

House National City City Council Briefing

Proposed Density Bonus Opt-In Incentive Program









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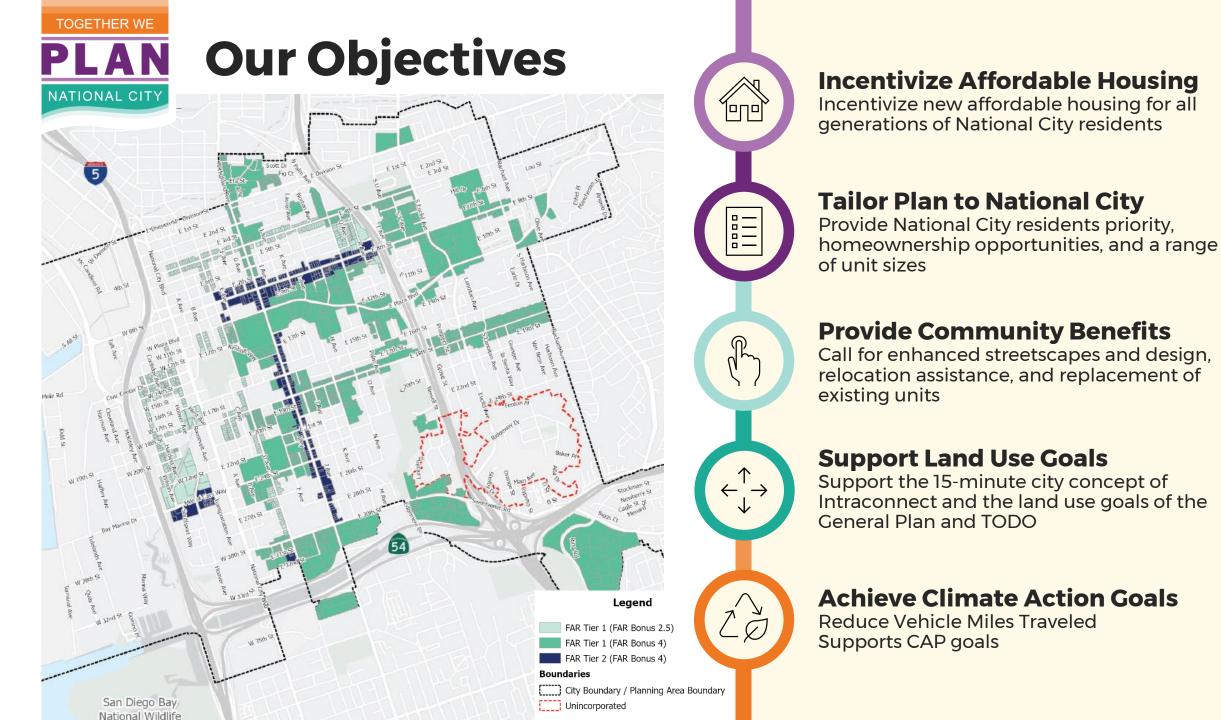
House National City is a new, optional program to incentivize affordable and mixed income housing in strategic areas across the city.

In exchange for affordable housing, qualifying projects receive a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) bonus.



Our Goal

Add more affordable and mixed-income housing, both rental and for-sale options, for current National City residents and new residents.

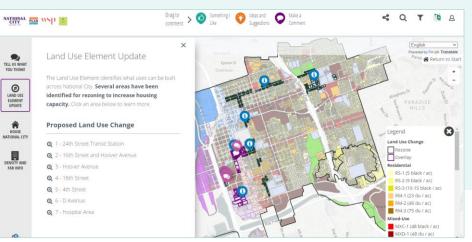




Community Outreach Completed to Date: 2020 - 2023

- Online Survey
- Webinars (7 total)
- Telephone Office Hours
- Interactive Map
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Planning Commission
 & City Council Briefings
- Workshops & Hearings (for Housing Committee, Planning Commission, and City Council)



