsive to market fluctuations. The aim of the revision should be to increase the production of affordable units while still achieving geographic dispersal of affordable housing across the city.</i></p> <p><i>Changes to the Ordinance should consider:</i></p> <p>making it easier to contribute to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund rather than incorporating</p>	<p>This program action was in response to a state Supreme Court decision in 2009, <i>Palmer/Sixth Street Properties L.P. v. City of Los Angeles</i>, that invalidated the City of San Leandro’s ability to enforce an Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance for new rental housing development. The Inclusionary Housing Ordinance was first enacted in 2006.</p> <p>In the fall of 2017, the California State legislature passed AB 1505 (Bloom) that provided a fix to the state supreme court decision.</p> <p>Based on the progress of this action, Action 53.04 B is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle along with 53.04A.</p>

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	<p>inclusionary units on site. Such a change could enable deeper levels of subsidy for affordable housing development and increase the supply of very low and extremely low income units when above moderate income housing is built.</p> <p>allowing developers to acquire and refurbish foreclosed properties and resell them as income-restricted inclusionary units (in lieu of developing new units).</p> <p>modifying the way inclusionary requirements are calculated, rounding “up” rather than “down” for fractional assignments over 0.5.</p> <p>capturing “partial” units (0.1 through 0.4) in projects with seven or more units through in-lieu fees (for example, a 9-unit project currently only has to provide one unit and pay no fee, even though 15 percent of nine units is 1.35 units.).</p> <p>adjusting the percentages of owner-occupied units targeted to low- versus moderate- income households based on market conditions.</p> <p><i>The City will ensure that any revisions to the Ordinance are made with input from developers, builders, realtors, and housing advocates in the San Leandro area, as well as the community at large.</i></p>	
<p><b>53.05 A</b></p>	<p><b>Marketing of Housing Development Opportunities</b></p> <p>Prepare promotional print and web-based materials advertising residential and mixed-use development opportunities in the city, particularly around the Downtown and Bay Fair BART Stations and along the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street corridor. Continue to pursue grant funding for visual simulations and other educational media which illustrate high-density housing prototypes (especially along East 14<sup>th</sup> Street and around the BART Stations) and respond to neighborhood concerns about higher density housing</p>	<p>The City provided information in the 2015-2023 Housing Element Appendix A. In addition to Appendix A, the City updated the Housing Opportunity Site list published on the City’s website in 2018: <a href="https://www.sanleandro.org/DocumentCenter/View/4759/Housing-Opportunity-Sites-July-2018-PDF?bidId=">https://www.sanleandro.org/DocumentCenter/View/4759/Housing-Opportunity-Sites-July-2018-PDF?bidId=</a></p> <p>Staff have communicated in recent years with many private developers, including those with entitled projects that were near expiration or expired, to look into State housing streamlining laws (SB 35, Density Bonus) or partnerships with experienced nonprofit housing developers to create affordable or mixed income developments on their existing or potential sites.</p> <p>Based on the progress of this action, Action 53.05 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle. Recommend updating language to focus on a development and opportunity sites map on the City website that has been started.</p>

Program	Description and Objectives	Progress and Continued Appropriateness
53.05 B	<p><b>Downtown Housing Sites</b></p> <p>Facilitate land assembly and/ or mixed-use development, including housing, on the following two sites:</p> <p>Town Hall Square (block bounded by Davis, Hays, and East 14<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p>CVS (1188 East 14<sup>th</sup>)</p>	<p>In 2020, the City continued to develop two former RDA sites: Town Hall Square and the former CVS building at located at East 14<sup>th</sup> and Davis Street (197 units with ground-floor retail).</p> <p>City staff continue to support the site assembly of both City-owned and private parcels to gain an economy of scale for a signature mixed-use development and to activate these important downtown locations.</p> <p>Based on the action being completed this action should be eliminated. No further action necessary.</p>
53.06 A	<p><b>The Cornerstone Apartments</b></p> <p>Facilitate the completion of the 200-unit Cornerstone Apartments on the 2.2-acre site at West Juana Avenue and San Leandro Boulevard currently used for BART parking.</p>	<p>In 2019 the residential development at the former BART surface parking lot, "La Vereda," received its Temporary Certificate of Occupancy and residents moved in starting in the Fall. The 115-unit Marea Alta project was completed.</p> <p>Based on the action being completed this action should be eliminated. No further action necessary.</p>
53.06 B	<p><b>Encouraging Market Rate Rentals</b></p> <p>Develop strategies to attract additional market rate rental apartment development to San Leandro.</p>	<p>City Planning staff continue to meet with for-profit housing developers to encourage new housing in the City.</p> <p>To further support development in the City's primary growth areas, the City utilized State SB2 Planning Grants Program funding to develop objective design and development standards for multi-family residential and mixed-use development in order to provide greater predictability to developers and community members. The objective standards amendments were adopted in January 2022 and they included standardizing and streamlining the development review process in accordance with recent changes in state law. Based on the continued need for market rate rentals in the City, Action 53.06 B is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
53.09 A	<p><b>Additional Allowances for Mobile Home Parks</b></p> <p>Amend Section 2-510(B) of the San Leandro Zoning Code to make "manufactured home parks" a conditionally permitted use in the RD zone, in addition to the RM zone (where it is already permitted).</p>	<p>Additional mobile home anti-displacement policies were adopted in 2021. Zoning amendments to expand allowed locations for mobile homes are being prepared for concurrent adoption with the Housing Element Update.</p> <p>Based on the progress of 53.09A, it is recommended that this action be carried over into the next housing cycle.</p>
53.10 A	<p><b>Market-Rate Development Focus Group</b></p> <p>Convene one or more roundtable discussions, site tours, or focus groups with prospective developers of market rate condominiums and townhomes, as well as lenders, realtors, economists, and others with knowledge of the local market.</p> <p><i>The purpose of this action is to have a continuing discussion about the factors affecting the condo and townhouse market in San Leandro, and steps the City, the development community, lenders,</i></p>	<p>Market-rate developers/real estate professionals focus group were convened to discuss development feasibility for the Bay Fair TOD Plan adopted in 2018. In 2020, the City worked on the preparation of objective standards for multifamily development utilizing a SB 2 grant. Market-rate developers were interviewed as key stakeholders and their feedback was summarized in a Development Constraints Memo and is still current enough to be used for the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle Housing Element Update.</p> <p>Based on the continued need to develop market-rate housing in San Leandro, Action 53.10 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing cycle.</p>

Program	Description and Objectives	Progress and Continued Appropriateness
<i>and others can take to create more favorable conditions for development.</i>		
<b>Goal 54: Administration of Housing Programs</b> - Ensure that local housing programs are administered in a way that maximizes benefits to San Leandro residents.		
54.01 A	<b>Housing Annual Report</b>	<p>Consistent with State law, prepare an annual report on the City’s progress toward Housing Element implementation.</p> <p>This is a regular function of the Housing Division staff, the Annual Progress Report has been submitted in a timely and on an annual basis to ensure the City is in compliance with State law.</p> <p>Based on the action being a recurring component of the Housing Division it should be eliminated. It will be discussed where relevant in the Housing Element Update.</p>
54.01 B	<b>Monitoring Housing Production</b>	<p>As a component of the Annual Report, include data on the balance between market rate and affordable housing production in San Leandro. Use this data to shape the City’s housing and economic development programs, and to identify funding priorities.</p> <p>This is a regular function of the Housing Division staff.</p> <p>Based on the action being a recurring component of the Housing Division and changes to APR reporting requirements, it should be eliminated. It will be discussed where relevant in the Housing Element Update.</p>
54.04 A	<b>Changes to Long-Term Affordability Requirements</b>	<p>Engage the City Council in a discussion of possible revisions to the City’s long-term affordability requirements.</p> <p>Housing Division staff actively track changes in ownership for housing developments that are considered "at-risk" of being lost to the housing supply (properties with expiring deed restrictions).</p> <p>Based on the recurring nature of this action, Action 54.04 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
54.05 A	<b>Monitoring Data to Demonstrate Local Needs and Benefits</b>	<p>Continue to collect and report out on data which documents the need for affordable housing among existing San Leandro residents, and the extent to which new affordable units benefit local residents.</p> <p>Housing Division staff manage grants supported by the federal CDBG funds. In October 2017 the City Council adopted the Human Service Needs Gap Analysis that identified priorities for the City's Human Services Program support and guides programs that are funded by the Community Assistance Program (CAP). Agencies funded in FY 2020-21 include CALICO, SOS/Meals on Wheels, Spectrum Community Services, Building Futures (San Leandro homeless shelter and services for women and children at risk or who are homeless), Davis Street Family Resources (housing counseling and basic needs programs), EveryoneHome, and the Housing Division and Human Services departments that monitor and provide services to homeless and those at-risk of homelessness.</p> <p>Based on the action being a recurring component of the Housing Division it should be eliminated. It will be discussed where relevant in the Housing Element Update.</p>
54.06 A	<b>Boomerang Funds</b>	<p>Review the feasibility of using “boomerang” funds (locally designated funding for affordable housing from property tax revenues resulting from the elimination of the Redevelopment Agency) for affordable housing development and programs in San Leandro. A report on this issue should be provided to the City Council within two years of Housing Element adoption and an</p> <p>There has been no activity in this area in the last RHNA planning period 2015-2023.</p> <p>Based on there being no information on this action in the APRs for two years following the adoption of the 5th Cycle Housing Element, it is recommended this be addressed within a year of the 6th cycle Housing Element.</p>

