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RE: 2013 General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Enclosed herewith, please find a copy of the City of Norwalk's 2013 General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report as required by Government Code Section 65400(b).

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (562) 929-5953.

Sincerely,

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CITY OF NORWALK
2013 GENERAL PLAN AND HOUSING ELEMENT
ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
PLANNING DIVISION

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INTRODUCTION

On February 29, 1996, the Norwalk City Council adopted the City's current General Plan for implementation. The General Plan contains ten (10) elements: Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, Safety, Community Design, Educational and Cultural Resources, and Utility Infrastructure. Of these elements, Community Design, Educational and Cultural Resources and Utility Infrastructure are the three new elements that were added to the General Plan as part of the 1996 comprehensive General Plan update.

Throughout the 2013, the Norwalk Planning Commission worked on the 5th Cycle Housing Element to adequately address issues related to current and future housing opportunities and to meet the requirements of the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

As required by Government Code Section 65400(b), every city must submit an annual progress report to their legislative body, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on the implementation status of their General Plan. The annual report must also include discussion on the City's progress in providing its required share of affordable housing pursuant to Government Code Section 65584 and its efforts to remove governmental constraints for the maintenance, improvement and development of affordable housing per Section 65583(c)(3) of the California Government Code.

This General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report covers the period from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

STATUS OF GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

In the 2013 calendar year, through the direction of the City Council, the City completed efforts to develop a strategic action plan which will further implement the goals set forth in the General Plan. The strategic action plan specifically addresses public safety, fiscal management, economic development, customer service, personnel, and infrastructure. The strategic action plan was adopted on December 17, 2013 by a unanimous vote by the City Council.

The following discusses the collaborative efforts administered by various City Departments which contribute to the implementation progress of each of the ten (10) elements contained in the General Plan, including:

- Land Use,
- Circulation,
- Housing,
- Conservation,
- Open Space,
- Noise,
- Safety,
- Community Design,
- Educational and Cultural Resources, and
- Utility Infrastructure.

Land Use Element

The City of Norwalk is considered a developed community comprised mostly of single-family residential neighborhoods, with its predominant commercial and industrial land uses situated along several major roadways. As a developed community, any future development in the city would occur as infill or redevelopment.

In February 1996, an updated Land Use Element was adopted as part of the City's comprehensive General Plan update. Since adoption of the 1996 General Plan, the City has processed a variety of new land use developments and adopted new land use regulations that have continually upheld the Land Use Element.

Items that were changed within the Land Use Element in 2013 include the creation of a higher density residential classification allowing between 23 and 30 dwelling units per acre. Accordingly, modifications to the Land Use Zoning Map reflected the creation of the higher density in two site specific areas.

Circulation Element

The Circulation Element of the 1996 General Plan defines the transportation needs of the City and presents a comprehensive transportation plan to accommodate those needs. The element also focuses on identifying and evaluating local circulation needs, while balancing those needs with regional demands and mandates. The following outlines the City's efforts in addressing local circulation, regional circulation and public transportation needs in the Norwalk community:

Local Circulation

The City has continued to make a variety of street and traffic improvements to its existing network of public streets and sidewalks (e.g., street resurfacing, sidewalk repair, Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.) compliance, traffic signal modifications, etc.). These street and traffic improvements are identified as Capital Improvement Projects in which federal, state and local funding sources are utilized to execute the projects.

The City worked on the following Capital Improvement Projects to enhance local streets and sidewalks in the 2013 calendar year:

- Completed design work and was authorized to be construction to replace the Firestone Bridge over the San Gabriel River;
- Completed construction of curb and gutter repairs by applying a cape seal treatment or a pavement overlay to deteriorated streets, repairing gutters to restore proper street drainage and installing curb access corner ramps to comply with A.D.A requirements within the neighborhoods bounded by Imperial Highway, Norwalk Boulevard, I-5 Freeway, Rosecrans Avenue, and Pioneer Boulevard;
- Completed construction of street repair work on Alondra Boulevard between Pioneer Boulevard and Shoemaker Avenue;
- Completed construction of street repair work on Pioneer Boulevard between Lakeland Avenue and Imperial Highway;
- Completed construction of street repair work on Rosecrans Avenue between Bloomfield Avenue and Camenita Road;
- Completed construction of street repair work on Norwalk Boulevard/San Antonio Drive between Florence Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue;
- Continued work to upgrade computer systems that control traffic signals throughout the City;
- Completed construction of traffic signal modifications at the intersections of San Antonio Drive and Foster Road, and Bloomfield Avenue and Civic Center Drive;
- Completed construction of street repair work on Hoxie Avenue between Firestone Boulevard and Imperial Highway;
- Completed construction of street repair work on an alleyway located south of Excelsior Drive and east of Brink Avenue;
- Completed construction of street repair work on within the neighborhood bounded by Firestone Boulevard, Studebaker Road, Cecilia Street and Dumont Avenue;
- Completed construction of street repair work on Excelsior Avenue in front of Glazier Elementary School; and
- Continued construction work to repair/replace damaged sidewalks throughout the City.

In anticipation of an increase of vehicles in Norwalk's local streets due to detoured and diverted traffic as a result of the I-5 Freeway widening construction, the City took a lead role of the I-5 mitigation projects that commenced or were completed. The Los Angeles

County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) provided more than \$6.6 million to the I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority (I-5 JPA), via a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to fund the design and construction of these I-5 Pre-Construction Mitigation Projects.

Included in the mitigation are improvements and rehabilitation of existing City streets. The following projects are under construction and related to those improvements for the widening of the I-5 Freeway in the 2013 calendar year:

- Rehabilitation of Rosecrans Avenue between the I-5 and Carmenita Road.
- Rehabilitation of Bloomfield Avenue Rosecrans Avenue to Imperial Highway.
- Rehabilitation of Norwalk Boulevard/San Antonio Drive between Lakeland Road and Rosecrans Avenue.

Other street improvements, (e.g., street dedications, street widening, sidewalk construction, deceleration lanes, etc.) are funded and built by developers as part of their conditions of approval for developing their property. In addition, developers are responsible for paying their "fair share" of the cost to mitigate anticipated traffic impacts associated with new development in the City.

Additionally, developers are often required to conduct traffic studies to establish uses which have higher parking demands or larger development projects which may create traffic impacts on the existing network of public streets. These traffic studies are required to ensure that new uses and developments will not have negative traffic impacts.

Regional Circulation

The City of Norwalk currently participates in local and regional transportation planning and decision-making by implementing and conforming to the guidelines of the Los Angeles County Congestion Management Plan and the Los Angeles County Master Plan of Arterial Highways.

I-5 Freeway Widening: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 7, continued to construct improvements along the I-5 Freeway, which runs north to south through the entire length of the City, during the 2013 calendar year. According to Caltrans, the improvements listed below are part of the planned improvements and will enhance safety, improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, encourage ridesharing, decrease surface street traffic and improve air quality:

- High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) Lanes – Carpool lanes for vehicles with two or more passengers
- Direct HOV Connectors – Carpool lane connections so motorists can travel from one freeway directly to another without leaving the HOV lane
- Interchange Improvements – Upgraded on- and off-ramps, bridge widening and/or bridge reconstruction
- Truck Lanes – New lanes designated for truck traffic

- Pavement Replacement – Extends roadway life, reduces maintenance costs and closures, provides a smoother ride for motorists
- Grade Separation – Bridge used to separate levels at which cars, trains, and/or pedestrians cross
- Pedestrian Overcrossing – Bridge for pedestrians to cross over freeway

Most of these improvements are funded through a combination of federal, state and local resources. Additionally, several projects have been partially funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The City continued to actively work with Caltrans in the 2013 calendar year to minimize the impacts of this project on surrounding neighborhoods in Norwalk by attending construction field meetings and conducting on-site inspections of the construction in progress for the phased I-5 widening project including the following segments:

- Carmenita Interchange Segment at Carmenita Road and the I-5 Freeway; and
- Segment 4 of the I-5 Freeway between Silverbow Avenue and Orr and Day Road.

