

City Clerk's Office

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of Beverly Hills, at its regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, will hold a public hearing to consider:

AMENDMENTS TO THE HOUSING ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN ADOPTED FOR THE 6TH CYCLE PLANNING PERIOD FROM 2021 TO 2029; AND AN ADDENDUM TO AN ADOPTED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE HOUSING ELEMENT AMENDMENTS

The Project involves amendments to the City's General Plan Housing Element as adopted on October 12, 2021 for the planning period from 2021 to 2029. No physical development nor construction is currently proposed as part of the Project. The Housing Element is a planning document that contains programs and policies to guide housing development in the City. The Housing Element includes the following topics: analysis of the City's demographic characteristics and housing needs; evaluation of resources and opportunities available to address housing needs; analysis of potential constraints to meeting the City's housing needs; a review of the City's accomplishments during the previous planning period; and updated policies and programs intended to address the City's housing needs for the period through 2029. Additionally, the Housing Element discusses how the City's land use and zoning regulations and programs will accommodate the City's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), which is the number of housing units expected to be needed for the next planning period (2021-2029), and includes housing at various levels of affordability. The Project area covers the entire City of Beverly Hills, since the Housing Element addresses housing conditions throughout the City. The City Council will also review an addendum to the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Project. The revised Housing Element document will be available on **Ianuary** 27. 2023 www.beverlyhills.org/housingelementupdate.

The revisions to the Housing Element have been made in response to the comments provided in letters from the state Housing and Community Development Department (HCD), and primarily consist of changes to the policies and programs in the Housing Plan, such as the addition of greater details and specific timelines, the addition of a more extensive section on Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), and changes to the sites inventory to add further detail and remove possible sites to accommodate housing. The Planning Commission has reviewed the amendments to the Housing Element document at their August 25, 2022 regular meeting, and the City Council was informed of the revisions as a C Item at their September 20, 2022 meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The City of Beverly Hills has previously adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the updates to the Housing Element of the General Plan (Project). The City of Beverly Hills was the lead agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and was responsible for the preparation of the MND and related initial study. The previously adopted MND document is available at www.beverlyhills.org/environmental. If a digital copy cannot be obtained by an

interested party, please contact the staff listed in this notice and alternate arrangements will be made.

The previously adopted MND indicated that the Project would not result in significant impacts to Agricultural and Forestry Resources, and Mineral Resources, and less than significant impacts, with certain mitigations, related to Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Transportation/Traffic, Public Services, Recreation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire. An addendum to the previously adopted MND for the revisions to the adopted Housing Element document has been prepared, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15164. A copy of the addendum will be available as part of the agenda materials for this meeting date, on www.beverlyhills.org/citycouncilmeetings, at least 72 hours before the meeting. The Project description and location are described above, and the adoption of amendments includes changes that are limited to minor technical revisions and the addition of information. The primary changes to the adopted Housing Element that will be evaluated in the addendum include: changes to the policies and programs in the Housing Plan, such as the addition of greater details and specific timelines, the addition of a more extensive section on Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), and changes to the sites inventory to add further detail and remove possible sites to accommodate housing. Since these changes consist of minor technical changes and the addition of information that will not result in significant impacts to the areas of study in the adopted MND, and none of the conditions in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15162 have occurred, the City Council will consider the adoption of the addendum to the previously adopted MND.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending in-person or telephonically; and may Members of the public may participate in the meeting by attending in-person or telephonically; and may view the meeting through live webcast or BHTV Channel 10 on Spectrum Cable. To submit Audio/Oral comments during the hearing call: 310-288-2288, to submit written comments please email: cityclerk@beverlyhills.org, to submit video comments (during public comment only) use http://beverlyhills.org/comment. To Watch Video Live use http://beverlyhills.org/citycouncilmeetings. In-Person comments can be submitted with a speaker card to the City Clerk at the meeting.

It is recommended that public written comments be submitted to the City Clerk's office by 12:00 p.m. on the meeting date. Public comments will also be taken during the meeting when the topic is being reviewed by the City Council. Written comments should identify the Agenda Item Number or Topic in the subject line of the email. In order to be read at the meeting, written comments will be allowed with a maximum of 350 words, which corresponds to approximately 3 minutes of speaking time. If a comment is received after the agenda item is heard, it will not be a part of the record. Public comment via video conference will be 3 minutes per each individual comment, subject to City Council discretion. Any interested person may participate in the meeting and be heard or present written comments to the City Council. According to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the Council's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at or prior to the public hearing.

In Person Participation:

All interested persons are invited to attend and speak on this matter in person. Please see the above information on the location and time of this meeting.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Chloe Chen, Senior Planner** in the Planning Division at **(310) 285-1194**, or by email at **cchen@beverlyhills.org**. Please also contact us to add your email to the interested parties list for this project, so that important updates and notifications may be sent to you. Additional information on this topic can be found at: www.beverlyhills.org/housingelementupdate.

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Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Beverly Hills will make reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require special assistance, please call (310) 285-2400 (voice) or (310) 285-6881 (TTY). Providing at least forty-eight (48) hours advance notice will help to ensure availability of services. City Hall, including the Council Chamber and Room 280A, is wheelchair accessible. The City Hall Council Chamber and Room 280A are also equipped with audio equipment for the hearing impaired.