

CITY OF CARSON
PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 22-2722

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF CARSON RECOMMENDING THAT THE
CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR AND APPROVE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO.
22-01 – THE CITY OF CARSON 2021-2029 (SIXTH
CYCLE)GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE**

WHEREAS, California Government State Code Section 65358(a) authorizes the City Council to amend the General Plan if it is deemed to be in the public interest,

WHEREAS, the General Plan is a long-range, comprehensive document that serves as a guide for the orderly development of the City of Carson;

WHEREAS, by its very nature, the General Plan is subject to update and revision to account for current and future community needs;

WHEREAS, the Housing Element is one of the seven State-mandated General Plan chapters or “elements” and is a component of the City of Carson General Plan;

WHEREAS, California State Housing Element Law establishes the requirements for Housing Elements and California Government Code Section 65588 requires that local governments review and revise the Housing Element of their comprehensive General Plans not less than once every eight years. Additionally, the California State Legislature identifies overall housing goals for the State with the goal of ensuring every resident has access to housing and suitable living environments;

WHEREAS, the updated Housing Element must be adopted by City Council and certified by California State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and the Planning Commission is required to make a recommendation regarding the Housing Element prior to City Council adoption;

WHEREAS, the City of Carson has completed diligent and extensive public outreach that included conducting four General Plan Advisory Committee meetings, four community workshops, three community outreach events, and a special study session with the Planning Commission and City Council;

WHEREAS, duly noticed public hearings were held by the Planning Commission for the review of the Draft Housing Element update on September 28, 2021 and January 11, 2022;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (“IS/ND”) was prepared for the draft 2021-2029 Housing Element Update in compliance with CEQA and the local environmental review guidelines;

WHEREAS, the IS/ND was circulated for the required 30-day public review period from November 29, 2021 to December 29, 2021;

WHEREAS, a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration (“NOI”) for the draft 2021-2029 Housing Element Update was posted with the City Clerk and LA County Clerk and sent to responsible agencies on or about November 29, 2021;

WHEREAS, the final adoption of the IS/ND and approval of the draft 2021-2029 Housing Element Updated shall be considered by the City Council as the final approval authority, after evaluation of the environmental document and consideration of any public comments received during the public review period;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Planning Commission finds that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The Planning Commission finds as follows:

A. The IS demonstrates that there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record, that the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment.

B. The ND was circulated for public review in accordance with CEQA Guidelines 15073, and the ND circulated for public review included the contents required by CEQA Guidelines 15071.

C. The NOI was provided to the public, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and the county clerk of the county within which the proposed project is located, sufficiently prior to adoption by the lead agency of the negative declaration to allow the public and agencies the required review period, and otherwise in compliance with CEQA Guidelines 15072.

D. The IS/ND and NOI, as well as the draft 2021-2029 Housing Element Update and related documentation, are available at <https://www.carson2040.com/reports-and-products>, and are on file with the City’s Planning Division.

E. The Planning Commission has considered the proposed ND, together with any comments received during the public review process – no comments were received recommending that an Environmental Impact Report should be prepared.

F. The ND reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City of Carson as lead agency for the proposed project.

G. On the basis of the whole record before it (including the IS/ND and any comments received), the Planning Commission finds that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment.

H. Gov’t Code Section 65588(b), a provision of the State housing element laws set forth in Gov’t Code §§65580 *et seq.*, requires the City to update its Housing Element not less than once

every eight years. The City’s Housing Element was last updated in 2014 for the period of 2014-2021, and an update is required for the planning period of 2021-2029. The City submitted a draft of its 2021-2029 Housing Element Update to State HCD for review for substantial compliance with housing element laws on October 11, 2021, in accordance with Gov’t Code Section 65588(b) and (d). State HCD reported its written findings to the City via a comment letter dated December 10, 2021. The Planning Commission has considered HCD’s findings. All of the findings have been addressed as required via revisions that have been made by the City to the draft Housing Element, which revisions have been integrated into the draft City of Carson 2021-2029 Housing Element Update attached hereto as Exhibit “A” (the “2021-2029 Housing Element Update”). Adoption of the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update will substantially comply with the requirements of State law applicable to the update of the City’s Housing Element.

SECTION 3. The Planning Commission hereby recommends that the City Council of the City of Carson adopt the IS/ND for the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update.

SECTION 4. The Planning Commission hereby recommends that the City Council of the City of Carson approve and adopt the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update, General Plan Amendment No. 22-01.

SECTION 5. This decision of the Planning Commission shall become effective and final 15 days after the date of the action unless an appeal is filed in accordance with Section 9173.4 of the Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 6. The Secretary of the Planning Commission shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of January, 2022.

Chair Charles Thomas (Covid Signature)

CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

Lucille Sandoval
SECRETARY