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	<p>action to dedicate such funds to housing programs/projects should be taken if deemed appropriate.</p>	
54.07 A	<p><b>Web-based GIS Applications</b></p>	<p>As feasible, expand web-based GIS applications so that the public can access data about particular parcels and their surroundings via the internet.</p> <p>City IT and Housing Division staff continue to work together to provide maps of affordable housing and services in the City that are available to the public. Following is the address of the public web portal: <a href="https://www.geosl.org/">https://www.geosl.org/</a></p> <p>In addition, the City has created a new website which will help advance this program. Based on the progress and continued need to provide information to the public regarding Housing Element Opportunity Site parcels, Action 54.07A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
54.08	<p><b>Collaboration with Oakland and Alameda County</b></p>	<p>Continue to work collaboratively with the City of Oakland and Alameda County on issues of mutual concern along the San Leandro border. In the North Area, this should include joint planning efforts to address circulation, parking, truck traffic, neighborhood blight and code enforcement issues along the border between the two cities. In the Bay Fair and Ashland areas, this should include joint efforts with Alameda County to improve the quality of housing, roads, infrastructure, and public space in the unincorporated areas southeast of the San Leandro city limits.</p> <p>Intergovernmental Coordination</p> <p>Housing Division staff actively participate in regular meetings hosted by Alameda County that convenes representatives of many if not all County jurisdictions. When possible, staff also participate in East Bay Housing Organization's Regional Policy Committee and Non-Profit Housing of Northern California's Legislative Issues Committee. Planning staff actively participate in regional planning forums that pertain to housing, including the monthly Alameda County Planning Directors' Working Group and ABAG's RHNA Housing Methodology Committee.</p> <p>Based on the progress and routine collaboration this action, Action 54.08 is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
<p><b>Goal 55: Home Ownership</b> - Provide opportunities for low- and moderate-income San Leandro households to become homeowners, and support efforts to help such households retain their homes in the event of financial crisis.</p>		
55.02 A	<p><b>First-Time Homebuyer Loan Program</b></p>	<p>As funding allows, restore the City's first-time homebuyer assistance program, offering low-interest deferred payment loans to qualifying low- and moderate-income households for down payment assistance or gap financing.</p> <p>The program was eliminated in 2012 due to the loss of Redevelopment Agency funding. Funding options could include partnering with another jurisdiction or agency on a First Time Homebuyers Loan Program.</p> <p>The City will continue to explore opportunities to re-establish the first-time homebuyer down payment assistance loan program, but available funding resources continue to be limited. Based on the progress of this action, Action 55.02 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>

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55.02 B	<p><b>Mortgage Credit Certificate Program</b></p> <p>Continue to support the Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) Program administered by the Alameda County Housing and Community Development Department.</p> <p>Recipients of MCCs may take 20 percent of their annual mortgage interest payment as a dollar-for-dollar tax credit against their federal income taxes. The homebuyer adjusts federal income tax withholdings, thereby increasing income available to pay the mortgage.</p>	<p>The City of San Leandro continues to participate in the Alameda County HCD Mortgage Credit Certificate Program. Alameda County ran out of authority to issue more MCCs as of October 2019. Given this, there were no new MCCs issued for properties in San Leandro from 2020 until the end of the RHNA planning period.</p> <p>Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 55.02 B is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
55.03 A	<p><b>First-Time Buyer Education</b></p> <p>Provide support to the Bay Area Home Buyers Agency or an equivalent organization to provide homebuyer counseling services and to conduct periodic City-sponsored workshops for first-time homebuyers, in coordination with participating lenders and realtors. Publicize these seminars as they occur and ensure that local residents may attend seminars in nearby cities as well as those in San Leandro.</p>	<p>The City maintains a contract with the Bay Area Affordable Homeownership Alliance (BAAHA) to provide First-Time Home Buyer counseling assistance to San Leandro residents. Additionally, BAAHA provides workshops and seminars that prepares First-Time Home Buyers to purchase their home. These workshops and seminars provide financial literacy and information on financial resources for home buyers.</p> <p>Based on the progress of Action 55.02 A, this action, Action 55.03 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle. This could be combined with 55.02A and others in a “First Time Home Buyer Support” program.</p>
55.03 B	<p><b>Post-Purchase Seminar</b></p> <p>Continue conducting an annual seminar to advise persons who have recently purchased a San Leandro home (a “post- purchase” seminar), particularly through the inclusionary housing program.</p>	<p>The City maintains a contract with the Bay Area Affordable Homeownership Alliance (BAAHA) to provide Post-Purchase counseling assistance to San Leandro Below Market Rate ownership housing.</p> <p>Based on the progress of this action and how it complements the above action, Action 55.03 B is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
<p><b>Goal 56: Affordable Housing Conservation</b> - Encourage the preservation and rehabilitation of the existing affordable housing stock.</p>		
56.01 A	<p><b>Home Repair Grants</b></p> <p>Continue local financial support for the following programs which assist low- and very low income homeowners in home maintenance and repair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minor Home Repair Program, for minor repairs to correct conditions that threaten the health and safety of occupants</li> <li>Mobile Home Repair, for minor repairs to correct conditions that threaten the health and safety of occupants</li> <li>Accessibility grants, to make homes accessible to disabled or elderly people</li> </ul>	<p>In 2020 City Housing Division staff continued to work with Rebuilding Together Oakland   East Bay (RT). During the RHNA planning period there will be over 43 home rehabilitation grants awarded under this CDBG program. Based on the progress and ongoing demand of this funding, Action 56.01 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>

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	<p>Exterior Clean-up, to help very low income owner occupants with yard clean-up and debris removal</p> <p>Exterior Paint, to improve the appearance of homes for very low income owners</p> <p>Seismic strengthening, to help low-income owners make improvements to reduce possible earthquake damage.</p> <p>These grants should be publicized through news articles, expanded use of the “housing programs” link on the City’s website, press releases and liaison with the San Leandro Times and other media outlets, advertisements on the City’s local access cable channel, greater coordination with the Police Department’s Community Compliance officers, increased use of promotional flyers at San Leandro public libraries, greater use of multi-lingual printed materials, and targeted campaigns in neighborhoods with high concentrations of older housing stock or lower-income households.</p>	
<p><b>56.01 B</b></p>	<p><b>Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program</b></p> <p>Explore potential new funding sources to restore the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program, which was discontinued upon the elimination of the Redevelopment Agency. When funds were available, the program provided loans and technical assistance to very low and low-income homeowners for major repairs such as kitchens, baths, and roofs. If new funding sources are identified, they should be pursued and used for this purpose.</p>	<p>The City's housing rehabilitation loan program was eliminated due to loss of redevelopment funding in 2012. If another funding source is identified, then staff will consider reinstating this program. City Housing Division staff have been making referrals to the Alameda County "Renew" Program funding with 2016 A-1 Bond funds.</p> <p>Based on the progress of this action, it is recommended that Action 56.01 B be carried over into the next housing cycle.</p>
<p><b>56.02-A</b></p>	<p><b>Action 56.02-A: Apartment Rehabilitation Program:</b> Continue the Apartment Rehabilitation Program, which funds projects on a case-by-case basis using sources such as HOME, CDBG, the local Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and state and federal tax credits.</p> <p>This program provides technical and financial assistance to the owners of rental properties to</p>	<p>The City's ad hoc rental apartment rehabilitation loan program has diminished due to loss of redevelopment funding in 2012. Federal HOME funds could be a future potential funding source. The City will support developers interested in acquiring and rehabilitating apartments with regulated affordable housing (e.g., using tax credit financing.) The City has not expanded publicity of the program, since funding for implementation has been limited.</p> <p>See also Action 56.06 A.</p> <p>Action 56.02 A and Policy 56.04 to be combined into one Housing Rehabilitation Program.</p>