Staff was involved in the design stage of the construction work for Segment 5 of the I-5 Freeway between Orr and Day Road and the 605 freeway, during the 2013 calendar year. Additionally, the City continued to work with existing residents and businesses which were affected by the I-5 Freeway widening.

High Speed Rail Project: The City continued to participate in a number of meetings with the California High Speed Rail Authority to address issues related to the construction of the high-speed rail and to ensure the most benefit to the Norwalk community with the least amount of negative impacts. The City has expressed strong reservations regarding the proposed high-speed rail project that will extend between Union Station and Anaheim. Together with the City of Santa Fe Springs, the Cities have consistently withheld support pending resolution of several issues including the continued operation and viability of the existing Metrolink Station, the provision of adequate parking, and the mitigation of traffic impacts.

The California High Speed Rail Authority has indicated that Los Angeles to Anaheim Section has slowed down considerably and it may be a few years away from releasing a draft environmental document. However, the City has worked with the Authority on plans that will be released in 2014 regarding the Section's Revised Supplemental Alternatives Analysis.

The Los Angeles to Anaheim segment, which consists of 29-miles of the 800-mile system, is currently in Phase 3 of the 8-phase implementation plan. Phase 3 involves the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) to identify and mitigate adverse environmental impacts.

Public Transportation

In addition to conducting street and circulation improvements, the City also provides a local transit operator for the community through the Norwalk Transit System (NTS), which was established in 1974 and is one of sixteen (16) municipal bus operators within the County of Los Angeles operating fixed-route and paratransit service.

Fixed-Route Service: The NTS fixed-route service provides local circulation and trunk service within Norwalk and adjoining communities, including Santa Fe Springs, Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, La Mirada, Whittier and portions of unincorporated Los Angeles County. The NTS fixed-route service also provides connecting bus service between the Metro Rail Green Line Station and the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Transportation Center (Metrolink Station) for commuters utilizing other modes of public transportation. NTS celebrated its 39th Anniversary in August 2013. The system continues to serve over 6,800 customers on an average weekday, and over 1.8 million boarding customers per year.

NTS is continuing its incremental fixed route bus replacement program as vehicles come of age. Our most recent fleet replacement consisted of (14) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses replacing (14) diesel fueled buses; four (4) 1998 Gilligs, eight (8) 1999 Gilligs and two (2) 2001 Gilligs that exceeded the FTA useful life expectancy requirement. NTS located an opportunity to exercise a piggyback (utilization of existing contracting authority) on the Fresno Area Express (FAX) agreement with Gillig Corporation for the procurement of (14) CNG buses. The first CNG Bus was accepted on November 27, 2012 and the last CNG Bus was accepted on January 17, 2013.

The following briefly outlines advantages to CNG buses:

1. CNG buses emit virtually no visible particulate matters or black soot at the tailpipe; in comparison to diesel;
2. There is a reduction in oxides of nitrogen (NOx) with buses running on CNG rather than diesel;
3. Natural gas has inherently lower carbon dioxide emissions compared to diesel;
4. There is no evidence that CNG buses pose any greater risk of fire or explosion than diesel buses. Natural gas buses have on-board gas detectors and other safety equipment specially designed to ensure safe operation;
5. Natural gas vapors are odorless and nontoxic to breathe. The familiar natural gas smell is actually an odorant that is added to the gas as a safety feature;
6. The technology for making CNG tanks is well known and mature;
7. Currently, the CNG bus base cost is approximately 10-16% less than the Gasoline Hybrid Electric.

The most practical fuel-path available to NTS at this time and moving forward is CNG. NTS fueling facilities and maintenance building infrastructure upgrades will be implemented in 2014 to support future CNG bus replacement purchases.

Dial-a-Ride Program: The NTS also continues to provide a high quality and efficient paratransit service, called Advance Reservation Dial-A-Ride (DAR), for Norwalk's senior and disabled residents within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Norwalk, which

has continued to operate as of July 12, 2010. The NTS also contracts with Fiesta Taxi for late evening weekday supplemental taxi voucher service and daytime weekday inter-jurisdictional taxi voucher service for medical trips to eligible Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs residents.

In keeping with its commitment to provide economically viable public transportation in a safe and effective manner, the Norwalk Transit System is continuing to evaluate its paratransit services to enhance productivity and customer satisfaction. This includes development of recommendations for future service expansion and/or restructuring of existing services that takes into account the following: residential and socio-economic growth in the service area, and existing travel patterns of riders and non-riders to explore the best possible approach to enhancing the use of public transportation by consolidating portions of paratransit services into community fixed route service. Overall, the ongoing internal performance evaluation process will ensure that the Norwalk Transit System continues to improve its service to meet both current and future needs of the community within the constraints of available funding from local, state and federal sources.

The City has continually expanded the functions and services it provides through the Transportation Department, as a municipal transit agency. The design or construction for the following Capital Improvement Projects involving transportation facilities were initiated in 2013 calendar year:

- Commissioned the design and build of a complete “turn-key” Compressed Natural Gas Refueling Station;
- Commissioned the design and procurement of an early warning methane detection system at the Vehicle Maintenance Facility;
- Awarded the contract for the installation of Pay and Display Parking Permit Terminals at the Metrolink Station in the parking lots located in the City of Norwalk and City of Santa Fe Springs;
- Installation of FASTER; a Fleet Maintenance Management System (FMMS) capable of managing approximately 300 City vehicles and equipment assets.

Housing Element

The *2013-2021 Housing Element of the General Plan* (“Housing Element”) describes actions the City will take to meet existing and future housing needs during the 5th Regional Housing Need Assessment (RHNA) cycle which consists of a 7-year period from January 1, 2014 through October 1, 2021. The Housing Element provides an inventory of sites available for future housing development. According to the sites inventory, the City’s existing housing sites provide sufficient capacity to accommodate the 4th and 5th RHNA allocations. The Housing Element also outlines existing and proposed housing programs, and text amendments that are needed to meet statutory requirements. The implementation of the housing programs will be ongoing throughout the planning cycle. Most of the text amendments are scheduled to be completed in 2014.

The table below identifies the number of housing units which were allocated to the City for the 4th and 5th RHNA cycles:

4th RHNA CYCLE (01/01/06-06/30/14)		
INCOME GROUP	NUMBER	PERCENT
Extremely Low	31	10.4%
Very Low	44	14.8%
Low	46	15.5%
Moderate	50	16.8%
Above Moderate	126	42.5%
Total:	297	100.0%
5th RHNA CYCLE (01/01/14 – 10/30/21)		
INCOME GROUP	NUMBER	PERCENT
Very Low	52	25.9%
Low	31	15.4%
Moderate	33	16.4%
Above Moderate	85	42.3%
Total:	201	100.0%

The household income groups are categorized as Extremely Low (less than 30 percent of Los Angeles County's median income), Very Low (30-50 percent of L.A. County's median income), Low (50-80 percent of L.A. County's median income), Moderate (80-120 percent of L.A. County's median income), and Above Moderate (greater than 120 percent of L.A. County's median income).

