



**CITY OF ESCONDIDO
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Escondido City Council will hold a public hearing in the City Council Chambers, Escondido City Hall, 201 N. Broadway, Escondido, California at **5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2023**, to consider the item listed below:

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT / HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE – PLANNING CASE NO. PHG 20-0030

REQUEST: To adopt the General Plan Amendment/Housing Element Update (“Project”). The Housing Element is one of the mandatory elements of the General Plan and is required by State law to be updated for the 2021-2029 planning period. The City of Escondido has prepared draft revisions to the 2021-2029 Housing Element adopted by the City Council on August 11, 2021. The adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element includes an analysis required by State law related to: 1) existing demographics and housing characteristics; 2) market, government, and environmental constraints; 3) land, financial, and administrative resources available to meet housing demand; 4) establishment of goals and policies to address housing needs; and 5) a review of past accomplishments under the 2013-2021 Housing Element.

Draft revisions to the adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element include: 1) revisions to the suitability of nonvacant sites methodology, which includes changes to values in Tables 38, 53 and 59; 2) revisions to Housing Programs 1.4 – City-Owned Sites, 1.5 – Lot Consolidation, 1.8 – Monitoring of Growth Management Measure, 2.1 – Accessory Dwelling Units, 3.3 – Preservation of at-Risk Housing, and 3.4 – Fair Housing, and the addition of two new programs 2.9 – Inclusionary Housing Assessment and 2.10 – SB 9 Ordinance; 3) text revisions and additions regarding public participation, local data and knowledge, and other relevant factors, which includes changes to Tables 45 and A-2, and the addition of Housing Policy 1.11; and 4) minor text changes to correct typos, grammar, and address consistency throughout the document based on substantive updates, which includes a change to Table 35, and Housing Programs 1.1 – Sites Inventory and No Net Loss/Replacement Housing Monitoring and Program 1.2 – Density Transfer Program. A comprehensive list of all modifications proposed can be found in the agenda packet prior to the scheduled meeting.

A copy of the General Plan Amendment/Housing Element Update is available for review on the City’s website at: https://www.escondido.org/Data/Sites/1/media/Planning/HGIS/082022_DraftHE_revisions_VM.pdf

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: Citywide

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: The Project relies on a previously adopted Addendum to the FEIR for the 2012 General Plan Update.

The Final Environmental Impact Report for the 2012 General Plan Update (SCH # 20100716054) (“FEIR”) was certified on May 23, 2012. In 2021, when the City brought forward the 2021-2029 Housing Element, only minor changes and additions to the FEIR were necessary to address the project changes and no circumstances existed calling for the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR. Therefore, the City prepared and processed an Addendum to the FEIR in accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15164, and in accordance generally with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) (“CEQA”), the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 California Code of Regulations section 15000 et seq.) (“CEQA Guidelines”), and the City’s Environmental Review Guidelines (Article 47 of the Escondido Zoning Code). The Addendum was certified by the City on August 11, 2021 in conjunction with the adoption of the 2021-2029 Housing Element.

If you challenge this item 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 Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: On February 28, 2023, the Planning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend approval. One commissioner was absent.

PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL ACTION: On August 11, 2021, the City Council voted 5-0 to approve Resolution No. 2021-110 adopting the Third Addendum to the 2012 FEIR for the Comprehensive General Plan Update and the 2021-2029 Housing Element.

PUBLIC COMMENT: To submit comments in writing, please do so at the following link: <https://escondido-ca.municodemeetings.com/bc-citycouncil/webform/public-comment>. All comments received from the public will be made a part of the record of the meeting.

The City of Escondido remains committed to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Qualified individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in City programs, services, or activities and who need accommodations are invited to present their requests to the City by filing out a Request for Accommodations Form or an Inclusion Support Request Form for Minors, or by calling 760-839-4643, preferably at least 72 hours in advance of the event or activity. Forms can be found on the City’s website at: <https://www.escondido.org/americans-with-disabilities-act>.

The staff report will be available at the Escondido Planning Division, 201 N. Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025; and on the City’s website at <https://escondido-ca.municodemeetings.com/> on or around Thursday, March 16, 2023.

For additional information, please contact Veronica Morones, Principal Planner, at 760-839-4548, or via email at vmorones@escondido.org, and refer to Case No. PHG20-0030.

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March 9, 2023