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	<p>rehabilitate substandard units. The following specific actions related to this program should be pursued:</p> <p>Funding to rehabilitate and/or acquire and rehabilitate additional apartment complexes in the City by 2023. The City will work as co-applicant with interested owners and non-profit developers to obtain additional funds for apartment rehabilitation.</p> <p>Measures to use this program as a strategy for extending the affordability terms of units with subsidies that will be expiring before 2023.</p> <p>Expanded publicity of the apartment rehabilitation program through mailings to the owners of rental properties and coordination with interested non-profit developers.</p> <p>Expanded use of state and federal low income housing tax credits, particularly following the successful application of such credits at Lakeside Apartments, where 840 market rate units were rehabilitated and converted to affordable housing.</p> <p>Consistent with Action 54.04-A, changes to the length of the affordability terms for this program may be considered as a way to encourage participation and increase the number of below market rate units. Affordability terms could vary based on the level of financial assistance provided.</p>	
<p><b>56.02-B:</b></p>	<p><b>Soft-Story Retrofit Program</b></p> <p>Explore the feasibility of a formal program to retrofit soft-story multi-family buildings in San Leandro, thereby protecting an important and potentially vulnerable component of the City's housing supply.</p> <p>While the City has programs to retrofit unreinforced masonry buildings and wood frame homes, it does not have a program to retrofit soft-story buildings. Such buildings are typically two to three stories tall, with ground floor car</p>	<p>The City's housing rehabilitation loan program was eliminated due to loss of redevelopment funding in 2012. If another funding source is identified, then staff will consider reinstating this program.</p> <p>City Housing Division staff have been making referrals to the Alameda County "Renew" Program funding with 2016 A-1 Bond funds.</p> <p>The City Council will be reviewing feasibility for a Soft Story Program in 2022 led by the Building Safety and Services Division. The City has allocated American Rescue Plan Act funds in FY 2021-22 to explore this option. Based on the continued need for soft-story retrofit of buildings in the city, it is recommended that Action 56.02-B be carried over into the next housing cycle.</p>

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	<p>ports and other ground floor openings that require additional stability to withstand a major earthquake. Some cities have provided programs requiring the installation of shear walls and other improvements to reduce the risk of collapse. The 2002 General Plan estimated that San Leandro had 368 soft-story buildings. This program would evaluate the current level of risk and the options for a program to retrofit these structures.</p> <p>(See also Action 29.02-C in the Environmental Hazards Element of the 2015 San Leandro General Plan)</p>	
<p><b>56.06 A</b></p>	<p><b>Protection Strategy for At-Risk Units</b></p> <p>Develop a strategy to protect the four below market rate (BMR) rental units at the Golden Gate Apartments (15151-15170 Golden Gate Av) set to expire in 2015. The strategy should include the following components:</p> <p>Direct contact with the owners during the next 12 months</p> <p>Offering low-interest rehabilitation loans or other forms of financial assistance in exchange for an agreement to retain the units as affordable</p> <p>Working collaboratively with the property owner and non-profit housing developers who may be interested in acquiring an ownership share in the project</p> <p>Exploring other incentives (such as fee reductions or allowances for additional development) in exchange for a renewal of affordability restrictions</p> <p>In the event that protection of the units is infeasible, ensure that impacted tenants are provided with resources for relocation to the extent required by the state and federal laws associated with the expiring loan or subsidy program.</p>	<p>In late 2017, the State legislature enacted SB 1521 where owners of expiring regulatory agreements after 2021 must consider selling the regulated asset to entities certified to own and operate regulated affordable housing. Housing Division staff will evaluate San Leandro deed restricted properties that are at-risk of being lost and seek resources to prevent this from happening.</p> <p>Based on the progress of this action, Action 56.06 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle and revised to focus on at-risk properties with regulatory mechanisms set to expire during the 2023-2031 planning period.</p>

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56.06-B	<p><b>Renters in Foreclosed Properties</b></p> <p>Work with ECHO Housing, Davis Street, Building Futures for Women and Children, and other local non-profits to respond to the needs of persons in rental properties that face displacement due to foreclosure by an absentee owner. Where feasible, assist such households in relocation to suitable rental housing elsewhere in San Leandro.</p>	<p>There was no activity in this area during the 2015-2023 RHNA planning cycle. Based on the loss of relevance following the Great Recession, it is recommended that Action 56.06 B be eliminated.</p>
56.07 A	<p><b>Rent Review Board</b></p> <p>Maintain a Rent Review Board (RRB) to mediate disputes related to significant rent increases in local apartment complexes.</p>	<p>The Rent Review Board annual reports are available here: <a href="https://www.sanleandro.org/317/Rent-Review-Program">https://www.sanleandro.org/317/Rent-Review-Program</a></p> <p>Based on the progress of this action, Action 56.07 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle. It is recommended that this action be combined with a consolidated Fair Housing program.</p>
56.07-B	<p><b>Ratio Utility Billing System</b></p> <p>Evaluate the City's Rent Review Board Ordinance to determine whether Ratio Utility Billing System (RUBS) charges should be considered a form of rent increase, and thereby eligible for review by the Rent Review Board.</p>	<p>There was no activity in this area during the 2015-2023 RHNA planning cycle. Based on the progress of this action, it is recommended that Action 56.07 B be eliminated since no further action appears pending.</p>
56.07 C	<p><b>Monitoring and Reducing Displacement</b></p> <p>Monitor the risk and frequency of displacement and develop programs to mitigate this risk as needed.</p> <p>Displacement could result directly from development (and removal of lower cost housing) or indirectly from rising rents, evictions, Notices to Vacate, condo conversions and other activities which result in lower income tenants losing their homes. The magnitude of the problem should be measured through such metrics as residential rental rates (to identify trends), local and regional displacement studies (through such organizations as Institute of Urban and Regional Development), and local and regional benefits offered by developers to displaced residents. The City will continue to evaluate existing state and federal “just cause for eviction” provisions to determine if additional protections or ordinances are warranted at the local level.</p>	<p>In 2017 the City Council adopted the Tenant Relocation Ordinance that requires the landlord to pay a tenant in good standing if their rent increase is more than 12 percent or if their tenancy is terminated for no justifiable reason. When available, the annual report for this ordinance will be posted here (in the same report for the Annual Rent Review Program Evaluation): <a href="https://www.sanleandro.org/319/Tenant-Relocation-Assistance">https://www.sanleandro.org/319/Tenant-Relocation-Assistance</a>.</p> <p>In 2021, the Mobile Home Park Overlay District was established and applied to existing mobile home parks and the Mobile Home Park Conversion Ordinance was amended to strengthen anti-displacement protections for mobile home park residents.</p> <p>This action has been achieved and should be revised for the upcoming housing cycle and combined with a consolidated Fair Housing program. Reference to Congregations Organized for Renewal to be eliminated as it is no longer active within the City.</p>

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	<p>The annual Housing Progress Report should reference any findings relating to displacement based on the data collected. In addition, the City will meet with a local housing advocacy group (such as Congregations Organized for Renewal) at least once every two years to discuss the issue of displacement and possible strategies for protecting renters.</p>	
<b>56.08 A</b>	<p><b>Mobile Home Grant Program</b></p> <p>Continue local financial support for the Mobile Home Grant Program, which provides grants to very low income mobile homeowners for mobile home rehabilitation.</p>	<p>See Action 56.01 A. In 2019 City Housing Division staff actively worked with Rebuilding Together Oakland/East Bay to establish their program for City residents. In CY 2019, the Trailer Haven rehabilitation program expired. Mobilehome owners may apply to the City's CDBG-funded program for a \$5,000 grant if their income qualifies for the program.</p> <p>Based on the progress of this action, Action 56.08 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
<b>56.08-B</b>	<p><b>Mobile Home Rent Stabilization</b></p> <p>Consider adopting a mobile home rent stabilization ordinance similar to the agreement currently in effect for Mission Bay.</p> <p><i>The agreement would apply more broadly to residents of all mobile home parks in the city and help protect the city's existing supply of mobile homes.</i></p>	<p>City Council began deliberations to consider a Mobilehome Rent Stabilization Ordinance in July 2018 and adopted an ordinance in July of 2019. Since 2020, under the auspices of this new ordinance, there have been three applications for rent increases by land owners and one application for rent reduction by a resident association.</p> <p>Based on the importance of mobile homes as a naturally occurring affordable housing stock in San Leandro, the city is including Program 3: Mobile Home Preservation. This includes Action 3.3: Re-evaluate the Mobile Home Rent Stabilization Program and enact identified updates to enhance its effectiveness and objectives</p>
<b>56.09-A</b>	<p><b>Condominium Conversion Ordinance Update</b></p> <p>Update the San Leandro Condo Conversion Ordinance (Article 24 of the Zoning Code) in response to changing market conditions, public input, and the experience of recent condominium conversion proposals. Among the changes that should be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>increasing the condo conversion fee, and basing the fee on sales price rather than using a flat fee</li> <li>removing the exemption for 2- and 3-unit rental buildings</li> <li>setting a minimum cost per unit for upgrades as part of condo conversions</li> <li>requiring a marketing plan for the converted units</li> </ul> <p>Input from the development community, housing advocates, residents, and others will be</p>	<p>In the 2015-2023 RHNA planning cycle there were no legislative actions taken to update the condominium conversion ordinance.</p> <p>Based on the importance to update this ordinance that was last updated in 2006, Action 56.09 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>