Pursuant to State Housing Element laws, the Housing Element must be updated every eight (8) years to reflect new RHNA allocations and ensure compliance with other housing related requirements. The 5th RHNA cycle Housing Element was due to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on October 15, 2013. The following table lists actions taken by the City in 2013 in preparation of the Housing Element update:

DATE	DISCUSSION
September, 2012 – April, 2013	Planning Commission and staff discussed State Housing Element laws and reviewed sites for potential rezoning to meet the City's lower income housing units allocation. After careful review of several sites, the Planning Commission selected three (3) sites for potential rezoning. Planning Commission determined that rezoning efforts should occur prior to the adoption of the Housing Element in order to have the zoning in place within the 4 th Housing Element cycle.

DATE	DISCUSSION
May-June 2013	Staff informed the City Council and property owners of properties selected about potential rezoning. Staff also contacted HCD about the sites selected for rezoning. HCD staff provided the City a letter indicating that the sites selected for rezoning meet the statutory requirements to meet the City's lower income housing units allocation.
July 10, 2013	Planning Commission Public Hearing was held regarding Text Amendment No. 298, General Plan Amendment No. 168 and Zone Change No. 343 to establish an R-4 zone and rezone 3 sites to allow high density residential uses. At that meeting, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council approve the project.
August 6, 2013	City Council Public Hearing was held to consider Text Amendment No. 298, General Plan Amendment No. 168, and Zone Change No. 343 to establish an R-4 zone and rezone 3 sites to allow high density residential uses. At that meeting, the City Council continued the public hearing to the meeting of August 20, 2013.
August 20, 2013	At the continued public hearing, the City Council introduced the ordinances to approve Text Amendment No. 298, General Plan Amendment No. 168 and Zone Change No. 343, to establish an R-4 zone and rezone 2 sites to allow high density residential uses. One of the sites recommended for rezoning by the Planning Commission was eliminated by the City Council.
August 29, 2013	At an adjourned regular meeting, the City Council conducted a second reading of the ordinances to adopt Text Amendment No. 298, General Plan Amendment No. 168 and Zone Change No. 343. This project rezoned 2 sites to the R-4 zone to facilitate the development of approximately 100 housing units to accommodate the lower income housing need.
September – October, 2013	The first draft of the Housing Element was completed. Staff presented the draft Housing Element to the Planning Commission and City Council and requested authorization to submit the draft to HCD. Authorization was granted and staff transmitted the draft to HCD for review on October 2, 2013.
November 13, 2013	Planning Commission Public Hearing was held for General Plan Amendment No. 167 to obtain comments on the draft Housing Element from the public and the Planning Commission.
December 3, 2013	HCD concluded its review and issued the City a letter indicating that the draft meets the statutory requirements of State, but the Department would be unable to find the element in full compliance until the City provides the Department with a copy of the adopted Housing Element and adopts emergency shelter provisions.
December 12, 2013	Planning Commission reviewed General Plan Amendment No.

DATE	DISCUSSION
	167, a request adopt the Housing Element and Negative Declaration prepared for the project, and recommended City Council approval of the project.
January 7, 2014	City Council reviewed and approved General Plan Amendment No. 167 to adopt the Housing Element and Negative Declaration prepared for the project.
January 28, 2014	Staff transmitted a copy of the adopted Housing Element to HCD.

Using the forms and definitions, as adopted by HCD on March 27, 2010, information regarding Norwalk's progress in addressing the regional housing need allocation has been included in Tables "A", "A2", "A3", "B" and "C" contained in Attachment 1. In the attached tables, the City reported the issuance of building permits for nine (9) new single-family residential units to meet the above moderate income housing units allocation between January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

A Housing Element was never adopted for the 4th RHNA cycle. Therefore, the program implementation status contained in Table "C" reflects the status in implementation of housing programs listed in the Draft Housing Element for the 4th RHNA cycle. The following table contains program implementation status for housing programs contained in the 2008 – 2014 Draft Housing Element that were implemented during the 2013 calendar year:

Program Category and Program	Accomplishments
PROGRAM CATEGORY #1: MAKING SITES AVAILABLE WITH THE APPROPRIATE ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND WITH ADEQUATE SERVICES AND FACILITIES	
1.1 Land Use Element Implementation Implementation of the Land Use Element will ensure that development of the vacant and underutilized sites will contribute to meeting the City's share of the regional housing need. The Land Use Element will be continuously implemented.	Program 1.1 was continuously implemented during the 2006-2014 planning period.
1.2 Firestone Corridor Development Sites Program Within this area, the City will consider proposals from private developers. For a selected proposal, the Redevelopment	Program 1.2 was abandoned because of the State law which required the City to dissolve the Redevelopment Agency.

<p>Agency will provide assistance to the acquisition and consolidation of lots in order to facilitate the creation of sites suitable for new development.</p>	
<p>1.3 Zoning Ordinance Amendments Program</p> <p>This Program is designed to satisfy all the requirements of SB 2 including zoning provisions for emergency shelters, transitional housing, supportive housing as well as single room occupancy units (SROs).</p>	<p>Program 1.3 was not implemented. It has been carried forward into the 2006-2014 planning period.</p> <p>The City has completed draft Zoning Ordinance amendments that address the SB 2 mandates.</p>
<p>1.4 Energy Conservation Program</p>	
<p>PROGRAM CATEGORY #2: ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADEQUATE HOUSING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF LOW AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS</p>	
<p>2.1 Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program</p> <p>The Norwalk Housing Authority (NHA) will continue to administer 705 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.</p>	<p>Program 2.1 was continuously implemented during the 2006-2014 planning period. It is included in Section 3 – Housing Program – of the Housing Element Update.</p>
<p>2.2 Firestone Corridor Housing Program</p> <p>The Firestone Corridor Housing Program is a companion program to the Firestone Corridor Development Sites Program. The objective of the latter program is to provide sites at a minimum density of 30 dwelling units per acre in part of the area located on the north side of Firestone Boulevard between Kalnor Avenue and Pioneer Boulevard.</p>	<p>Program 2.3 was abandoned because of the State law which required the City to dissolve the Redevelopment Agency.</p>
<p>2.3 Housing Program for Extremely Low Income Households</p> <p>Nonprofit Special Needs Housing, Housing Rehabilitation Programs, Section 8 rental assistance</p>	<p>Program 2.4 was continuously implemented during the 2006-2014 planning period. Elements of Program 2.4 are included in Section 3 – Housing Program – of the Housing Element Update.</p>
<p>PROGRAM CATEGORY #3: ADDRESS AND REMOVE EXISTING GOVERNMENTAL CONSTRAINTS TO THE MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING</p>	

