



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
PLANNING COMMISSION
REPORT**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

The Planning Commission of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jeffrey Barnett, Vice Chair Steve Raspe, Commissioner Susan Burnett, Commissioner Melanie Hanssen, Commissioner Kathryn Janoff, and Commissioner Emily Thomas.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Draft Revised 2023-2031 Housing Element

General Plan Amendment Application GP-22-003

Location: Town-Wide

Project Planners: Erin Walters and Jocelyn Shoopman, Associate Planners

Consider and Make a Recommendation to the Town Council on the Draft Revised 2023-2031 Housing Element.

Erin Walters, Associate Planner, presented the staff report.

Opened Public Comment.

Jim Zanardi

- Los Gatos is above the State requirements with RHNA numbers of 1,993 and a buffer of 15 percent, and right now we are at 2,700 units with a buffer of 57 percent. Council Member Hudes in November brought up removing 322 units from the inventory. Removing these sites would bring Los Gatos' buffer down from 57 percent to 48 percent, and it looks to me like we could remove even more sites. We can always add additional sites, so why add

more units now? Once they are put on, they can't be removed, so why not put them on as needed? My second question is will environmental studies be done for any additional sites? Also, why are we building so many houses throughout the state when up to 350,000 people a year are leaving California?

Lee Quintana

- Is it better to have an oversupply of identified sites, or eliminate sites, and then in the end have to add sites? If sites need to be added, does that mean that the whole process of going through HCD is initiated again? If we have sufficient buffer sites, then that process will not be necessary and it will be a faster and smoother process overall.

Closed Public Comment.

Commissioners discussed the matter.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Thomas** to continue the public hearing regarding the Draft Revised 2023-2031 Housing Element to a date certain of November 29, 2023. **Seconded by Commissioner Hanssen.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the November 15, 2023 meeting as approved by the Planning Commission.

/s/ Vicki Blandin