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	solicited as revisions to the Ordinance are considered. As part of this process, the City will survey other communities with condo conversion fees to develop the fee schedule and conversion requirements that are most appropriate for San Leandro.	
56.10-A	<b>Shared Housing Program</b>	Explore a roommate matching or shared housing program aimed at seniors living alone. In the event the City is unable to sponsor such a program, participate in the existing shared housing program run by ECHO Housing which serves seniors and others in Alameda County.
		There has been no activity in the 2015-2023 RHNA Planning Cycle. Based on the potential importance of a program of this type, Action 56.10 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.
<b>Goal 57: Healthy Homes and Sustainable Neighborhoods</b> - Create a healthy environment in all San Leandro homes and sustainable development which reduces greenhouse gas emissions and household utility and transportation costs.		
57.01-B	<b>Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing</b>	Participate in County and State initiatives to establish alternative energy financing.  This includes the PACE initiative which enables interested homeowners to install photovoltaic panels and undertake energy efficiency improvements, with the cost repaid through annual property taxes at a low interest rate, or through financial agreements with their utility company. Homeowner participation in such a district would be completely voluntary and could lead to lower energy bills and greater energy independence.
		The City has several PACE providers that have been approved for residential and commercial financing.  Based on the progress of this action, Action 57.01 B is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.
57.02-A	<b>Build-It Green’s Green Point Rated Checklist and US Green Building Council LEED Requirements</b>	Continue to require use of the Green Point Rated or LEED checklists to evaluate new residential construction projects larger than 500 square feet and commercial projects valued at or above \$100,000. Continue requiring “green” or LEED-equivalent construction on projects receiving City funds of \$3 million or more.
		The City will consider having this as a requirement for future Affordable Housing Trust Fund or Low/Mod Housing Asset Fund multi-family housing loans. Given that this standard is incentivized in other funding sources that San Leandro multi-family housing developments has accessed, the City by default supports this policy.  Based on the progress of this action, Action 57.02 A is recommended to be revised to reflect Cal Green replacing these third-party programs.

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<b>57.02-B</b>	<b>Evaluation of Green Building Requirements</b>	
	Continue to amend the San Leandro Building Code as needed to encourage greener construction. The City will monitor code change proposals at the State level and amend its ordinances accordingly. Any changes to the Building Code beyond those required by State law will be thoroughly vetted through discussions with builders, developers, contractors, and property owners.	As part of state-wide studies for REACH codes, cost effectiveness of certain green building elements (namely energy efficiency upgrades, electrification, and solar) have been assessed for certain building construction types. These studies are available through the Building Decarbonization Coalition for the entire state and they are working on a database for easy filtering of results by climate zones. The City anticipates adopting “Reach Codes” for new construction in 2022 per the recently updated Climate Action Plan.  Based on the progress of this action, Action 57.02 B is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.
<b>57.02-C</b>	<b>Incentives for Green Building</b>	
	Consider incentives for certain types of green building improvements such as solar panel installation, energy efficiency upgrades and green remodeling. The fiscal impacts of incentives should be considered prior to their enactment.	BayREN, the Regional Energy Network, has an energy efficiency upgrade incentive program called Home+. This is targeted towards homeowners to offset for the cost of upgrades. Additionally, East Bay Community Energy has certain incentives for solar and battery installation.  The City received a Silver designation from Sol Smart in 2020 for solar permit streamlining after City Building staff completed required video training.  Based on the progress of this action, it is recommended that this action be eliminated or revised. An action including increasing public awareness about these incentives could be the evolution of this action.
<b>57.03-A</b>	<b>Climate Action Plan</b>	
	Maintain a Climate Action Plan with energy efficiency and renewable energy programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve the targets set by AB 32. Recognize the potential impacts of these measures on housing costs and work to ensure positive, rather than negative, cost impacts for San Leandro residents.	The updated Climate Action Plan was adopted in Fall 2021. Implementation policies include: BE-1 electrified retrofits policy and associated actions to increase saving costs of building appliances after swapping out natural gas appliances with emissions-free alternatives BE-2 electrified new construction policy and associated actions to limit natural gas use in new construction RF-1 residential energy retrofit financing, which will provide educational outreach and financing programs for improving existing residential buildings energy efficiencies RF-2 residential energy retrofit equity, which focuses on increased energy cost savings across demographics RF-3 homeowner energy retrofits, which will promote energy efficiency programs and incentives for residential property owners RF-4 rental energy retrofits, which will work with landlords to increase energy efficiency and decrease energy costs for their tenants including multi-family properties RE-2 residential owner-occupied renewable energy, which will promote adoption of renewable energy and storage for new and existing homes RF-3 residential rental renewable energy will prioritize increasing installation of renewable energy production on rental homes, multi-family buildings, and affordable housing  Based on the progress of this action, Action 57.03-A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.

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57.03-B	<p><b>Plan Bay Area</b></p> <p>Continue to participate in the regional dialogue on Plan Bay Area (created under SB 375), which mandates regional land use and transportation solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Support outcomes which would increase the affordability of housing, including steps to facilitate higher densities around BART stations and along the East 14<sup>th</sup> Street corridor.</p> <p><i>ABAG anticipates the next Plan Bay Area Update to begin in late 2015.</i></p>	<p>In 2020, staff participated in the Plan Bay Area 2050 planning process and continued to support outcomes that would increase the affordability of housing.</p> <p>Based on the progress of this action, it is recommended that this action be eliminated.</p>
57.04-A	<p><b>Indoor Air Quality</b></p> <p>Take steps to encourage healthy indoor air quality through abatement of lead paint and or asbestos hazards and the use of non-toxic building materials such as low VOC paints.</p>	<p>The City's Housing Rehabilitation Program provides lead-based paint awareness and information literature in each application packet requesting for a minor home repair grant. Testing is always performed on homes when there are children ages 6 years old and under living in them. The City utilizes lead abatement contractors in addition to general contractors when appropriate to perform the necessary repairs. Similarly, the program requires EPA certificates from its general contractors certifying their training with regard to lead-based paint.</p> <p>The City informs tenants of lead-based paint and complies with both new EPA law on lead-based paint and home renovations as well as with applicable HUD lead-based paint hazard reduction guidelines and regulations when it uses federal funds, such as CDBG or HOME funds.</p> <p>The City conducts annual meetings with the Alameda County Healthy Homes Division on Public Health and Housing initiatives to maximize efforts and resources.</p> <p>Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 57.04 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
57.04-B	<p><b>Healthy Homes Initiatives</b></p> <p>Collaborate with the Alameda County Healthy Homes Department and the member organizations of the Alameda County Healthy Homes Alliance to address public health and safety issues in San Leandro residences. Working with partner agencies and organizations, the City will develop strategies to help residents improve the health and safety of their home living environments, and will help landlords and building owners remediate construction and design deficiencies which contribute to health problems in San Leandro residences.</p> <p>See also Action 56.01-C on rental housing inspection</p>	<p>The Alameda County Healthy Homes Alliance is a local forum of government agencies, community-based organizations, and businesses working together to develop and promote healthy housing practices and policies so that all residents have access to a healthy home. Through strategy development, analyses and partnerships, Alliance members aim to improve the health of Alameda County residents by focusing on the environmental and housing determinants of health and lessening health disparities. In addition to advancing policy initiatives, alliance meetings serve as educational opportunities where a range of guest speakers are invited to present on various healthy homes topics.</p> <p>City of San Leandro is not a member agency but will revisit this decision in the 6<sup>th</sup> Housing Element Cycle.</p> <p>The City conducts annual meetings with the Alameda County Healthy Homes Division on Public Health and Housing initiatives to maximize efforts and resources.</p>

