

# City of Chowchilla Housing Element Update Survey

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## What are our Housing Challenges and Opportunities?

Housing challenges affect the entire community — renters, homeowners, employers who are seeking to hire and retain workers, and community members with special housing needs. The purpose of this survey is to identify unique housing challenges in the City of Chowchilla and to assist City staff craft housing solutions that meet the needs of everyone in the community.

This anonymous survey asks your opinions about current housing conditions, unique housing opportunities that can influence future housing in the City of Chowchilla, and yourself. The City will use your responses to better understand and respond to the community’s sentiments about future housing development.

1. Rank the housing needs facing the City of Chowchilla from highest priority (1) to lowest priority (10):

- Need housing choices in lower price range to rent
- Need housing choices in lower price range to own
- Need more housing for seniors
- Need more housing for farmworkers
- Need more housing for large families
- Need more housing for multiple-generation families
- Need homes that are affordable to first-time homebuyers
- Need housing for people who work here
- Need more variety of housing types
- All housing needs are being met
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Select the top three housing needs for the City of Chowchilla in the coming 8 years (check only three):

- Housing that is affordable to all
- Repairs to older deteriorating housing
- Wider range of housing types (e.g., duplex, triplex, townhomes, apartments)
- Housing near transportation and/or services
- Housing for multigenerational households and large families
- More opportunities for home ownership
- More rental housing

3. Please rank each housing type based on what would be most successful in the City of Chowchilla today (1 is most successful and 5 is least successful):

Housing Type	Most Successful				Least Successful
Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) i.e., second units/granny units/junior units					
Co-housing (housing with an emphasis on community living, [i.e., shared open spaces, or kitchens])					
Courtyard housing (housing arranged around a common courtyard)					
Micro-units (small studio apartments with full kitchens, Murphy beds (wall beds), drop-down surfaces like tables or desks and more design features)					
Single room occupancy (small apartment that may have a common kitchen)					
Mid-rise (4-story) apartments					
Duplexes, triplexes, townhouses and low-rise multi-use buildings					
Residential care facilities for seniors or persons with disabilities					
Larger, custom homes					
Single-family houses and condominiums					
Senior housing allowing for aging in place (independent to assisted living) and meeting all income levels.					
Farmworker housing					

4. What do you believe are the most urgent housing challenges in the City of Chowchilla? (Rank the challenges below with 1 being the most urgent)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Affordability of housing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Availability of housing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Homelessness
- \_\_\_\_\_ Farmworker housing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Overcrowding
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fair housing/housing discrimination
- \_\_\_\_\_ Housing quality
- \_\_\_\_\_ Safety (lighting, sidewalks, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ There are no urgent housing challenges

5. Using numbers from 1 through 6, with 1 being the best and 6 being the worst, please rank the areas where you believe housing should be developed in the City of Chowchilla:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Areas near public transit stops, employment, and shopping centers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Agricultural land on the edges of the city
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vacant land on the edges of the city
- \_\_\_\_\_ Areas with existing housing (increasing the number of units that could be built on each property such as with fourplexes, courtyard houses, and other types of apartment complexes)
- \_\_\_\_\_ On existing single-family properties as accessory dwelling units (ADU) or granny flats
- \_\_\_\_\_ Land that could be converted from commercial (office/store) to residential or mixed use (e.g., apartments or condominiums with ground floor shopping or restaurants)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Which fair housing services do you feel are most needed in our community? (Select all that apply)

- Landlord/tenant counseling
- Education/information on tenant rights
- Promoting equal access to housing choice for all residents
- Assistance with filing a housing discrimination complaint
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Which housing assistance services do you feel are most needed in our community? (Select all that apply)

- Home repair assistance for low-income homeowners
- Rental assistance
- Education seminars for aspiring homeowners
- Financial assistance to build an accessory dwelling unit
- Down payment assistance for lower-income, first time homebuyers
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Would you be interested in developing an ADU (e.g., granny flat, in-law unit) on your property?

- Yes, on my existing or future property
- No
- Not sure
- I already have an ADU on my property

9. Which Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) assistance services are most important?
- Pre-approved ADU floorplans
  - Educational “How To” Webinar series regarding financing, construction, and permitting process
  - Homeowner one-on-one consultations with an ADU expert
  - Financial assistance with construction expenses
  - Education on how to become a landlord
  - Advice on what type of ADU will work best for your situation
10. Which best describes your current housing situation?
- Own my house, condominium, apartment, or mobile home
  - Rent a house, condominium, apartment, or mobile home
  - Live with friends/family, do not own or pay rent
  - Live with roommates/family and pay rent or assist with mortgage payments
  - Live in emergency, transitional, or supportive housing
11. Which best describes your current living situation?
- Live alone
  - Live with roommates
  - Live with spouse or significant other
  - Live with spouse or significant other and children
  - Live with parents
  - Live with multiple families
  - Multiple generations of same family living together (adult children, parents, grandparents, etc.)
12. Which of the following housing quality challenges, if any, do you feel apply to your current living situation?
- Lack of access to adequate plumbing
  - Lack of access to adequate kitchen facilities
  - Poor indoor air quality
  - Overcrowding within the household
  - Housing structural/maintenance challenges
  - Lack of energy efficiency
  - None of the above

13. Which type of housing do you currently occupy?

- Accessory Dwelling Unit
- Apartment
- Condominium/townhome
- Co-op housing (multi-family housing where residents own a share, but not deed)
- Duplex/triplex
- Group home/assisted living
- Mobile home
- Single-family home
- I do not currently have a permanent home

14. Optional: What is your total household income?

- Less than \$25,000
- \$25,000 to \$49,000
- \$50,000 to \$74,000
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000+
- Decline to state

15. Let us know if there is anything we missed! Below, please provide any other comments pertaining to housing challenges, housing types, or the distribution of housing in the City of Chowchilla.

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16. Please identify which part of the City of Chowchilla you identify with as your residence (nearest intersection):

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