<p>3.1 Adopt a Reasonable Accommodation Procedure</p> <p>The Federal Departments' of Justice (DOJ) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as well as the California Attorney General all encourage cities to adopt a reasonable accommodation procedure.</p>	<p>Program 3.1 was not implemented. However, the City has completed a draft reasonable accommodation procedure. The procedure will be adopted early in the 2013-2021 planning period.</p>
<p>3.2 Zoning Ordinance Amendments Program</p> <p>This program has two components: enactment of procedures to process applications for density bonus units pursuant to Government Code Sections 65915-65918 and establishing a definition of family.</p>	<p>Program 3.2 was not implemented during the prior planning period. It has been carried forward into the 2013-2021 planning period.</p>
<p>PROGRAM CATEGORY #4: CONSERVE AND IMPROVE THE CONDITION OF THE EXISTING STOCK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING</p>	
<p>4.1 Housing Code Enforcement Program</p> <p>The Property Maintenance Division operates this program. Staff is responsible for responding to complaints or inquiries regarding violations of zoning, sign, land use ordinances, and public nuisances as well as being proactive in identifying and initiating cases. Funding for code enforcement is from the General Fund as well as Community Development Block Grants</p>	<p>Program 4.1 was continuously implemented during the prior planning period. It has been incorporated into Section 3 – Housing Program – of the <i>2013-2021 Housing Element</i>.</p>
<p>4.2 Residential Rehabilitation Program (CDBG)</p> <p>CDBG funds provide financial incentives and assistance to rehabilitate single-family dwelling and rental structures up to four (4) units. No interest and low interest loans, grants and rebates are offered.</p>	<p>Program 4.2 was continuously implemented during the prior planning period. It has been incorporated into Section 3 – Housing Program – of the <i>2013-2021 Housing Element</i>.</p>
<p>4.3 Housing Improvement Program (HOME)</p>	<p>Program 4.3 was continuously implemented during the prior planning period. It has been incorporated into Section 3 – Housing</p>

Zero Percent Deferred Loans Grants for Elderly and Disabled	Program – of the 2013-2021 <i>Housing Element</i> .
PROGRAM CATEGORY #5 PROMOTE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL PERSONS	
<p>5.1 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)</p> <p>The City has an approved AI that covers the 2010-2015 period. Each year, the City implements one or more of the recommended actions and forwards the results to HUD as a part of the Consolidated Plan Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).</p>	<p>Program 5.1 was implemented during the prior planning period. HUD has published a proposed rule to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH). The rule requires the City to prepare a draft Assessment of Fair Housing Assessment (AFH) by October 2014.</p>
<p>5.2 Fair Housing Services and Assistance</p> <p>Norwalk will contract with the Fair Housing Foundation located in Long Beach to establish, maintain, and advance fair housing choices. The Fair Housing Foundation will continue to assist households with:</p> <p>Housing Discrimination Counseling and Investigative Services Landlord Tenant Housing Dispute Resolution Services Education and Outreach Services</p>	<p>Program 5.2 was continuously implemented during the prior planning period. It has been incorporated into Section 3 – Housing Program – of the 2013-2021 <i>Housing Element</i>.</p>
<p>5.3 Norwalk Housing Authority Fair Housing Program</p> <p>The Norwalk Housing Authority's Five-Year PHA Plan has adopted a program to ensure equal housing opportunity. The NHA administers the Section 8 Voucher Program to attain the following adopted goal and objectives:</p> <p>Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing.</p>	<p>Program 5.3 was continuously implemented during the prior planning period. It has been incorporated into Section 3 – Housing Program – of the 2013-2021 <i>Housing Element</i>.</p>
<p>5.4 Affirmative Marketing Actions</p> <p>The City maintains an affirmative marketing program that consists of steps to provide information and attract eligible persons to available housing without regard to race, color, national</p>	<p>Program 5.4 was implemented as part of the HOME program. Each year the City reported to HUD on its affirmative marketing actions. It will continue to do so during the 2013-2021 planning period.</p>

<p>origin, sex, religion, family status or disability. The City also uses marketing procedures that inform potential program participants about Federal fair housing laws and equal housing opportunities.</p>	
<p>PROGRAM CATEGORY #6: PRESERVE LOWER INCOME ASSISTED HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS</p>	
<p>6.1 Monitor At-Risk Projects</p> <p>The City has compiled a list of the owners and contact persons for the three projects having Section 8 contracts subject to renewal between 2006 and 2016. Two of the three owners are nonprofit housing corporations – Norwalk Christian Towers and Soroptimist Village Foundation. Lewis Operating Corporation, a for-profit entity, owns the third development.</p>	<p>Program 6.1 was continuously implemented during the prior planning period. It has been incorporated into Section 3 – Housing Program – of the <i>2013-2021 Housing Element</i>.</p>
<p>6.2 Local Resources for Housing Preservation</p> <p>In the event that the Section 8 rental assistance contracts are not renewed, the City will implement a program to facilitate the preservation of the affordable rental housing. This program will involve the efforts of the City’s Community Development Department, Redevelopment Agency and Housing Authority.</p> <p>The program will focus on making rental assistance available to households and/or housing units that will lose their Section 8 rental assistance payments.</p>	<p>Program 6.2 was continuously implemented during the prior planning period. The Norwalk Housing Authority has target 50 Section 8 vouchers to an at-risk rental housing development. Elements of the program have been incorporated into Section 3 – Housing Program – of the <i>2013-2021 Housing Element</i>.</p>

Neighborhood Stabilization Program

The City’s efforts in addressing housing needs during the 2013 calendar year included using Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds to complete work to rehabilitate a residence at 15416 Clarkdale Avenue, which was acquired using NSP funds in a previous calendar year. The work on this property was completed in the first quarter of 2013 and was subsequently sold to a Norwalk resident. This property was foreclosed upon and was acquired by the City to be rehabilitated and sold to low to moderate-income Norwalk residents. The City recognized that most low to moderate-income

buyers may not be able to afford the sale price of the homes. Therefore, the City funded the gap between the mortgage the family qualifies for and the sale price of the home.

Norwalk Housing Authority

The Norwalk Housing Authority (NHA), a separate legal entity established in 1976, assists lower income families to secure decent, safe, and sanitary housing at affordable prices. The Housing Authority administers an ongoing Housing Voucher Program. During calendar year 2013, the NHA issued approximately thirty-one (31) vouchers to new applicants from a waiting list and an average of six hundred and ninety-seven (697) households were assisted with their rent per month.

Community Development Block Grant

The federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, administered by the Community Development CDBG Division, has the responsibility of administering a wide range of programs whose objective is to provide housing in a sound environment, principally for low and moderate-income households. The focus of CDBG activities are to provide financial assistance in the form of low cost home improvement programs, provide essential public services, stimulate the revitalization of older declining neighborhoods and monitor the modernization of essential infrastructure in neighborhoods with a high concentration of low/moderate income residents.

For the 2013 calendar year, CDBG funds have rehabilitated forty-five (45) properties as of December 31, 2013 to benefit low and moderate-income households in order to prevent or eliminate slums or blight within the community. In addition, CDBG funds have been previously allocated to support housing services to several non-profit organizations that provide shelter for abused, homeless or disadvantaged women and children.

Home Investment Partnership

The Home Investment Partnership (HOME), administered by the Community Development CDBG Division, also provides a variety of resources to assist elderly, low-income residents, in addition to the City's special needs population. For the 2013 calendar year, the HOME Repair Program has assisted twenty-three (23) low-income residents as of December 31, 2013 by providing needed residential repairs in addition to necessary handicap accessibility improvements.

A total of fifteen (15) of the properties that received both aid in the form of CDBG funds and HOME funds.