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<p>Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 57.04 B is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>		
<p><b>Goal 58: Special Needs Population</b> - Proactively address the special housing needs of the community, including seniors, disabled individuals, single parents, large families, and the homeless.</p>		
58.01-A	<p><b>Additional Funding</b> Pursue funding through the HUD Section 202 and 811 programs, and through State and federal low income housing tax credit programs, for the construction of additional housing for seniors and persons with disabilities.</p>	<p>In 2019 La Vereda (the second phase the Marea Alta development across the San Leandro BART station) completed construction of 85 housing units for Senior Citizens. Residents moved into the development in 2019. There are no other affordable housing developments in the pipeline that serve Seniors or Physically Challenged population. Based on the achievements and on-going nature of this action, Action 58.01 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
58.02-A	<p><b>Allowing Senior Householders to “Age in Place”:</b> Continue programs (including loans and/or grants) which allow seniors to “age in place” by retrofitting their homes with grab bars, wheelchair ramps, and other assistive devices which respond to the decreased mobility of elderly householders. Additional funding sources should be explored to replace the lost revenue from the former Redevelopment Agency.</p>	<p>See Action 56.01 A. The City's Minor Home Repair Grant Program is intended to support senior citizens who prefer to "Age in Place." Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 58.02 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle. Combine with Action 58.01 A.</p>
58.05-A	<p><b>Large Family Rentals</b> Consider, and if appropriate amend, the City's fee schedule and zoning regulations to create incentives to include three- and four-bedroom apartments in new affordable multi-family and/or mixed use projects. The number of bedrooms should be considered as a ranking factor when proposed projects are competing for local affordable housing dollars.</p>	<p>See Action 53.03 A. San Leandro Housing Division staff worked with Eden Housing to secure funding for their affordable housing development, Loro Landing Apartments, near the San Leandro BART station in 2019. Construction commenced in 2020 and was fully leased-up in Spring 2022.  The nonprofit Abode Communities was selected in 2021 and plans to develop 72 affordable rental housing units at 15101 Washington Avenue. Based on the progress of this action, Action 58.05 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle. Based on recent legislative changes it is recommended that the word “family” be changed to “household.”</p>
58.06-A	<p><b>Reasonable Accommodations for Disabled Residents</b> Ensure that reasonable accommodations are made to meet the housing needs of persons with disabilities, including persons with developmental disabilities. All land use regulations and planning procedures shall support the development or alteration of housing to meet the needs of San Leandro’s disabled residents.</p>	<p>The City Recreation and Human Services Department continues to provide paratransit to residents via the "Flex Shuttle." The City Housing Division staff is responsible for Section 504 coordination in any federally funded housing development. Based on the progress of this action, Action 58.05 A is recommended to be combined in the “Housing for Persons with Special Needs” program.</p>

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58.07-A	<p><b>Section 8 Program</b></p> <p>Continue to support local property owner participation in the Section 8 Certificate and Voucher Program, which provides assistance to very low income tenants through rent subsidies paid directly to landlords. Promote partnerships with the Alameda County Housing Authority and the Rental Housing Organization to expand the availability of vouchers for San Leandro residents, and provide additional incentives for San Leandro landlords to participate in the program.</p>	<p>See Action 53.01 A. The Housing Authority of the County of Alameda (HACA) that serves all cities in Alameda County (except Berkeley and Oakland) does not have any public housing sites in San Leandro. For the La Vereda Senior Housing Development, HACA allocated 62 Project-based Section 8 vouchers. For the Loro Landing Apartments HACA allocated 25 Project-based Section 8 vouchers under the VASH program. City staff is in regular contact with HACA staff to track the number of vouchers and Shelter Plus Care Certificates that are utilized in San Leandro.</p> <p>Based on the progress of this action, Action 58.07 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
58.07-B	<p><b>Homelessness Prevention and Re-Housing</b></p> <p>Pursue funding to sustain the Mid-County Housing Resources Center (HRC), which was initially funded through HUD’s Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) program.</p>	<p>Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 58.07 B is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
58.07-C	<p><b>Funding for Extremely Low-Income Housing Programs</b></p> <p>Allocate a share of the City’s annual housing budget to programs serving households earning less than 30 percent of AMI and continue to place a priority on serving those with the greatest level of financial need.</p>	<p>Based on the similarities to Policy 58.07-B it is recommended this action be eliminated or combined with Policy 58.07-B.</p>
58.08-A	<p><b>Assistance to Homeless Service Providers</b></p> <p>Continue to provide financial support to Building Futures with Women and Children’s San Leandro Shelter and domestic violence shelter, the Davis Street Family Resource Center, and similar organizations assisting the homeless and persons at risk of becoming homeless. Appropriate organizations to fund include those that provide emergency shelter, case management, hot meals and groceries, motel vouchers, medical care, adult literacy, and other services which assist those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.</p>	<p>Based on the similarities to Policy 58.07-B it is recommended this action be eliminated or combined with Policy 58.07-B.</p>

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58.08-B	<p><b>Rental Assistance Program</b></p> <p>Pursue alternative funding for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which provides emergency loans to lower-income families with delinquent rent due to temporary economic hardship. The program should continue to be administered by a local non-profit entity such as ECHO Housing.</p>	<p>In 2020 City Housing Division staff used CDBG-CV federal stimulus funds to assist low-income renter households who were impacted by the Coronavirus Pandemic. The San Leandro Emergency Rental Assistance Program provided rental assistance payments for up to six months on behalf of qualifying San Leandro renters who had lost income due to COVID-19 and that meet federal low-income requirements. The program used Round I and III allocations of CBG-CV funding for a total program budget of \$1,163.178. At project close-out in June 2022, the program assisted 147 households. This is the largest rent relief program the City has ever established.</p> <p>Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 58.08 B is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
58.08-C	<p><b>Regulation of Emergency Shelter</b></p> <p>Maintain Zoning Code regulations which allow emergency shelter as a matter of right on Industrial-Light (IL) zoned parcels, and as a conditional use in one or more additional zoning districts.</p> <p>In accordance with State law, the development standards that are applied to shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing in all zones where these uses are permitted or conditionally permitted will be no more onerous than those that apply to other uses permitted in the same zone. For instance, in the IL Zone, such uses would be subject to the same setback, height, lot coverage, and floor area ratio requirements that apply to permitted light industrial uses. This principle applies not only to the IL zone, but to the city’s residential and commercial zones as well. Transitional and supportive housing will be treated the same as all other residential uses. If these uses are multi-family in format, the same standards that apply to other multi-family developments would apply. If they are single family, they would be subject to the same standards that apply to single family homes elsewhere in each respective zoning district.</p> <p>In addition, the zoning code should include definitions of “supportive housing,” “and transitional housing” in addition to using the more generic terms “group housing” and</p>	<p>Completed. In Fall 2015, the City adopted zoning code amendments to comply with this Housing Element Action along with SB 745 (2014).</p> <p>Based on the status of this action as complete, Action 58.08 C is recommended to be eliminated. However, it is recommended that there is an action to update the zoning code to comply with recent State laws regarding emergency shelters, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and navigation centers.</p>

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	<p>“residential congregate care.” This change should be made in both the Definitions section of the Code and in the lists of permitted and conditionally permitted uses for the appropriate zones. The Code changes should clarify that, consistent with State law, these uses are allowed in all districts where housing is a permitted use. In addition, the definitions should be consistent with those established by SB 745, which took effect on January 1, 2014. When these definitions are added, the City will also re-evaluate the Zoning Code definition of “family” and will modify it as needed to ensure consistency with state requirements.</p>	
<p><b>58.09-A</b></p>	<p><b>EveryOne Home</b></p> <p>Develop a local implementation strategy for the Alameda County EveryOne Home program. EveryOne Home is the community-based organization formed to implement the Alameda County Homeless and Special Needs Housing Plan (also known as the EveryOne Home Plan). The Plan is a comprehensive blueprint to end homelessness by 2020 and address the housing needs of homeless and extremely low-income persons and those living with serious mental illness and/ or HIV/ AIDS. The San Leandro City Council has adopted the EveryOne Home Plan and made a commitment to develop a strategy to implement it at the local level in the coming years. This could entail additional efforts to prevent homelessness, increase local housing opportunities for extremely low-income households, deliver additional services to support stability and independence, and provide technical and financial assistance to organizations that assist those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. It also includes ongoing City participation in EveryOne Home meetings to enhance coordination with other jurisdictions and social service agencies.</p>	<p>City of San Leandro continues to contribute funds along with other Alameda County jurisdictions to provide general support for EveryOne Home (EOH) and the management of InHOUSE Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database. EOH continues to design and incubate best practices and innovative approaches to reducing and ending homelessness in Alameda County.</p> <p>Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 58.09 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>