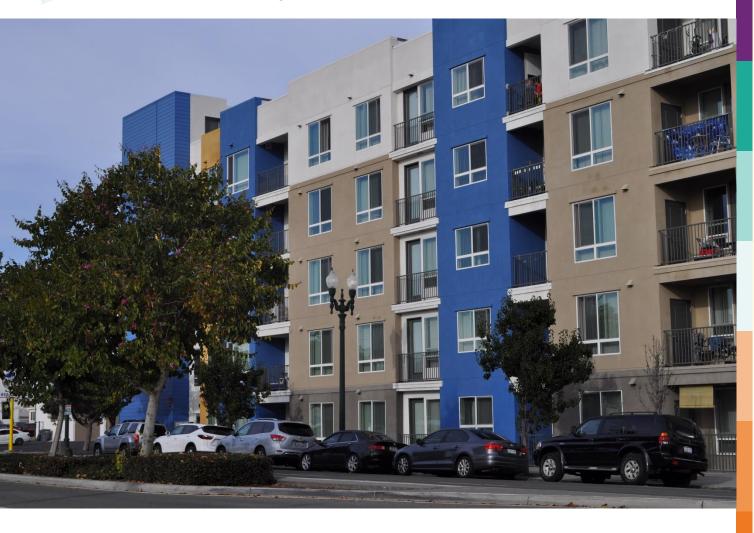








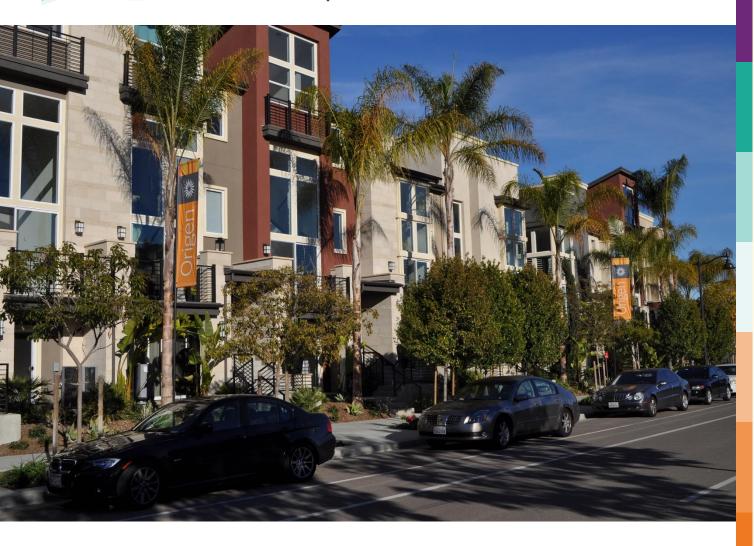
The Specifics



- 10% of post density units for 50% Area Median Income or less
- 10% of post density 3-bedroom units at 80% area median income or less
- National City Residents
 Local Preference Policy
- 75% of new units to National City residents
- Multifamily or mixed-use parcel within Transit Priority Areas
- Zoned at least 20 units per acre - no impact to single-family
- FAR Bonus of 2.5 or 4 depending on location
- Height limits remain the same based on zone



An Example



- RM-1 Zoning
 45 Height Limit
- 7,000 sf parcel (23 du/ac)
 4 units
- FAR Tier 1 = 4.0 28,000 sf = 35 units at 800 sf (2BDR units)
- Post density restricted affordable units at 50% AMI = 4
- Max number of stories
- DIF charged for 28 units instead of 4



Housing Production Totals

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Income Level		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Production Totals	RHNA Allocation by Income Level
Low	Deed Restricted	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	65	110	465
Very	Non-Deed Restricted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Low	Deed Restricted	8	108	0	0	0	0	0	71	187	353
Lo	Non-Deed Restricted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	
Moderate	Deed Restricted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	327
Mode	Non-Deed Restricted	0	1	0	46	116	0	0	0	163	
Above Moderate		67	16	143	12	7	60	166	186	657	718
Total Units		75	125	143	103	123	60	166	324	1119	1863



Housing Production Totals

Inc	come Level	2021	2022	Production Totals	RHNA Allocation by Income Level	
Low	Deed Restricted	0	33	33	645	
Very Low	Non-Deed Restricted	0	0	0		
Mo:	Deed Restricted	1	113	114	506	
Lo	Non-Deed Restricted	0	28	28		
Moderate	Deed Restricted	0	0	0	711	
Mod	Non-Deed Restricted	0	0	0		
Above Moderate		54	131	185	3575	
Tot	al Units	55	305	360	5437	





Accessory Dwelling Unit Permits and Construction, and Open Space Requirements



		Common Usable Open Space	Private Usable Open Space	Outdoor Space	Dimensions
3+	· Units	300 sq. ft. / du	Private Usable Open Space may be substituted for Common Usable Open Space (Substitution Requirements Apply)		None less than 20 ft.
Westside Specific	MCR-1 and CL	300 sq. ft. / du			
West	MCR-2	300 sq. ft. / du	75 sq. ft. / du for 3+ units		