Conservation Element

The Conservation Element of the Norwalk General Plan is intended to provide for the conservation, development and utilization of natural resources (e.g., water, minerals, energy sources etc.). Since the City of Norwalk is a completely urbanized community, there are limited natural resources that can be conserved and/or developed. However, conservation of existing resources from contamination and providing adequate mitigation measures to ensure that new development does not adversely impact the existing environment is being routinely achieved. The following is a discussion of

different City conservation efforts as they relate to water conservancy and recycling programs:

Water

In the on-going effort to improve water quality and eliminate pollutant discharges into municipal storm drains and underground aquifers, the Engineering Division is currently responsible for City compliance with the federally mandated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). As part of this program, the Engineering Division submits the annual NPDES report to the Regional Water Quality Control Board as required by this permit.

The City has also led efforts to initiate an inter-agency Committee to look at the Coyote Creek and Lower San Gabriel River Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) with assistance from the Gateway Authority. This group has grown this past year to incorporate cities in the San Gabriel River area. This newly established group is called the "Lower San Gabriel River Group" and has been tasked with the preparation of the Watershed Management Program and monitoring activities that are part of the new permit requirements.

Program activities to ensure the conservation of natural resources include interagency coordination with local and regional agencies, annual inspection and monitoring of the open channels and the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMP) for construction projects.

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In response to the stabilized water deliveries and increased rainfall levels as reported by the State Department of Water Resources, in 2013 the City temporarily lifted its mandatory water conservation measures that were originally passed in 2009. The City, however, does reserve the right to reinstate water use restrictions in the future should drought conditions occur. Regulations relating to stormwater prevention and washing vehicles are still in effect and conservation practices are still encouraged.

The City continues to work in collaboration with water purveyors that service Norwalk residents, such as Park Water and Golden State Water companies to promote water conservation. In the past, they have set up informational booths and distributed conservation items such as low-flow showerheads at the City's health fairs and other public outreach efforts.

Recycling

The City of Norwalk is committed to "going green," promoting public awareness on the importance of recycling/conservation and offering programs for its residents. All of the City's recycling programs are funded either by grants, partnerships, and/or forfeiture funds. Below is a summary of the various recycling programs and outreach efforts that took place in the 2013 calendar year within the City.

Used Oil Block Grants/Oil Payment Program – This program is funded by a State Block Grant. In the 2013 calendar year, the funds were used to fund year-round residential curbside pickup as well as used oil filter exchange events, in which residents take their used oil and filters to a certified collection center to exchange for a brand new filter. Promotional items such as oil containers, funnels, and cleaning rags were distributed during these events. We also promoted awareness by setting up an informational booth at City-hosted events such as the Summer Concert series. In addition, the City partnered with the school districts where students received storm water prevention and used oil recycling presentations and were asked to submit art work with a similar theme. Winning artwork entries were used as part of a Public Service Announcement (PSA) that aired on the City's cable channel, and were published in the City's monthly newsletter and website. In addition, City outreach at the local high schools include setting up an informational booth at the high school Earth Day event, and providing information to high school students in Autoshop classes on the importance of used oil recycling.

Energy Efficiency Conservation – During the 2013 calendar year, the City had partnered with Los Angeles County to promote the "Energy Upgrade California" program by co-sponsoring a workshop so that residents can receive information about home energy efficiency projects to help lower utility bills. In addition, informational booths were set up during the City's Summer Concerts to promote this program and energy conservation.

Beverage Container Grants – This program is also funded by a State Block Grant. The funds were used to partially subsidize a quarterly recycling publication called "One Person's Trash..." and to produce flyers and information material for public distribution. In addition, grant funds were used to purchase recycling receptacles for parks and City facilities. Funds were also utilized to purchase rights to two seasons of the popular PBS show, "Curiosity Quest Goes Green," in which host Joel Greene takes students on adventures to show them how recycling benefits the earth. These shows will air on the City's public access channel throughout the year.

City E-waste and Shredding Events – The City organized electronic waste collection and document shredding events three times last year in January, April and October. Each event was held on a Saturday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. These events were extremely

successful, with an average of 388 vehicles participating. These events are funded with e-waste collection funds provided by the e-waste contractor, who receives this funding from the State of California SB 20 funds.

Construction and Demolition (C&D) Recycling – In response to AB 939 (mandatory recycling requirement) to divert at least 50% of discarded materials from landfills, the City requires property owners/contractors to submit a Waste Management Plan (WMP) along with a fully refundable deposit for construction and demolition projects. Those that fail to comply with submitting disposal and recycling receipts will have their deposits forfeited. The forfeiture funds are then used to fund City recycling efforts.

Public Education – The City contracts with Eco Partners to prepare and print “One Person’s Trash,” a quarterly publication exclusively devoted to recycling and conservation topics. The publication is funded by 3 sources: Used Oil Block Grant funding, Beverage Container Block Grant funding, and subsidies from our two (2) franchised haulers.

Mandatory Commercial Recycling – Given the passage of AB 341 in 2012, the City has partnered with the City’s authorized haulers to disseminate information about the mandatory commercial recycling requirement for businesses and apartment complexes with 5 or more units. Information was disseminated through direct mailings as well as in City publications. The City is already in compliance with AB 341, since waste collected from businesses and apartment complexes in Norwalk go through a sorting process where recyclables are removed from the waste stream. However, the City encourages businesses and apartment complexes to look into additional recycling options when feasible.

In addition, the City accommodates elementary schools that request City Hall tours, which incorporated a recycling/conservation education component into the tour. The students were educated on the importance of recycling and were given recycled content items to show how items can be re-used.

Battery Recycling Program – The City offers the convenience for residents to properly dispose of household batteries. Containers are placed throughout our public facilities (City Hall, Arts and Sports Complex, Senior Center and Social Services Center) and are accessible to residents during regular operating hours. Disposal fees are paid for by the City’s Construction and Demolition (C&D) forfeiture fund.

SHARPS Disposal Program – The City also offers the SHARPS program in which residents can properly dispose home-generated sharps (needles, syringes and lancets). This program was established through a joint partnership with Coast Plaza Doctors Hospital and the JWCH Regional Health Clinic. Later, the City partnered with Los Angeles County to distribute free sharps disposal containers to residents. Once these containers are full, residents can take them to participating locations free of charge. Additionally, the Norwalk Sheriff’s Department has drop-off containers set up outside the Norwalk Sheriff’s Station. Residents have been able to anonymously drop off sharps, expired pharmaceuticals, and other drugs at no cost.

Open Space Element

The City's Open Space Element is primarily dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the City's remaining open space. These areas are generally located within public parks, schools, and developed greenbelts. Currently, the City's Recreation and Park Services Department is responsible for the maintenance and repair of 129 acres of park grounds, sixteen (16) baseball diamonds, the Aquatic Pavilion and the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex.

The Recreation and Park Services Department provides the residents of Norwalk an opportunity to create, play, and educate themselves through a variety of programs, activities, and events. Service programs include community services, youth and adult services, center and park activities, and citywide special events. Community services include extensive special interest classes and workshops, recreation for the physically challenged, and a vast array of community information and resource assistance. The youth and adult services are provided through excursions, sports and aquatics programs, athletic leagues, day camps, holiday events, and a variety of special activities.

The City has continued to maintain and enhance its parks and community facilities. The design or construction was completed for the following Capital Improvements Projects in 2013:

- Completed the construction of a 1,000 square foot recreation center at Vista Verde Park;
- Completed construction for repairs to the skylights at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex; and
- Completed reroof of the multi-purpose room at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex.