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58.09-B	<p><b>Transitional/ Permanent Supportive Housing</b></p> <p>Continue to provide financial support to develop and operate supportive and transitional housing facilities, including those located in nearby communities that are accessible to persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in San Leandro.</p>	<p>In March 2016, the City of San Leandro Human Services and Police Departments, partnered with Building Futures with Women &amp; Children and the Rental Housing Association of Southern Alameda County to form the San Leandro Homeless Compact, a collaborative dedicated to providing long-term housing and services to San Leandro residents experiencing chronic homelessness. The compact represented the first of its kind in Northern California. The key component of the compact is the collaboration between local government, non-profit and landlords to secure housing in tandem with vital services. The compact provided 25 housing units for San Leandrans experiencing chronic homelessness.</p> <p>The Rental Housing Association, along with other Compact member organizations, coordinated property owners willing to provide rental housing while Building Futures provided a variety of supportive services for individuals who live in the units. Participants were assigned case managers to help coordinate not only health services, but prepare them for success and independence.</p> <p>The Compact was funded by a combination of city and county funding and HUD vouchers.</p> <p>In Spring 2022, the City Council approved entering into purchase agreement for a site that will house a temporary shelter and drop-in navigation center.</p> <p>Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 58.09 B is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
58.09-C	<p><b>Homeless Task Force</b></p> <p>Create a task force or ad hoc group of service providers, faith community representatives, homeless persons and advocates, City commissioners, and interested community members to address the issue of homelessness in San Leandro. The task force should assess the needs of homeless San Leandro residents and develop strategies to address those needs. It should also address the funding and organizational changes needed to implement additional homeless prevention and re-housing efforts, and additional steps that can be taken to implement the EveryOne Home Plan. The Task Force should be charged with preparing a report or plan to the City Council which lays out their findings and recommendations within one year of their formation.</p>	<p>The City created a Homeless Task Force in 2017 that lead to the creation of the winter shelter and the San Leandro Homeless Compact.</p> <p>City's Human Services Commission meets monthly. Housing and services for San Leandrans experiencing homelessness are the main topics covered. In 2021, the commission met nine times. Commission meeting details including agendas and minutes are available on the City's website under "Meeting Central" where all Council and Board/Commission meeting details are archived.</p> <p>Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 58.09 C is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle, combined with similar programs and actions that support the unsheltered.</p>

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<b>58.10-A</b>	<p><b>Multi-lingual Staff Capacity</b></p> <p>Maintain multi-lingual staff capacity at City Hall in order to better respond to the needs of non-English speaking households and ensure that all residents may participate fully and equally in the housing market.</p> <p>Presently, San Leandro’s Community Development Department includes staff members who are fluent in Spanish. The City maintains a directory which indicates the languages spoken by staff in all City departments so that residents receive appropriate referrals and information. When necessary, the Housing Division staff calls upon bilingual staff from other departments for translation assistance. The City is also updating its Language Access Plan, based on HUD guidelines, to address written and oral language access measures.</p>	<p>The City of San Leandro Human Resources Department maintains a list of all City staff who have passed a fluency test demonstrating that they have the skills to provide interpretation services. Also, the City maintains an on-demand contract with an agency that provides translation services to written materials. The City's website can be viewed in multiple languages that is powered by "Google Translate."</p> <p>Based on the necessity of this action to advance language access equity and AFFH, Action 58.09 A is recommended to be carried forward.</p>
<b>58.12-A</b>	<p><b>Housing for Public Service Employees</b></p> <p>Explore programs which assist San Leandro’s teachers, nurses, police officers, and other community service employees in obtaining suitable and affordable housing within the community. Explore the availability of state funding for such programs.</p>	<p>The recently completed affordable rental housing (Marea Alta, Loro Landing) and recent SB 35 entitled projects (110 East 14th Street and Bay Fair Mall/King parcel project) are intended for not just the lower income population but also the public service essential works.</p> <p>Based on workforce housing needs it is recommended this action be continued into the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element.</p>
<p><b>Goal 59: Elimination of Housing Constraints - Reduce potential constraints that increase the cost or feasibility of new housing development.</b></p>		
<b>59.01 A</b>	<p><b>Amend the Minimum Lot Area Required for a Planned Development</b></p> <p>Maintain provisions in the Zoning Code for “Planned Developments” (PDs) on sites where the strict application of zoning standards could make development less feasible.</p>	<p>There was no activity in the 2015-2023 RHNA Planning Cycle. To further support development in the City’s primary growth areas, the City utilized State SB2 Planning Grants Program funding to develop objective design and development standards for multi-family residential and mixed-use development in order to provide greater predictability to developers and community members. The objective standards amendments were adopted in January 2022, and they included standardizing and streamlining the development review process in accordance with recent changes in state law</p> <p>It is recommended that this Action be re-worded to further demonstrate how this will advance related goals and policies.</p>

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59.01-B	<p><b>Amend Zoning Code Provisions for Multi-Family Uses</b></p> <p>Amend the Zoning Code as follows to facilitate the production of multi-family housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adopt a <u>minimum</u> density requirement of 12 units per acre for new development on properties zoned RM-1800, RM-2000, and RM-2500. This would apply to new development only. The purpose of this change is to ensure that land zoned for multi-family housing is actually used for multi-family housing and not developed or redeveloped with single family detached homes.</li> <li>▪ Amend Section 2-696(A) (Article 6) of the Zoning Code to note that housing in the CC and CRM zones is subject to the same regulations that apply in the RM-1800 zone (24 units per acre) rather than those that apply in the RM-2000 zone (22 units per acre).</li> </ul> <p>Amend Section 2-684 and 2-686 of the zoning code to allow higher FARs and lot coverage limits in the CC and CN zone when residential uses are included in a development project. Currently, mixed use projects and multi-family housing in these zones are subject to the same requirements that apply to shopping centers (0.3 FAR and 50 percent lot coverage in CN and 0.5 FAR and 50 percent lot coverage in CC). The current requirements make it impractical to develop housing without a variance. Higher FAR and lot coverage allowances would enable the densities more commonly associated with the RM-1800 zoning district and reduce the need for variances</p>	<p>The City utilized State SB2 Planning Grants Program funding to develop objective design and development standards for multi-family residential and mixed-use development in order to provide greater predictability to developers and community members. The objective standards amendments were adopted in January 2022 and they included standardizing and streamlining the development review process in accordance with recent changes in state law. Recent legislation, SB 330, prevents jurisdictions from downzoning residential property. Zoning changes concerning density/FAR will be carried over as appropriate, as they were not included in the proposed objective standards.</p>

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<p><b>59.01-C</b></p>	<p><b>Changes to the North Area (NA) Zoning Districts</b></p> <p>Amend the NA-1 and NA-2 zones (parcels fronting East 14<sup>th</sup> Street between San Leandro Creek and Durant Avenue) so they more effectively implement the General Plan and North Area Plan.</p> <p><i>Changes to be considered should include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Eliminating the NA-1 zone, since it was effectively replaced when the Downtown TOD Strategy was adopted and now applies to only one small parcel.</li> <li>▪ Requiring a minimum density of 18 units per acre to match the SA- zones and to implement Transportation Element Action 13.04-B.</li> <li>▪ Reducing the setbacks on smaller lots in the NA-2 zone to increase the developable envelope. The existing setbacks (20 feet front yard and 15 feet side yard) may be appropriate on large, consolidated properties but may be an impediment to development of smaller infill parcels along East 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Design guidelines should be used to ensure that development is appropriately buffered and steps down to neighboring lower density uses.</li> </ul> <p>Other changes to the zoning standards may also be considered, subject to further community input and discussion.</p>	<p>The City will explore amending the North Area Plan, originally adopted in the early 1990s (and the East 14th South Area Development Plan), in the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle Housing Element.</p>
<p><b>59.01-D</b></p>	<p><b>Micro Units</b></p> <p>Develop regulations for micro units (apartments generally ranging from 250 to 400 square feet) which recognize the growing demand for this type of housing among small households and the relative affordability of such units compared to traditional studios and one-bedroom apartments.</p>	<p>See progress of this policy in the associated actions listed below.</p> <p>In late 2016, the City amended its zoning code to add a density bonus for residential developments constructing units less than 750 square feet in size.</p> <p>Based on the information from the APR it appears this action was not completed; the program should be included, and it is recommended that the City commit to making these changes within one year of the Housing Element Update deadline.</p>

