



# General Plan Amendment **Community Safety Element**

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## Today's Presentation

- Overview of the 2012 Update of the Community Safety Element
  
- Update on City Plans and Programs that carry out this Element
  - City Administrator's Office
  - Department of Emergency Management



## Overview

- The Community Safety Element establishes policies to guide the City's actions **in preparation for, response to, and recovery from a major disaster.**
  
- Implementation of this Element is carried out through ongoing City plans and programs, including:
  - Programs developed under the ResilientSF Initiative
  - San Francisco Community Action Plan for Public Safety (CAPSS)
  - San Francisco Hazard Mitigation Plan
  - Plans and programs under other agencies and entities referenced in the Element



## Why update the Community Safety Element?

- Required element of the State, current element adopted in 1997.
- Multi-agency collaboration to create a framework for how the City addresses hazard mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.
- Update supports numerous City initiatives already underway. Adoption ensures that these initiatives are carried out over the long-term.
- An updated element ensures that the City is well positioned for funding.



## How is the 2012 Element different from the existing Element?

- Incorporates new information about hazards faced by the City
- Incorporates information on current programs dealing with disaster preparedness, response and recovery
- Expands its focus to better address the City's objectives of mitigation, preparation, response, and recovery.



## Proposed Objectives & Policies

### Four Objectives:

1. Mitigation
2. Preparedness
3. Response
4. Recovery and Reconstruction





## Proposed Objectives & Policies

### Objective 1: Mitigation

Reduce structural and non-structural hazards to life safety and minimize property damage resulting from future disasters.

#### *Examples:*

- Exploring mandatory strengthening for soft story buildings
- Ensuring that new development is resistant to natural disasters.
- Assessment of risk associated with climate change and flooding



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### Objective 2: Preparedness

Be prepared for the onset of disaster by providing public education and training about earthquakes and other natural and man-made disasters, by readying the city's infrastructure, and by ensuring the necessary coordination is in place for a ready response.

#### *Examples:*

- Supporting the Emergency Operations Center
- Creation of a consolidated website with disaster information
- Encouraging businesses and homeowners to evaluate their earthquake risks.





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### Objective 3: Response

Establish strategies to address the immediate effects of a disaster

*Examples:*

- Establishing public information centers
- Continuation of social services
- Assessment of historic resources
- Creation of temporary permitting centers for repairs



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### Objective 4: Recovery and Reconstruction

Assure the sound, equitable and expedient reconstruction of San Francisco following a major disaster.

*Examples:*

- Advance recovery framework
- Repair and reconstruction ordinance
- Recovery and reconstruction plan



## Next Steps

Department	City	Region
<p>Develop and adopt a <b>repair and reconstruction ordinance</b> to facilitate the repair and reconstruction of buildings.</p>	<p>Develop an <b>advance recovery framework</b> to guide long-term recovery</p>	<p>Develop a <b>strategy to address regional land use planning during the recovery period</b> after a major earthquake.</p>
	<p>Create a <b>recovery and reconstruction plan</b> to direct the reconstruction activities, manage the long-term recovery period, and coordinate rebuilding.</p>	
	<p>Continue to <b>implement existing programs</b> (CAPPS, Resilient SF, Governance Project)</p>	



**THANK YOU**

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