Parking

Parking Enforcement

- Route Management
- Enforced Technology



Parking Capacity

- Angled Parking
- Oversized
 Vehicle Parking
 Prohibitions



Parking Utilization

- Online Permit Parking Management System
- Residential Permit Parking
- Parking Meters



Parking Authority

 Key role in ensuring the parking management program is sustainable

Progress Made

- Researched and piloted License PlateRecognition technology
- Implemented an on-line parking permitting system
- Researched parking meter technologies
- Reviewed and updated parking citations and fee schedule
- Drafted update to the MunicipalCode



Development of the Program

House National City



- Two-years in the making
 - WSP, GPS, KMA
 - City Staff
 - Community
 - Appointed and Elected Officials
- Best practices
- Economic feasibility study
- Community engagement
- Analysis and recommendations (development of the Plan)















KMA Market and Financial Feasibility Evaluation

Evaluation

- 1 Research market and development trends
- 2 Evaluation of test sites
- 3 Financial pro forma to test scenarios

Challenges

- Limited market-rate multi-family
- Base Case scenarios not feasible in current market
- 3 Current financial climate



House National City Program Feasibility

Positive Impacts

Which program features have a positive impact on project feasibility?

- Waivers of DIFs
- Affordable units do not exceed 10% of post-bonus unit total
- Waivers of base zone regulations

Key Factors

When are developers likely to opt into the program?

- Higher market rents per SF can be achieved for smaller units
- Greater density is achieved without a more costly construction and/or parking type

Feasibility

Is the Program feasible?

- Viable under certain site, planning, and market conditions
- Formulated to strike the balance between capturing the value enhancement for community benefits and providing incentives for new development



Inclusionary Housing Programs

Program Features



Inclusionary programs in San Diego County vary

- → % set aside
- → %AMI
- → Production requirement vs. in-lieu fee
- → Off-site alternatives

San Diego projects typically pay in-lieu fee unless they are using a density bonus. Inclusionary requirements most feasible on greenfield sites

- **→** Eastern Chula Vista
- → SR 56 corridor
- → Carlsbad

Inclusionary requirements on urban sites are more challenging

- → In-fill sites typically have improvements with remaining value
- → Inclusionary requirement makes projects less feasible unless combined with offsetting incentives



Inclusionary Feasibility Studies

Study may need to comply with AB 1505



Initiation

Identify potential inclusionary housing ordinance requirements



Analysis

Test the financial feasibility of alternative target set-asides / AMI levels



In-Lieu Fee

Calculate appropriate fee levels



Policy Options

Project Site threshold

- On-site vs. offsite compliance
- Eligibility to pay in-lieu fee
- Alternative means of compliance



Report

Prepare report
summarizing
technical analysis
&
recommendations
for program
requirements

Schedule: 1-2 years **Budget:** \$125,000-\$200,000

* Excludes planning, environmental, legal, and community engagement



Mandatory Inclusionary Policy Steps

If The City wants to pursue

Steps

- 1. Existing conditions analysis
- 2. Analyze best practices
- 3. Feasibility study
- 4. Public outreach
- 5. Develop recommendations and alternatives
- 6. Proceed with accepted recommendations

- 7. Traffic analysis
- 8. CEQA review
- 9. General Plan Amendment
- 10. Develop report
- Develop municipal code changes
- 12. Approvals in public hearings

Timeline

12-16 Months

Cost

Order of Magnitude: \$800K - \$1.2M

(Approximate)

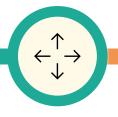


Why House National City











Affordable Housing

Incentivize new
affordable housing
for all generations of
National City
residents

National City Tailored

Provide National City residents priority, homeownership opportunities, and a range of unit sizes

Community Benefits

Call for enhanced streetscapes and design, relocation assistance, and replacement of existing units

Land Use Goals

Support the 15-minute city concept of Intraconnect and the goals of the General Plan and TODO