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59.01 E	<b>Monitoring the Effectiveness of Minimum Density Standards</b>	<p>Monitor the impacts of minimum density standards on development activity in the Downtown TOD area to ensure they are reasonable and reflective of market conditions.</p> <p>In 2022, the City adopted objective standards for multi-family development utilizing a SB2 grant. Evaluation of existing development standards was summarized in a Development Constraints Memo. Minimum density standards have not created an impediment to housing, but stakeholder interviews and site test fits indicate that increased maximum density standards would further support development in the Downtown TOD area. Zoning amendments to increase maximum density, floor area ratios, and heights in key growth areas are being prepared concurrent with the Housing Element Update.</p> <p>This is an ongoing effort by Community Development Planning Division staff to monitor impacts of zoning standards on development and propose zoning amendments to address areas of concern. It is recommended that this action be incorporated into a program to review development standards to ensure that they do not pose a constraint to development.</p>
59.01 F	<b>Additional Density in Established Neighborhoods</b>	<p>Develop zoning amendments which would facilitate the construction of additional dwelling units in single family neighborhoods.</p> <p>In 2020, the City amended its Accessory Dwelling Unit Zoning Code to align with state laws intended to foster ADU construction.</p> <p>Based on the completion of this action, Action 59.01-F Is recommended to be revised based on recently approved legislation (SB 9, 2021).</p>
59.02 A	<b>Amendments to the Parking Requirements</b>	<p>Consider, and if appropriate amend, the parking standards in the San Leandro Zoning Ordinance to incorporate the following change:</p> <p>Allow a greater percentage of the parking spaces in multi-family housing near transit stations or along transit corridors to be uncovered.</p> <p>Eliminate guest parking requirements for buildings with less than 4 units.</p> <p>Lower the parking requirements for studio apartments from 1.5 to 1.25 spaces/ unit.</p> <p>Provide greater incentives and provisions for shared parking for mixed use projects and projects in transit-oriented development areas.</p> <p>The City completed Zoning Code Amendments in Fall 2015 and therefore fulfilled this Action Item. In 2020-21, the City worked on preparation of objective standards for multi-family development utilizing a SB 2 grant. Evaluation of existing parking standards was summarized in a Development Constraints Memo and further parking reduction amendments for transit-proximate projects will be considered as a separate policy effort.</p> <p>Based on the completion of this action, Action 59.02 A is recommended to be eliminated or revised based on the 2020 APR preparation of additional objective standards.</p>
59.03 A	<b>Permit Streamlining</b>	<p>Maximize the potential benefits of the City's permit tracking system, one-stop permitting center, and website to facilitate permit processing and the issuance of building permits.</p> <p>The City's One-Stop Permit Center continues to provide a centralized location for multiple departments to communicate to the public about various aspect of development. Staff that can be accessed in the One-Stop Permit Center include Fire, Engineering, Housing and Economic Development.</p> <p>Recent state legislation has streamlined housing development for ADUs and allowed additional units per lot. Recent legislation allows lot splits and two-unit developments and requires that the City monitor and report through the Housing Element Annual Progress Report. The City has adopted code changes to implement State legislation.</p> <p>Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 59.03 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle. It is recommended that the City adopt an SB9</p>

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		<p>monitoring program. Combine the permit streamlining actions (including Action 59.04 C) into one program and revise the wording.</p>
59.04 A	<p><b>Fee Reviews</b></p>	<p>Regularly review and update local development and permitting fees to ensure that they are competitive with other communities in the East Bay.</p> <p>The City’s Master Fee Schedule is reviewed annually. The City Council budgeted funds in FY21-22 to conduct a development impact fee review and/or study. The City anticipates beginning this review process in FY22-23.</p> <p>Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 59.04 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
59.04 B	<p><b>Fee Reductions for Affordable Housing—City</b></p>	<p>Develop a policy to reduce certain fees for affordable housing projects, provided that such reductions will not adversely affect the City’s ability to provide services to the project.</p> <p>The City’s Master Fee Schedule is reviewed annually. See Action 59.04-A about fee review and/or study.</p> <p>Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 59.04 B is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
59.04 C	<p><b>Fee Reductions for Affordable Housing—Other Agencies:</b></p>	<p>Work with the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) and other utilities to explore possible reductions to connection and system capacity fees for housing projects which include a substantial number of affordable units.</p> <p>The City’s Master Fee Schedule is reviewed annually.</p> <p>Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 59.04 C is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle. Combine the permit streamlining actions (including Action 59.03-A and -B) into one program and revise the wording</p>
59.06 A	<p><b>Multi-family Design Guidelines</b></p>	<p>Continue to use the adopted multi-family design guidelines in the Downtown TOD and East 14<sup>th</sup> Street South areas. Develop additional guidelines that apply more broadly to multi-family projects on infill lots.</p> <p>Through the “Building Homes and Jobs Act” Planning Grants Program (S B2), the State has provided grant funding for the City to evaluate the Zoning Ordinance to develop objective design and development standards intended to stimulate high quality multi-family residential and mixed-use development. New objective design and development standards for each Zoning District that accommodates multi-family and/or mixed-use development were adopted in January 2022. Updated standards focused on development feasibility and addressed the topics identified in Action 59.06-A.</p> <p>Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 59.06 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
59.07-A	<p><b>Correction of Infrastructure Deficiencies</b></p>	<p>Ensure that the San Leandro Capital Improvement Program includes the projects needed to correct existing infrastructure deficiencies and facilitate the development of housing on the sites identified in this Element.</p> <p>Particular attention should be given to upgrading infrastructure in the Downtown BART station area.</p> <p>With respect to the sites identified in the housing element:</p> <p>The City has identified that the sanitary sewer collection system must be upsized to accommodate full build out of the City’s RHNA allocation for the 6<sup>th</sup> Housing Element Cycle. Funding for 90% of these locations is scheduled to be appropriated in FY 22-23. Note that some of the sites do not receive service from the City as they are in the Oro Loma Sanitary Sewer District. The City is unaware of any deficiencies in the Oro Loma system.</p> <p>The City hasn’t identified any roadway capacity deficiencies. The system wide average pavement condition index is 54 which is fair but at risk.</p> <p>The City does not supply water, gas, or electricity and is unaware of any deficiencies in these systems.</p> <p>The storm drain system is adequate to convey storm water except for locations that are within the 100-year flood plain as identified by the FEMA flood insurance rate map. The City</p>

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		<p>is evaluating options for reducing the risk of flooding at these locations but funding sources to conduct this evaluation is unclear at the time this document was drafted.</p> <p>Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 59.07 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
<b>59.09-A</b>	<p><b>Remediation of Soil Contamination</b></p> <p>Explore possible funding sources and other ways to assist prospective housing developers in addressing soil contamination problems on potential housing sites.</p>	<p>Since 2016, the City has been working with ABAG, that received EPA grant funds to assist Oakland, Hayward, San Leandro and Alameda County with Phase 1 and/or Phase 2 environmental assessments. The City received the EPA grant to do a Phase 1 environmental for an adjacent City-owned site that is proposed to become a public park next to the proposed new 687 rental housing unit development at 915 Antonio.</p> <p>Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 59.09 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle. It is recommended that this action be combined with 59.05.</p>
<p><b>Goal 60: Fair Housing</b> - Ensure that all persons, within their abilities and means and without discrimination, have freedom of choice as to where they live.</p>		
<b>60.01-A</b>	<p><b>Contract with Fair Housing Services Provider</b></p> <p>Continue to contract with a fair housing services provider such as Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity (ECHO) Housing for fair housing assistance and the investigation of discrimination complaints, and for tenant-landlord counseling and mediation services</p>	<p>In the 2015-2023 RHNA Planning Cycle, the City maintained a contract with ECHO Housing, a regional non-profit fair housing agency, to provide fair housing services in an effort to reduce housing discrimination. ECHO Housing fielded fair housing cases with intake, assessment and counseling. Of those cases where there were findings of housing discrimination, they were reported to Fair Employment and Housing Commission, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, or other Fair Housing legal providers.</p> <p>Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 60.01 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle.</p>
<b>60.06-A</b>	<p><b>Fair Housing Training</b></p> <p>Work with ECHO Housing to conduct fair housing training sessions for landlords and property owners, tenants and homebuyers, realtors, and the public at large. In addition, support ECHO's targeted audits to gauge the level of discrimination in the rental housing market.</p>	<p>In the 2015-2023 RHNA Planning Cycle, the City maintained a contract with ECHO Housing to provide presentations on issues related to Fair Housing to property management companies, area realtors/brokers, and interested first time homebuyers.</p> <p>Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 60.06 A is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle. It is recommended that this policy be combined into a consolidated Fair Housing program.</p>
<b>60.06-B</b>	<p><b>Fair Housing Outreach</b></p> <p>Use public service announcements, newspaper ads, educational fliers, and other media to raise community awareness about fair housing and the need for affordable units.</p>	<p>In the 2015-2023 RHNA Planning Cycle, the City maintained a contract with ECHO Housing to provide public service announcements, education flyers and supports other media outreach on the availability of their Fair Housing counseling and education services.</p> <p>Based on the progress and on-going nature of this action, Action 60.06 B is appropriate to carry into the upcoming housing element cycle. It is recommended that this policy be combined into a consolidated Fair Housing program.</p>

