



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

DATE: July 18, 2022

SUBJECT: Housing Element Resolution and Attachments

Attached please see the following:

- Resolution adopting the 2021-2029 Housing Element with two Exhibits (A and B)
 - Exhibit A: Pasadena Housing Element HCD Response Matrix
 - Exhibit B: 2021-2029 Housing Element

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ADOPTING THE 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN

WHEREAS, the State of California Government Code at Article 10.6 (sections 65580 through 65589.8) states that the availability of housing is of vital statewide importance and directs the preparation, content, and adoption of housing elements; and,

WHEREAS, the 2021-2029 Housing Element sets forth the housing policies for the City, facilitates the preservation and development of housing, and establishes programs to accommodate the City's share of the regional housing need in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, the 2021-2029 Housing Element complies with the requirements of State housing element law (Government Code section 65580 et seq.) and contains each off the elements mandated by state law, including but not limited to, identifying adequate sites for a variety of housing types and making adequate provision for the existing and projected needs of all economic segments of City; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65583 requires that the Housing Element Update contain: (i) an assessment of the City's housing needs and an analysis of the resources and constraints, both governmental and non-governmental, relevant to the meeting of these needs; (ii) an inventory of land suitable and available for residential development and an analysis of the development potential of such sites; (iii) a statement of the community's goals, quantified objectives, and policies relative to the maintenance, preservation, improvement, and development of housing; and (iv) programs that set forth a schedule of actions the local government is undertaking or intends to undertake to implement the policies and achieve the goals and objectives of the Housing Element Update; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the 2021-2029 Housing Element complies with all of the requirements set forth in Government Code Section 65583; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code Section 65583.2, the City finds, based on substantial evidence in the record, including but not limited to the location, existing uses, potential for intensification based on building value to land value

ratios, the City's past experience with converting existing uses to higher density residential development, current market demand for the existing and proposed uses, development trends, regulatory incentives, and similarity to other commercial and low-density residential sites on which residential development applications have been filed, that the existing uses on the non-vacant sites identified in the site inventory to accommodate the RHNA are likely to be discontinued during the planning period and therefore do not constitute an impediment to additional residential development during the period covered by the 2021-2029 Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, the City referred the 2021-2029 Housing Element to all necessary parties as required by Government Code sections 65352 and 65352.3, received comments thereon, and addressed all such comments as required by State Law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code Section 65585(b), the City on August 12, 2021, submitted a draft Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and received a letter from HCD dated October 11, 2021, which found that the City's draft Housing Element required revisions to comply with Housing Element Law; and

WHEREAS, the City responded to HCD's specific requirements identified in the October 11, 2021 letter into the City's draft Housing Element and resubmitted the draft Housing Plan Element to HCD on December 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, HCD issued a letter to the City dated February 25, 2022, which found that the City's revised draft Housing Element required further revisions to comply with Housing Element Law; and

WHEREAS, the City has incorporated revisions into the Housing Element in response to HCD's letter of February 25, 2022 to ensure that the Housing Element substantially complies with Housing Element Law, as shown in Exhibit A incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the 2021-2029 Housing Element and associated CEQA Addendum to the 2015 General Plan Environmental Impact Report ("Addendum") on June 29, 2022, considered the comments received from HCD, and recommended approval with amendments to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2022, the City Council held a public hearing on the 2021-2029 Housing Element, at which it reviewed and considered the recommendations as set forth in the Staff Report of the same date, the comments received from HCD, and the Planning Commission's recommendations. The City Council adopted the Addendum, and found that the Addendum properly discloses only minor technical changes or additions to the EIR, and none of the conditions triggering a subsequent or supplemental EIR are present, as set forth in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15164.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitations are true and correct and are incorporated by reference into this action.
2. The City Council has found that the 2021-2029 Housing Element is consistent with the policies of the City's General Plan and the purposes of Title 17 of the Municipal Code, as set forth in Findings attached to the Staff Report of this same date.
3. The City Council has considered the findings made by the Department of Housing and Community Development included in the Department's letter to the City dated February 25, 2022, Consistent with Government Code Section 65585(f), the City Council has changed the Housing Element in response to the findings of the Department to substantially comply with the requirements of Article 10.6 of the Government Code as interpreted by HCD. The responses to comments made to the draft 2021-2029 Housing Element are described in Exhibit A, which is incorporated herein by this reference.
4. The City Council of the City of Pasadena hereby adopts the 2021-2029 Housing Element of the General Plan as attached in Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference, replacing the 2014-2021 Housing Element in its entirety.
5. The Director of Planning and Community Development is hereby directed to transmit the adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for its earliest action and certification as provided by law; and is further directed and authorized to make all non-substantive changes to the Housing Element as required to make it internally consistent, or to address any non-substantive changes or amendments suggested or requested by

the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Should HCD require substantive changes to the Housing Element adopted herein, City staff shall bring such changes or amendments back to the City Council for its further review and appropriate action.

Adopted at the _____ meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MARK JOMSKY, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

 /s/ Theresa Fuentes
Theresa E. Fuentes
Assistant City Attorney