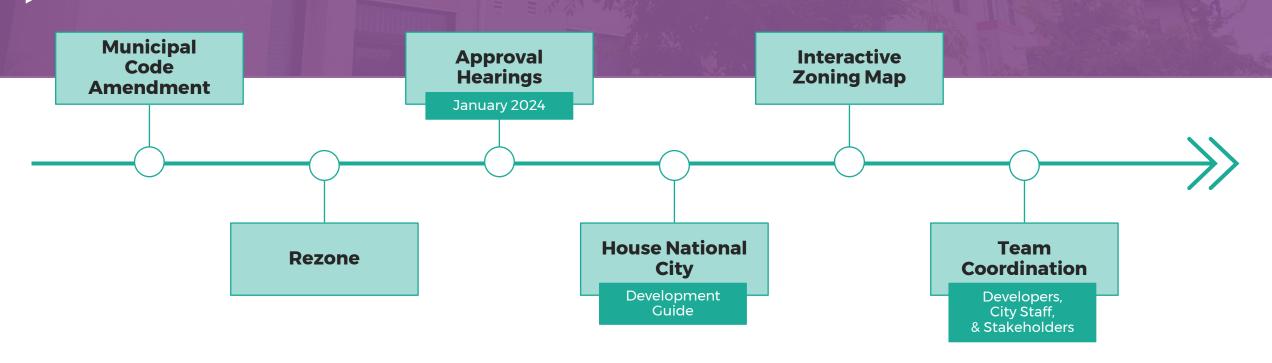
Climate Action Goals

Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled and support CAP goals



Next Steps

How is this implemented?







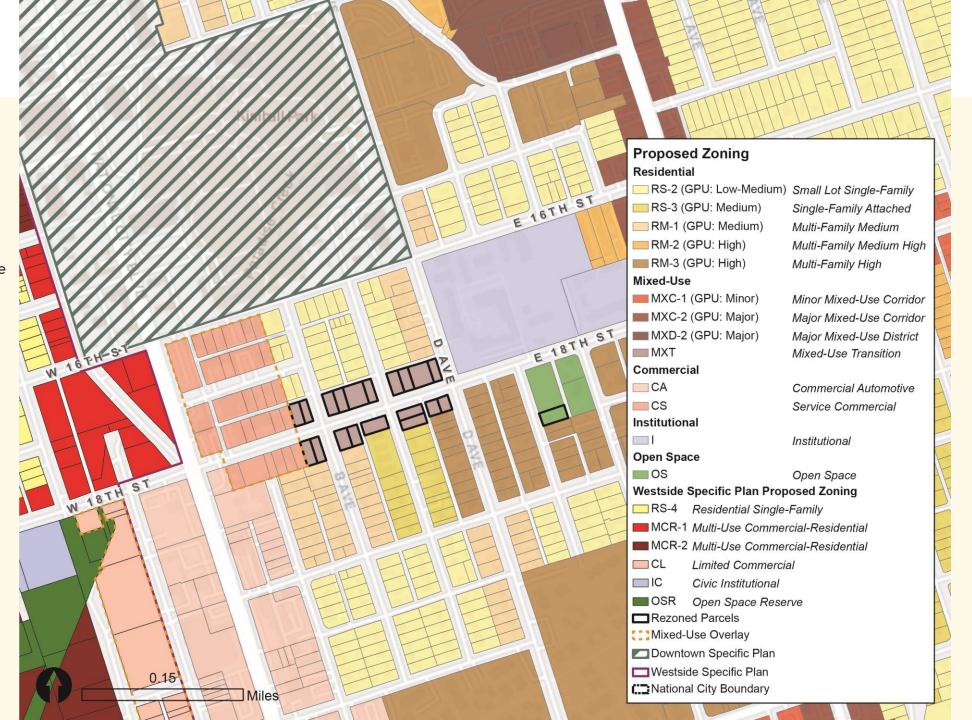
18th Street

Rezone to:

Mixed-Us Transition (MXT) and Open Space (OS)