# Appendix D

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Development Analysis

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Appendix D analyzes recent recycling trends in Alameda County to justify San Leandro sites inventory. The City of Hayward is emphasized in the analysis due to its similarity with San Leandro in location, size, and development patterns. East 14th Street in San Leandro continues into Hayward as Mission Boulevard, the main commercial corridor in the city. Downtown Hayward and the Mission Boulevard Corridor are areas identified by the City of Hayward as priority areas for residential and mixed-use development, similar to the Downtown, East 14th Street Corridor, and BTOD areas in San Leandro.

Recent development patterns in Hayward and the greater Alameda County suggest that similar development is likely to occur in San Leandro during the next housing cycle.

## Examples of Recent Recycling Trends in Alameda County

Recent projects in the East Bay Area region were identified based on certain comparable factors to nonvacant parcels in the Sites Inventory, such as existing uses, lot size, and land use designation. Development trends in adjacent cities such as Hayward indicate that there will be increased growth in transit-rich areas. While the market for higher-density, transit-oriented, market-rate development in San Leandro is less established than in the City of Hayward, the examples below identify sites that have been redeveloped in Hayward with existing conditions, development standards, and transit-oriented development goals comparable to the San Leandro sites.

There are several examples of large housing developments in the City of Hayward on Mission Boulevard, which is an extension of East 14<sup>th</sup> Street in San Leandro. The East 14<sup>th</sup> Street / Mission Boulevard and Fremont Boulevard Corridor is a critical arterial corridor that traverses five jurisdictions in central and southern Alameda County (unincorporated Alameda County and the cities of San Leandro, Hayward, Union City, and Fremont). The corridor provides robust transit options: three bus transit providers, seven BART stations, two Capitol Corridor stations and one commuter rail station (shared with Amtrak), and public and private shuttles. This corridor includes 14 Priority Development Areas across the five jurisdictions.<sup>1</sup>

Table D-1 compares development standards for the City of San Leandro Sites Inventory and a select number of example developments in San Leandro and Hayward. These development activities have taken place since the certification of the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle Housing Element. As described in Section 4.2.3 above, the City is adopting zoning and land use changes to increase allowed FAR, density, and height. The allowable density for sites in San Leandro's 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element after zoning changes will range from 24 to 125 du/ac which compares favorably to the allowable density in these development trend examples (17 to 108 du/ac). A note for clarification: the DA-6 and B-TOD Zoning do not have maximum densities and instead rely on minimum densities to ensure appropriate intensity of development in proximity to BART. For the purpose of assuming build out capacity on sites located in these districts, a maximum density of 125 du/ac was used based on an assumed density for the maximum allowable FAR.

When calculating the number of units that could be realistically achieved on each parcel identified in the Sites Inventory, this analysis assumes a development capacity of 70 percent of the maximum

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<sup>1</sup> East 14<sup>th</sup> St./Mission Blvd and Fremont Blvd Multimodal Corridor Project, Alameda County, 2020. [https://www.alamedactc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/1476000\\_E14\\_Mission\\_Fremont\\_Blvd\\_Brochure\\_20201231\\_v4.pdf](https://www.alamedactc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/1476000_E14_Mission_Fremont_Blvd_Brochure_20201231_v4.pdf)

number of units allowed (with the proposed changes to land use and zoning district development standards). The Sites Inventory conservatively estimates that developments in San Leandro will reach 70 percent of the maximum allowed density. Projects completed in Hayward achieved a maximum allowed density of 97 to 109 percent. Therefore, the estimates for the Sites Inventory are conservative compared to other similar development projects in the city and region, and it is likely that actual densities reached will be higher based on development trends and available density bonuses pursuant to state law.

**Table D-1 Recycling Trends and San Leandro Sites Inventory Comparison**

Project	Allowable Maximum du/ac	Actual du/ac	Percent du/ac achieved
903 Manor Boulevard, San Leandro	24 du/ac	17 du/ac	71%
Legacy at Hayward, Hayward	54 du/ac	54 du/ac	100%
Alta Mira, Hayward	100 du/ac	80 du/ac	80%
Cadence, Hayward	65 du/ac	71 du/ac	105%
<b>Range of Recycling Trends Examples</b>	<b>24-108 du/ac</b>	<b>17-108 du/ac</b>	<b>71-105%</b>
<i>City of San Leandro Sites Inventory</i>	<i>Rezone allowable density: 24-125 du/ac</i>	<i>Rezone assumed realistic density: 17-88 du/ac</i>	<i>Assumed density achieved: 70%</i>

Du/ac – dwelling units per acre  
 FAR – Floor Area Ratio

The development of non-vacant parcels in San Leandro and Hayward are described in detail below.

*903 Manor Boulevard, San Leandro*



Approved in 2020 and currently under construction, this townhome project includes 39 units across six buildings, including six below market-rate units. This development is the most recent example of mixed-income residential development in the city of San Leandro. The development will replace Manor Bowl, a bowling alley which was originally constructed in 1960. The lot is zoned Community

Commercial (CC) and has a Planned Development (PD) Overlay, which allows for 24 du/ac and maximum development height of 50 feet. The 39-unit project on the 2.3-acre site will have a density of 17 du/ac, reaching 70.8 percent of the allowable units for the parcel and a height of 37.7 feet.

*Legacy at Hayward, Hayward*



This project located at 28168 Mission Boulevard in Hayward replaced a low-FAR auto-accessories store with a five-story building integrating a parking structure and a variety of residential amenities. The project includes 97 market-rate units near the South Hayward BART Station. The project site is zoned MB-CC and designated Sustainable Mixed Use (SMU) in the General Plan. The 1.8-acre development reaches 97 percent of the allowable density, reaching a built density of 53.7 du/ac. The project includes an FAR of 2.0. Gross density of the development is approximately 54 du/ac.

*Alta Mira, Hayward*



Completed in 2017, the Alta Mira project represents an example of high-quality, affordable transit-oriented development. This 1.9-acre site, located at 28939 Mission Boulevard, includes 152 units affordable to residents with incomes 30 to 50 percent of Alameda County’s median income. The project is within one-quarter mile of the South Hayward BART station and provides a variety of amenities and supportive services to both seniors and families, including a new public park. The project site is zoned Planned Unit Development (PD) and designated SMU in the General Plan. The achieved a gross density is approximately 80 du/ac.

*Cadence, Hayward*



The Cadence project was developed in conjunction with Alta Mira (Alta Mira satisfied the developer’s affordable housing requirements) and is located 28850 Dixon Street, Hayward. This mixed-use development replaces 2.9 acres of vacant land and surface parking with 206 market-rate units, extensive amenities, and ground floor retail space. This project site is zoned Planned Unit Development (PD), is in the Transit Oriented Development Overlay 1, and designated SMU in the General Plan. The achieved density of the development is 71 du/ac, which is 109 percent of the maximum of 65 du/ac. The maximum allowable height in this zone is 68 feet and the FAR is 2.75.

These examples of recycling activities on non-vacant parcels are representative of the conditions included in the Sites Inventory. The conditions and characteristics of the underutilized commercial sites identified in Appendix B are similar to those that have been provided as examples in this section and that have been redeveloped in recent years.