Noise Element

The Noise Element of the General Plan is dedicated to protecting the community from excessive noise. The City recognizes that there are two (2) major categories of noise sources, mobile and stationary. Because the City is located along several major transportation corridors (e.g., three freeways, three railroad lines, and several major arterial streets serving regional traffic), the City has constructed screen walls along Imperial Highway between Hoxie Avenue and west of Studebaker Road. Additional screen walls have been constructed along the western and southern property lines of the Norwalk Transportation Center to mitigate the impact of any excessive noise created by mobile noise sources (i.e., cars, trucks and motorcycles etc.).

With respect to stationary noise sources, they are generally associated with industrial and commercial activities, construction work, and human activity. Mitigation of these noise sources typically involve limiting business hours, restricting commercial and industrial business operations to enclosed buildings, and/or considering land use compatibility when determining an acceptable limit for noise exposure for various land

uses. A variety of these options continue to be implemented for all new developments in the City as a means of mitigating adverse noise impacts.

Safety Element

The Safety Element addresses both natural and man-made hazards that may result in the loss of life and/or damage of property. The City strives to ensure the safety of Norwalk residents through emergency preparedness efforts and programs administered through the Public Safety Department.

Emergency Preparedness

In an effort to minimize such loss/damage due to seismic activity, flood, fire, and man-made hazards, the City has created an Emergency Preparedness Section in the Safety Element to prepare and develop emergency plans, drills, training and communication/coordination with intergovernmental agencies.

In 2004, the City of Norwalk adopted a National Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP). This disaster plan integrates community resources into municipal disaster management, including a list of local resources such as personnel, equipment, material, specialized medical and other training and auxiliary communications/L.A. County Disaster Communications Services. The city is currently updating the NHMP in order to meet Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements.

In conformance with the NHMP, the City of Norwalk has continued to perform annual mock disaster drills and conduct bi-monthly training regarding emergency response that will help establish and maintain an on-going state of readiness within the City organization.

The City participates in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program which is a national program that educates citizens in emergency preparedness at the local level through cities, fire departments, police departments, hospitals and other community facilities. Norwalk is a member of the Area E Regional CERT program which consists of twenty-five (25) member cities. This program is the only known regional pool of volunteer mutual aid emergency assistance in which volunteers provide disaster response for jurisdictions affected by a major emergency or disaster.

Through the CERT program, both Norwalk personnel and volunteer community members are educated about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact Norwalk and the surrounding areas. Free monthly and quarterly training is provided to assist members in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. To be a CERT member, individuals must attend 20 hours of training annually. Advanced CERT members participate in 50 additional hours of training annually.

During the 2013 calendar year, the City continued to take a lead role in organizing training opportunities for CERT members through both volunteer and paid instructors and by supplying equipment needed for training sessions and as part of the certification process. Cross training is also available to CERT members to enable them to learn

about emergency response in different settings, such as responding to disasters in both urban and wilderness environments.

In September 2013, the City launched a pilot preparedness program focused on k-5 public schools. The project S.P.I.R.I.T. (School Preparedness Intercommunity Readiness Interagency Training) provides a whole community approach to emergency preparedness. The pilot project runs through June 2014 and includes multiagency participation.

Public Safety Department Programs

During the 2013 calendar year, the Public Safety Department has also continued to assist the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to enhance community safety through crime prevention. Some of the existing law enforcement programs that have promoted public safety in Norwalk include:

- Norwalk Enforcement Team (NET),
- Junior Park Ranger Program,
- Community Safety Partnership Team,
- Business Watch and Neighborhood Watch Programs,
- Public Safety Cadets,
- Nuisance Abatement,
- Norwalk Apartment Partnership Association,
- Graffiti Abatement Program,
- Norwalk Park Patrol and Security,
- Entertainment Center/Civic Center and Transportation Center Security,
- Intervention Academy, Parent Project classes
- Curfew Enforcement Program,
- Safe Housing and Property Enhancement Program (S.H.A.P.E),
- Public Safety Volunteer Program,
- Parental Responsibility Ordinance,
- Latent Fingerprint Services,
- Probation Department, Prevention and Intervention Program.

Recommendations are often made by the Public Safety Commission concerning various Public Safety Department programs, such as Business Watch and Neighborhood Watch Programs. The Commission also reviews and makes recommendations regarding parking and traffic-related matters. In addition, the City continues to participate in a multi-agency crime task force that maintains collaborative partnerships between various law enforcement agencies, courts, parole officers, the District Attorney's office and local school districts.

Community Design Element

Although the Community Design Element does not prescribe a set of particular design standards, it does offer guiding principles that promote quality design. The following is a discussion how the goals and objectives of the Community Design Element are achieved in new developments and through the Arts in Public Places Program:

Development Review and Approval

Prior to the construction of any new or remodeled development in the City, proposed projects must go through a development review process in which the Community Development Department works with developers and property owners to ensure compliance with the City's zoning requirements as well as aesthetic considerations such as architectural style, scale, massing and building orientation. These are important design features associated with any new or remodeled development, particularly, when a project design may impact the surrounding physical environment.

The Planning Commission is the approving body for all projects that require discretionary approval and are responsible for ensuring that projects are:

- Compatible with other developments in the area and will have a positive effect on the appearance of the surrounding neighborhood;
- Consistent with the General Plan;
- Will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare or adversely affect property values or the present or future development of surrounding areas; and
- Compliant with the regulations contained within the Norwalk Municipal Code.

The City takes into account all design considerations during the development review process and promote and obtain aesthetically attractive, quality developments throughout the City. In 2013, the Planning Commission continued to hold developers and builders to high architectural standards that enhanced the aesthetics of newly constructed and remodeled buildings. Additionally, the City strives to maintain that level of high architectural standards through its own projects.

Arts in Public Places Program

The City continues to beautify the City by way of the Art in Public Places Program. The program assesses a fee on developers constructing commercial or residential developments over \$500,000 within the City. Developers can either pay an in-lieu contribution to the City's Art in Public Places Program or incorporate artwork into their development, which must be reviewed and approved by the City Council.

During the 2013 calendar year, artist Wayne Healy began work on the Glazier Park project, an elliptical metal sculpture supported by four tiled columns, sitting on a tiled circular foundation of tile surrounded by concrete. The tile on each of the columns and base depicts specific events, locations, and people throughout different segments of Norwalk's history, from the 1870's through 2013. The center of the project floor includes a large map of Norwalk. The elements of the piece invite visitors to interact with the art, following the columns through time and locating familiar landmarks on the map. Funding from the Art in Public Places program has paid for the first two phases of the agreement with the artist, with the piece scheduled to be installed in May 2014.

City Council approved re-creation of a bronze newsboy sculpture, which was stolen during late 2012 from its installation site at the Orange-Rosecrans-Funston triangle.

The original artist, Eric Thorsen, has begun work on the new sculpture, anticipated to be installed in March of 2014.

Additionally, the City reviewed several possible site locations and concepts for future art placement in 2013. The City identified Freedom Square at City Hall, the Norwalk Arts and Sports Center (NASC), and various utility boxes throughout the City as favorable choices. Art at Freedom Square will consist of a military memorial, with a tribute to the five branches of service. Possible concepts for artwork at the NASC are mobile and colorful metal sculptures to depict activities and interests of visitors and participants. Art work will be applied to utility boxes, beginning with those near our two high schools, possibly with art created by the students. The City will be interviewing and selecting artists for these projects in 2014.