Density: 24 DU/AC

Height: 4 Stories/45ft





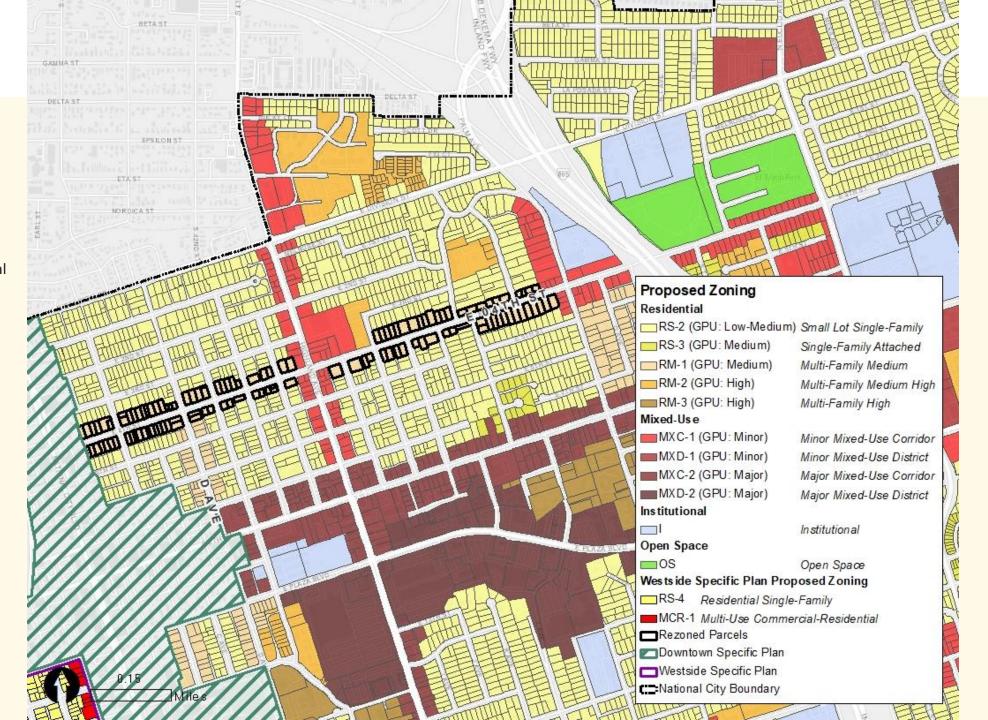
4th Street

Rezone to:

Medium Density Multi-Unit Residential (RM-1)

Density: 23 DU/AC

Height: 4 Stories/45ft





D Avenue

Rezone to:

Medium Density Multi-Unit Residential (RM-1)

Density: 23 DU/AC

Height: 4 Stories/45ft





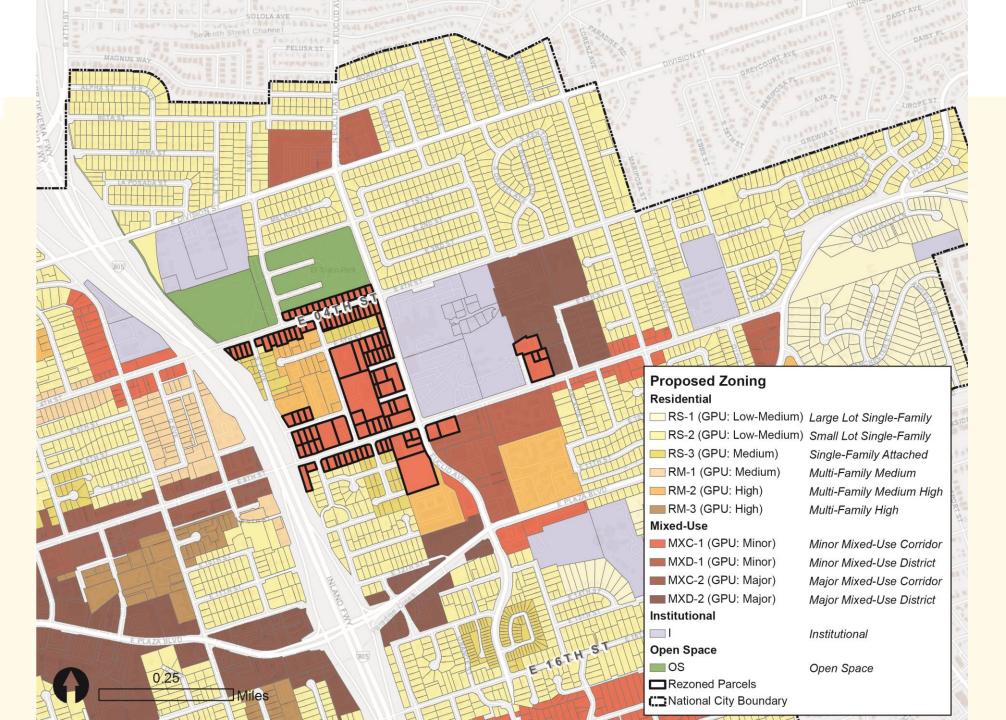
Hospital Area

Rezone to:

Minor Mixed-Use Corrido (MXC-1)

Density: 48 DU/AC

Height: 5 Stories/65ft





16th Street

Rezone to: Mixed-Use Overlay

Density: 24 DU/AC

Height: 5 Stories/65ft





Alternate Project Location Alternative

