

Healthy Mendocino Inland Housing Action Team Minutes
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In Attendance: Julie Fetherston, Patty Bruder, Alan Falleri, Denise Gorny,

Alan Falleri gave an overview of the housing element process and outlined some of the ways the team might be helpful in the process. The summary is below:

- Residential housing is a tax loss for governments. They know they need it for the health of their community but financially, because of expanded services, it is not a win
- There is a list of 'externalities'. These are figured into the element but do not always have a 'champion'. Examples of this are open space/parks/gardens (is there space for a play ground? Community garden? Access to other parks?), and transportation design (is it walkable?, is it safe?, well lighted?) part of our role can be to help cities and the county to factor these externalities into the plan in a way that takes long term benefit into consideration wherever possible
- Citizens can be helpful to go out on the ground and help gather information on vacant and underutilized parcels
- Once the housing element is finished and approved, the government entity must revise their zoning ordinance to be in compliance with the housing element
- The housing element needs to be in alignment with the general plan, so knowing the general plan (city or county) is key to being helpful in the housing element process