Educational and Cultural Resources Element

The purpose of the Educational and Cultural Resources element is to maintain and enhance the quality of education within the community and provide a sense of community identity through the preservation and expansion of the City's cultural facilities, programs, and services.

Educational Resources

At present, Norwalk's educational resources include a Community College, an adult school, and four (4) public school districts that serve twenty-nine (29) schools ranging from elementary through high school level. The City's cultural resources include two (2) public libraries (the Norwalk Regional Library and the Alondra Library), and the Cultural Arts Center, which is located at the Arts and Sports Complex. In addition, there are eleven (11) parks throughout the City, which are sources of educational and cultural activities for Norwalk residents.

The City has continued to enhance and develop the City's educational and cultural resources through diligent maintenance of City facilities and continued community programs at local parks and community centers, which are organized and managed by the City's Recreation and Park Services Department.

Historic Resources

There are also several historic resources within the community such as the Sproul Museum, the Paddison Ranch Buildings, the Darius David Johnston House, and the Front Street Buildings that celebrate the City's historic past during the beginning of the 20th Century. Norwalk has continued to promote and support its educational and cultural resources through continued community involvement and public awareness activities.

Utility Infrastructure Element

The City's new Utility Infrastructure Element is intended to ensure that adequate utility levels (e.g., water, sewer, storm drains, natural gas, electricity, etc.) are provided within the City to meet Norwalk's current and future needs. During the past year, the City has continued to maintain all existing utility infrastructure and enhance its functional longevity to maximum performance.

The City has taken measures to ensure that the utility infrastructure is working efficiently and effectively. In 2011, a special study was conducted analyze the City's sewer system to determine whether it is working efficiently and whether future repairs are necessary.

In the 2013 calendar year, the City worked on several Capital Improvement Projects that will improve the community's infrastructure, including:

- Completed construction to upgrade existing water well at Norwalk Park, in which new pumps and pipes were installed to connect the water supply to a water distribution center;
- Continued to work on the design of an additional water well site which is to be located at Hermosillo Park; and
- Completed construction work to replace the storm drain at Norwalk Toyota.

These improvements are necessary to ensure that current and future Norwalk residents are provided with adequate utility services.

CONCLUSION

The 2013 General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report is the tenth annual report on the implementation status of the Norwalk General Plan. To date, staff believes the City has continued to faithfully implement the City's 1996 General Plan as the actions, plans, programs and projects documented in this report represent the City's commitment to achieve the goals and objectives set forth in the ten (10) elements of the Norwalk General Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Housing Element Implementation Tables.

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Table A2
Annual Building Activity Report Summary - Units Rehabilitated, Preserved and Acquired pursuant to GC Section 65583.1(c)(1)

Please note: Units may only be credited to the table below when a jurisdiction has included a program it its housing element to rehabilitate, preserve or acquire units to accommodate a portion of its RHINA which meet the specific criteria as outlined in GC Section 65583.1(c)(1)

Activity Type	Affordability by Household Incomes				TOTAL UNITS	(4) The Description should adequately document how each unit complies with subsection (c)(7) of Government Code Section 65583.1
	Extremely Low-Income	Very Low-Income	Low-Income	Low-Income		
(1) Rehabilitation Activity			1		1	Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds were used to acquire and rehabilitate a single-family residence at 15416 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650. This satisfies Program Category #2 of the Housing Element.
(2) Preservation of Units At-Risk				0		
(3) Acquisition of Units				0		
(5) Total Units by Income	0	0	1	1		

* Note: This field is voluntary

Table A3
Annual building Activity Report Summary for Above Moderate-Income Units (not including those units reported on Table A)

	1. Single Family	2. 2 - 4 Units	3. 5+ Units	4. Second Unit	5. Mobile Homes	6. Total	7. Number of infill units*
No. of Units Permitted for Moderate						0	
No. of Units Permitted for Above Moderate	9					9	

* Note: This field is voluntary

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Table B

Regional Housing Needs Allocation Progress

Permitted Units Issued by Affordability

Enter Calendar Year starting with the first year of the RHNA allocation period. See Example. Income Level	RHNA Allocation by Income Level	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total Units to Date (all years)	Total Remaining RHNA by Income Level
Very Low	Deed Restricted Non-deed restricted											75
Low	Deed Restricted Non-deed restricted											46
Moderate	Deed Restricted Non-deed restricted											50
Above Moderate		23	9	6	5	0	3	4	9		59	67
Total RHNA by COG: Enter allocation number:		23	9	6	5	0	3	4	9		59	238
Total Units												
Remaining Need for RHNA Period												

Note: units serving extremely low-income households are included in the very low-income permitted units totals.

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Table C
Program Implementation Status

Program Description (By Housing Element Program Names)	Name of Program	Objective	Timeframe in H.E.	Status of Program Implementation
		Housing Programs Progress Report - Government Code Section 65583. Describe progress of all programs including local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing as identified in the housing element.		
Category # 1, Program 1.1 Land Use Element Implementation		Implementation of the Land Use Element will ensure that development of the vacant and underutilized sites will contribute to meeting the City's share of the regional housing need. The Land Use Element will be continuously implemented. Quantified objective is 161 housing units on vacant and under utilized sites. Within this area, the City will consider proposals from private developers. For a selected proposal, the Redevelopment Agency will provide assistance to the acquisition and consolidation of lots in order to facilitate the creation of sites suitable for new development. Quantified objective: developer selected.	2006-2014	Program 1.1 was continuously implemented during the 2006-2014 planning period.
Category # 1, Program 1.2 Firestone Corridor Development Sites Program			Developer - Q4 2012	Program 1.2 was abandoned because of the State law which required the City to dissolve the Redevelopment Agency.
Category # 1, Program 1.3 Zoning Ordinance Amendments Program		This Program is designed to satisfy all the requirements of SB 2 including zoning provisions for emergency shelters, transitional housing, supportive housing as well as single room occupancy units (SROs). Quantified objective: amendments adopted.	Emergency Shelters - Q3 2012; SROs - Q1 2014; Transitional and Supportive Housing - Q2 2014	Program 1.3 was not implemented. It has been carried forward into the 2013-2021 planning period. The City has completed draft Zoning Ordinance amendments that address the SB 2 mandates.
Category # 1, Program 1.4 Energy Conservation Program		This Program is designed to implement existing opportunities for energy conservation. Quantified objective: n/a.	NHA - ongoing; CDD Q4 2013	Program 1.4 was continuously implemented during the 2006-2014 planning period.

