

collaboration to collectively address our region's housing needs through shared learning, collaboration and coordinated action. The effort has been underway for over a decade and has been recognized statewide as a best practice for housing planning and policy. Since its inception, 21 Elements has provided technical assistance, group facilitation, and communications and shared resources in addition to engaging with the State Housing and Community Development Department (HCD), the region and other partners.

With the upcoming Housing Element cycle, 21 Elements offered a set of optional support services for member jurisdictions. The various tasks have been designed to help participating jurisdictions effectively and efficiently update the Housing Elements to meet State law requirements. Staff has found value and success in collaborating with 21 Elements and will continue its partnership for the upcoming Housing Element. Under the City Manager's signing authority, the City will be entering into a collaboration agreement with the San Mateo County Department of Housing (DOH) for the full package at a cost of \$54,500, which would be funded through the State's Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grant (pending award). DOH would execute an agreement with Baird + Driskell for the provision of these services and the County Board of Supervisors is expected to authorize the contract at its meeting on October 20. The work with 21 Elements will be used to complement the work of the consultant firm selected.