



# General Plan Update

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: HOUSING ELEMENT

The Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on **Monday, July 18, 2011 at 6:00 pm** at City Hall Council Chambers at 201 West Sierra Avenue. This General Plan Update meeting will focus on the Housing Element. You are invited to attend the meeting and identify issues and priorities related to housing, including housing for special needs groups, that should be addressed in the Housing Element Update.

The Housing Element is one of the seven mandatory elements of the General Plan. The Housing Element is a planning document designed to address the existing and projected housing needs, including new construction, rehabilitation, and preservation, for people of all income levels. Housing needs of special populations, including seniors, disabled persons, extremely low income households, large families, single parents, farmworkers, and the homeless will be addressed. Sites to accommodate future housing development, including single family homes, multifamily units, and mixed use projects are identified in the Housing Element.

The General Plan is an important planning tool that identifies the City's vision for growth, economic development, community character, and other important issues for 20 years or more into the future. To reach this envisioned future, the updated General Plan will include goals, policies, and actions that address both immediate and long-term needs. The Planning Commission will be meeting on a regular basis over the next ten months to develop recommendations for shaping the future of Cotati through its General Plan. The public is invited to attend these meetings, each of which will focus on a specific set of topics.

Following the meeting, the presentation will be available on the General Plan Update website at [www.cotati.generalplan.org](http://www.cotati.generalplan.org). For more information, call Keri Pajon at (707) 665-3637. Please visit the General Plan Update website to find out more about ways to participate, including attending upcoming meetings and entering the photo contest.