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Category # 2, Program 2.1 Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program	The Norwalk Housing Authority (NHA) will continue to administer 705 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. Quantified objective: 705 assisted households.	2006-2014	Program 2.1 was continuously implemented during the 2006-2014 planning period. It is included in Section 3 -- Housing Program -- of the Housing Element Update.
Category # 2, Program 2.2 Firestone Corridor Housing Program	The Firestone Corridor Housing Program is a companion program to the Firestone Corridor Development Sites Program. The objective of the latter program is to provide sites at a minimum density of 30 dwelling units per acre in part of the area located on the north side of Firestone Boulevard between Kalnor Avenue and Pioneer Boulevard. Quantified objective: Affordable housing Financing Plan for 80-120 housing units.	Q2 2013	Program 2.3 was abandoned because of the State law which required the City to dissolve the Redevelopment Agency.
Category # 2, Program 2.3 Housing Program for Extremely Low Income Households	Nonprofit Special Needs Housing, Housing Rehabilitation Programs, Section 8 rental assistance. Quantified objective: 31 constructed units, 71 rehabled units, 494 Section 8 households assisted	2006-2014	Program 2.4 was continuously implemented during the 2013-2021 planning period. Elements of Program 2.4 are included in Section 3 -- Housing Program -- of the Housing Element Update.
Category # 3, Program 3.1 Adopt a Reasonable Accommodation Procedure	The Federal Departments' of Justice (DOJ) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as well as the California Attorney General all encourage cities to adopt a reasonable accommodation procedure. Quantified objective: Adopted	Q2 2012	Program 3.1 was not implemented. However, the City has completed a draft reasonable accommodation procedure. The procedure will be adopted early in the 2013-2021 planning period.
Category # 3, Program 3.2 Zoning Ordinance Amendments Program	This program has two components: enactment of procedures to process applications for density bonus units pursuant to Government Code Sections 65915-65918 and establishing a definition of family. Quantified objective: Adopted amendments.	Definition of Family - Q2 2012; Density Bonus - Q2 2013	Program 3.2 was not implemented during the prior planning period. It has been carried forward into the 2013-2021 planning period.

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Category # 4, Program 4.1 Housing Code Enforcement Program	2006-2014	<p>The Property Maintenance Division operates this program. Staff is responsible for responding to complaints or inquiries regarding violations of zoning, sign, land use ordinances, and public nuisances as well as being proactive in identifying and initiating cases. Funding for code enforcement is from the General Fund as well as Community Development Block Grants. Quantified objective: 2,500 residential property cases.</p>
Category # 4, Program 4.2 Residential Rehabilitation Program (CDBG)	2006-2014	<p>CDBG funds provide financial incentives and assistance to rehabilitate single-family dwelling and rental structures up to four (4) units. No interest and low interest loans, grants and rebates are offered. Quantified objective: 414 rehabilitated housing units.</p>
Category # 4, Program 4.3 Housing Improvement Program (HOME)	2006-2014	<p>Zero Percent Deferred Loans Grants for Elderly and Disabled. Quantified objective: 112 rehabilitated housing units.</p>
Category # 5, Program 5.1 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)	Completed May 2010	<p>The City has an approved AI that covers the 2010-2015 period. Each year, the City implements one or more of the recommended actions and forwards the results to HUD as a part of the Consolidated Plan Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). Quantified objective: Update of Analysis of Fair Housing Action Plan.</p>

Program 4.1 was continuously implemented during the prior planning period. It has been incorporated into Section 3 – Housing Program – of the 2013-2021 Housing Element.

Program 4.2 was continuously implemented during the prior planning period. It has been incorporated into Section 3 – Housing Program – of the 2013-2021 Housing Element.

Program 4.3 was continuously implemented during the prior planning period. It has been incorporated into Section 3 – Housing Program – of the 2013-2021 Housing Element.

Program 5.1 was implemented during the prior planning period. HUD has published a proposed rule to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH). The rule requires the City to prepare a draft Assessment of Fair Housing Assessment (AFH) by October 2014.

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Jurisdiction	City of Norwalk	Reporting Period	1/1/2013 - 12/31/2013
<p>Category # 5, Program 5.2 Fair Housing Services and Assistance</p>	<p>Norwalk will contract with the Fair Housing Foundation located in Long Beach to establish, maintain, and advance fair housing choices. The Fair Housing Foundation will continue to assist households with: Housing Discrimination Counseling and Investigative Services Landlord Tenant Housing Dispute Resolution Services Education and Outreach Services. Quantified objective: 850 households provided fair housing assistance.</p>	<p>2006-2014</p>	<p>Program 5.2 was continuously implemented during the prior planning period. It has been incorporated into Section 3 – Housing Program – of the 2013-2021 Housing Element.</p>
<p>Category # 5, Program 5.3 Norwalk Housing Authority Fair Housing Program</p>	<p>The Norwalk Housing Authority's Five-Year PHA Plan has adopted a program to ensure equal housing opportunity. The NHA administers the Section 8 Voucher Program to attain the following adopted goal and objectives: Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing. Quantified objective: n/a.</p>	<p>2010-2015 Public Housing Agency Plan updated March 2010</p>	<p>Program 5.3 was continuously implemented during the prior planning period. It has been incorporated into Section 3 – Housing Program – of the 2013-2021 Housing Element.</p>
<p>Category # 5, Program 5.4 Affirmative Marketing Actions</p>	<p>The City maintains an affirmative marketing program that consists of steps to provide information and attract eligible persons to available housing without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, family status or disability. The City also uses marketing procedures that inform potential program participants about Federal fair housing laws and equal housing opportunities. Quantified objective: n/a</p>	<p>2006-2014</p>	<p>Program 5.4 was implemented as part of the HOME program. Each year the City reported to HUD on its affirmative marketing actions. It will continue to do so during the 2013-2021 planning period.</p>

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Jurisdiction Reporting Period	City of Norwalk 1/1/2013 - 12/31/2013	The City has compiled a list of the owners and contact persons for the three projects having Section 8 contracts subject to renewal between 2006 and 2016. Two of the three owners are nonprofit housing corporations – Norwalk Christian Towers and Soroptimist Village Foundation. Lewis Operating Corporation, a for-profit entity, owns the third development. Quantified objective: Preserve 238 rent restricted housing units.	2006-2014	Program 6.1 was continuously implemented during the prior planning period. It has been incorporated into Section 3 – Housing Program – of the 2013-2021 Housing Element.
Category # 6, Program 6.1 Monitor At-Risk Projects				
Category # 6, Program 6.2 Local Resources for Housing Preservation				
		In the event that the Section 8 rental assistance contracts are not renewed, the City will implement a program to facilitate the preservation of the affordable rental housing. This program will involve the efforts of the City's Community Development Department, Redevelopment Agency and Housing Authority. The program will focus on making rental assistance available to households and/or housing units that will lose their Section 8 rental assistance payments. Quantified objective: Preserve 238 rent restricted housing units.	2006-2014	Program 6.2 was continuously implemented during the prior planning period. The Norwalk Housing Authority has target 50 Section 8 vouchers to an at-risk rental housing development. Elements of the program have been incorporated into Section 3 – Housing Program – of the 2013-2021 Housing Element.

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General Comments:

The 2013-2021 Housing Element of the General Plan ("Housing Element"), which was adopted on January 7, 2014, describes actions the City will take to meet existing and future housing needs during the 5th Regional Housing Need Assessment (RHNA) cycle which consists of a 7-year period from January 1, 2014 through October 1, 2021. The Housing Element provides an inventory of sites available for future housing development. According to the sites inventory, the City's existing housing sites provide sufficient capacity to accommodate the 4th and 5th RHNA allocations. The Housing Element also outlines existing and proposed housing programs, and text amendments that are needed to meet statutory requirements. The implementation of the housing programs will be ongoing throughout the planning cycle. Most of the text amendments are scheduled to be completed in 2014. A Housing Element was never adopted for the 4th RHNA cycle. Therefore, the program implementation status contained in Table "C" reflects the status in implementation of housing programs listed in the 2008 – 2014 Draft Housing Element.

