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Notice of Virtual Public Hearing

General Plan Housing Element 2021-2029 and Safety Element Update



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City Planning Case: CPC-2020-1365-GPA,
CPC-2021-5499-GPA

Environmental Case: ENV-2020-6762-EIR

Relevant Council Districts: All



An update to the City of Los Angeles General Plan consisting of:

HOUSING ELEMENT 2021 - 2029:

The Housing Element is one of the eight State-mandated elements of the General Plan and identifies the City's housing conditions and needs, establishes the goals, objectives, and policies that are the foundation of the City's housing strategy, and provides an array of programs to increase housing production, minimize displacement, provide greater access to opportunity and assist vulnerable populations. California law requires local governments to adopt land use plans and regulatory systems that provide opportunities for, and do not unduly constrain, housing development; implement programs to maintain and monitor existing and future housing stock, and update the Housing Element every eight years. The Housing Element Update will revise existing and establish new citywide priorities, policies, goals, and programs for the City to accommodate the City's required housing needs allocation as determined by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). A new requirement of Housing Element law also requires a fair housing analysis to address, combat, and relieve disparities resulting from past patterns of segregation to foster more inclusive communities.

The Project involves State-mandated updates to the Housing Element of the City of Los Angeles General Plan to generally further the goal of meeting the existing and projected housing needs of all income levels of the community, and specifically to demonstrate compliance by documenting adequate sites to accommodate the RHNA allocation through the year 2029, as established by SCAG. Under the RHNA allocation, the City is required to provide the zoned capacity to accommodate the development of at least 456,643 residential units using various land use planning strategies to plan for all income groups.

The Housing Element Update includes revisions and additions to the goals, objectives, policies and implementation programs. The Housing Element Update also includes a Rezoning Program to create needed housing capacity for any identified shortfall in order to reach the required RHNA allocation and associated buffer by October 2024, as described in Chapter 4 of the draft Housing Element.

The Rezoning Program will likely be accomplished through a number of current and proposed planning efforts including; updates to the City's Community Plans, an update to the City's Density Bonus program, targeted zone changes and zoning ordinances, and updates to specific plans and overlays. The Rezoning program will respond to the findings of the affirmatively furthering fair housing analysis to advance equity by prioritizing opportunities for rezoning or development incentives in areas that are located in a Transit Priority Area, near major job centers, and in higher opportunity areas. The program will carefully consider the creation of a diversity of housing types to expand more naturally affordable, deed-restricted affordable options, and expand where affordable housing can be constructed. Questions and comments related to the update of the Housing Element can be directed to HousingElement@lacity.org.

The July draft Housing Element Update is available for review at: bit.ly/3hpQl3F. The draft is currently being reviewed by HCD. Following their review and ahead of the hearing in September, a revised draft will be posted online. Subsequent revisions may occur through the adoption process.

SAFETY ELEMENT:

The Safety Element is one of the eight State-mandated elements of the General Plan and identifies the City's policy approach to preventing, responding to and recovering from disaster events. Recent State legislation requires that the Safety Element be reviewed and updated as necessary alongside the Housing Element. While the Housing Element is undergoing a comprehensive update, the update to the Safety Element is limited to targeted amendments that ensure consistency with legislative mandates. Through this update the City has integrated additional policy and program language to elevate the priorities of addressing climate change, particularly those related to wildfire and flooding, and advancing equity. Much of this language is drawn from existing City of Los Angeles plans, including the Green New Deal, Resilient Los Angeles and the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The background chapters of the document have been updated to reflect current disaster management practices. Questions and comments related to the update of the Safety Element can be directed to OurLA2040@lacity.org.

A summary of amendments to the document is available for review at bit.ly/3DoS7Mx.

The July draft of the Safety Element is available for review at bit.ly/3yq2Yls. A full revised draft will be posted ahead of the hearing in September. Subsequent changes may occur through the adoption process.

PLAN FOR A HEALTHY LOS ANGELES:

The Health and Wellness Element, or Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles, is the General Plan Element that contains the majority of the City's environmental justice policies and programs, while environmental justice is also addressed in both the Housing and Safety Element updates. The City will make a targeted amendment to the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles to clarify the City's compliance with a state requirement for an environmental justice element in accordance with SB 1000. Questions and comments related to the update of the Health and Wellness Element can be directed to OurLA2040@lacity.org.

A listing of targeted amendments to the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles is available at bit.ly/3yqN6PP.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS (VIRTUAL):

The Public Hearing is a formal opportunity to provide public comment on the Draft Plans to a Hearing Officer. In lieu of attending the Public Hearing, comments may be submitted by email or hardcopy through September 22, 2021 at 5:00 pm. The Public Hearing is used to take comments on the Draft Plans; no decisions will be made at the time of Public Hearing. Participants may join the Public Hearing online or by phone at any time during the public hearing period to offer testimony. In order that all viewpoints may be presented, speakers at the Public Hearing may be limited in the length of their testimony. Speakers are asked to limit their comments to single testimony, even if attending both hearing dates.

A short presentation will be given prior to each Public Hearing. The presentation will focus on additional changes to the elements since the release of an initial draft in July 2021. For a more complete background on the draft, stakeholders can view the webinar on the draft plans, available at bit.ly/3znOsfb.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Spanish translation will be provided during the hearing for those logging into Zoom. Requests for additional language translation services or other accommodations may be provided by email, phone, or written request submitted a minimum of 72 hours in advance. For general inquiries, including how to request translation services or other accommodations, contact City Planning staff at housingelement@lacity.org | (213) 978-1194 | Los Angeles City Planning, Citywide Policy Bureau, 200 N Spring Street, Room 750, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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