

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Los Angeles Citywide Housing Element 2021-2029 Update and Safety Element Update

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Project Location: Los Angeles Los Angeles County
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project involves updates to the City of Los Angeles General Plan Housing Element and Safety Element, and a Rezoning Program for the creation of additional housing units. The Housing Element Update will: further the goal of meeting the existing and projected housing needs of all family income levels of the community through the construction and operation of 420,327 housing units; provide evidence of the City's ability to accommodate the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Allocation of 456,643 housing units through the year 2029; and identify a Rezoning Program that will create at least 219,732 housing units of new capacity by October 2024 to accommodate both the City's RHNA Allocation and target capacity of 486,379 housing units. The Safety Element Update will formally integrate related long-range planning efforts to ensure compliance with State law, including additions to goals, policies, and objectives to better address climate change; integration of updated background information and mapping; and incorporation and update of various programs. The project also involves a targeted update to the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles to clarify that it is the City's General Plan Element containing environmental justice goals and policies for the City, in compliance with SB 1000.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

- Air Quality: Significant Project and cumulative impacts identified for construction and operational air criteria pollutant emissions. For discretionary projects, mitigation measures (MM) require emissions reduction measures during construction and operation, including MM to reduce toxic air contaminants during construction. With MM, these Project impacts would remain significant and unavoidable with the exception of construction TAC impacts, which would be reduced to a less than significant level.
- Biological Resources: Significant Project and cumulative impacts identified for special-status species, sensitive habitats, and wildlife corridors. For discretionary projects, MMs include surveys, reports and plans to avoid or minimize impacts. Even with MM, these Project impacts would remain significant and unavoidable.
- Cultural Resources: Significant Project and cumulative impacts identified for historic and archaeological resources. For discretionary projects, MMs for historic resources require the identification, rehabilitation, relocation, surveys, construction monitoring and excavation plans, whereas MMs for archaeological resources require procedures for the identification of resources, procedures if resources are discovered, and Native American consultation and monitoring. Even with MM, these Project impacts would remain significant and unavoidable.
- Geology and Soils: Significant Project and cumulative impacts identified for paleontological resources. For discretionary projects, MMs require reports prior to construction, and establishment of programs and monitoring during construction. Even with MM, these Project impacts would remain significant and unavoidable. Continued in Attachment.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Potential areas of controversy and issues to be resolved by the City's decision-makers may include those environmental issue areas where the potential for an unavoidable and significant impact has been identified (see summary above).

Based on the IS-NOP comment letters (summarized in Table 1-1 of Section 1, Introduction, of the EIR, and provided in Appendix B of the EIR), the primary issues of concern include the potential impacts associated with wildfires and the loss of urban trees. Additional issues raised include public health and safety concerns, equitable distribution of housing, homelessness, prefabricated houses, and vacation or short-term rentals (e.g., Airbnb). To the extent these issues raised social and economic concerns and not environmental issues related to the Proposed Project they were not addressed further in the EIR. Regarding public health, the Project would result in additional housing to alleviate overcrowding, which would help address concerns relating to the spread of a disease, such as COVID-19.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Coastal Commission
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

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- **Hazards and Hazardous Materials:** Significant Project and cumulative impacts identified for hazardous materials near schools and hazardous materials sites. For discretionary projects, MMs require procedures for environmental site assessments, site remediation, and health and safety plans. Even with MM, these Project impacts would remain significant and unavoidable.
- **Hydrology and Water Quality:** Project impacts identified for impeding or redirecting flood flows. For discretionary projects, MM requires implementation of best management practices (BMP) and the preservation of existing drainage patterns during construction and operation. With MM, these Project impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level.
- **Noise:** Significant Project and cumulative impacts identified for construction noise, operation noise and construction vibration. For discretionary projects, Significant construction noise impacts require MMs that include shielding and silencing, procedures for the use of driven pile systems, enclosures and screening, location of construction staging areas away from noise-sensitive land uses, temporary sound barriers, and project-specific construction noise studies; significant construction vibration impacts require the MM to implement a vibration control plan; significant operational noise impacts require the MM for implementation of project-specific operational noise studies. Even with MM, these Project impacts would remain significant and unavoidable.
- **Public Services:** Significant Project impacts identified for fire and police protection and school facilities. For discretionary projects, MMs for fire protection require design plans review, emergency access requirements, hillside fire/vegetation management plans, and submittal of plot plans for review by the LAFD; MMs for police protection require consultations with the LAPD crime prevention unit and security during construction; feasible MMs are not available for significant impacts associated with school facilities. Even with MM, these Project impacts would remain significant and unavoidable.
- **Recreation:** Significant Project and cumulative impacts identified for the deterioration of recreational facilities and construction of recreational facilities. For discretionary projects, feasible MMs are not available and impacts would be significant and unavoidable.
- **Transportation:** Significant Project and cumulative impacts identified for highway safety resulting from design features or incompatible uses; and other Project impacts associated with potential conflicts with a circulation plan/policy/ordinance, vehicle miles traveled (VMT), and construction hazards due to geometric design, and emergency access. For discretionary projects, MMs require implementation of construction management plans and transportation demand management programs. With MM, these Project impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level with the exception of highway safety impacts, which would remain significant and unavoidable.
- **Tribal Cultural Resources:** Significant Project and Cumulative impacts identified for ground disturbance during construction. For discretionary projects, MMs require Native American consultation, monitoring during construction, and procedures if resources are discovered. Even with MM, these Project impacts would remain significant and unavoidable.
- **Wildfire:** Significant Project and cumulative impacts identified for impairment of an emergency response plan, exacerbation of wildfire risks in a State Responsibility Area (SRA) or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ), infrastructure that may exacerbate fire risk, and the exposure of people or structures to significant risks in SRAs, VHFHSZs and involving wildland fires. For discretionary projects, MMs include requirements for hillside construction staging and parking plans, undergrounding of power lines in and near an SRA and VHFHSZs, and the fire protection MMs under the *Public Services* analysis. Even with MM, these Project impacts would remain significant and unavoidable.