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**Re: Comments on Antioch Housing Element**

Dear Antioch City Council and Planning Commission

The undersigned organizations would like to thank the City of Antioch for your commitment to environmental and climate justice through the Housing Element. East Bay for Everyone, California YIMBY, Greenbelt Alliance, and Contra Costa Young Democrats have reviewed many draft Housing Elements across Contra Costa county, and we were particularly impressed by Antioch's current draft Housing Element. Your commitment to reducing displacement through tenant protections, increasing affordable housing, and eliminating housing discrimination is impressive. We appreciate many policies, including but not limited to:

Policy 4.1.6 to review and revise **parking minimums**

Policy 4.1.9 to expedite **Missing Middle permitting** processes

Policy 4.1.11 to **streamline CEQA** for infill projects

Including these policies in the final draft Housing Element will demonstrate Antioch's commitment to meeting the housing needs of all residents. If Antioch implements and strengthens these policies, we would support an application by the city to receive pro-housing designation status, which will increase the city's access to state funding for infrastructure and affordable housing.

The undersigned organizations look forward to working with you to implement these policies and programs in order to help make Antioch the innovative housing leader that it seeks to be.

Regards,

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