

Notice of Intent

6th Cycle Housing Element 2021-2029

National City, California



February 2021



**NOTICE OF INTENT AND AVAILABILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
AND COMMENT PERIOD OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
SCH NO. XXX**

Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) Comment Period: February 17, 2021 to March 19, 2021

Notice is hereby given that the City of National City (City), as the lead agency, is proposing to adopt a Negative Declaration (ND) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed project as identified below. A 30-day public review and comment period has been established pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15073 for the Negative Declaration which has been prepared for the proposed project.

LEAD AGENCY: City of National City Housing Authority

PROJECT NAME: 6th Cycle Housing Element 2021-2029

APPLICANT: City of National City Housing Authority

LOCATION: City-wide

DESCRIPTION:

General Plans are required by State law (Government Code Section 65302(a)) to include a Housing Element. Since 1969, California has required that all local governments (cities and counties) adequately plan to meet the housing needs of everyone in the community. The Housing Element is adopted as part of a city's General Plan which is updated on a five to eight year basis. Each jurisdiction (city council or board of supervisors) must prepare an annual progress report on the jurisdiction's status and progress in implementing its housing element. (Government Code Section 65400.)

The 2021-2029 Housing Element represents the City of National City's effort in fulfilling the requirements under State Housing Element law. Prepared for the 6th Cycle, the Housing Element serves as National City's blueprint for housing policy and regulation from April 2021 through April 2029. It takes into account the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)'s guidance on the 6th cycle update, including recent legislation regarding housing; community, stakeholder and developer interviews for city-specific context on challenges and proposed solutions; and the San Diego Association of Government (SANDAG)'s Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation for the planning period. The RHNA, mandated by state law, quantifies the need for housing and informs land use planning in addressing identified existing and future housing needs resulting from population, employment, and household growth.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ANTICIPATED AS A RESULT OF THE PROJECT: The Negative Declaration prepared determined that the City of National City's Focused General Plan Update, specifically, the 6th Cycle Housing Element 2021-2019 (Project) would result in no impacts on the environmental resources and issues evaluated and therefore have no impacts on the environment with its adoption.

REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD:

The City of National City invites you to comment on the Negative Declaration (ND). The Notice of Intent and accompanying ND are available for a 30-day public review period from **February 17, 2021 to March 19, 2021**. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, responsible and trustee agencies and other interested parties, including members of the public, must submit any comments in response to this notice no later than 6:00 p.m. on March 19, 2021 to the following: **Martin Reeder – AICP, Principal Planner, Planning Division, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, CA 91950**. During this period, the Draft IS/ND will be available for review, or for purchase at the cost of reproduction, at the City of National City Planning Division by appointment between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and at the City’s website: <https://www.nationalcityca.gov/community/focused-general-plan-update>

FURTHER INFORMATION: For environmental review information, please contact Principal Planner Martin Reeder at the City of National City at 619.336.4313 or mreeder@nationalcityca.gov

