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Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report for Alameda General Plan 2040

Notice is hereby given that the City of Alameda, Lead Agency, will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the *Alameda General Plan 2040* (the “Project”). The City has determined that an EIR must be prepared for the project prior to making any final decision regarding whether to approve the project, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The EIR will cover all issues listed in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines: Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services and Recreation, Transportation and Traffic, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities, and Wildfire.

PROJECT TITLE Alameda General Plan 2040	PROJECT LOCATION City of Alameda, encompassing approximately 10.6 square miles of land and 12.3 square miles of submerged lands (total of 23.0 square miles) in western Alameda County, California
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PROJECT SPONSOR/DEVELOPER: City of Alameda Planning, Building and Transportation Department 2263 Santa Clara Avenue, Room 190 Alameda, CA 94501	DATE OF THIS NOTICE: March 24, 2021
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

Alameda General Plan 2040 is a statement of goals, objectives, policies and actions to guide and manage change to the physical, environmental, economic, and social conditions in Alameda, California. The General Plan has been prepared to comply with the requirements of California Government Code section 65300 which mandates that each city and county adopt a

comprehensive, long-range, internally consistent plan for future development. Alameda General Plan 2040 is an update to the Alameda General Plan, which was last comprehensively updated in 1991. The update does not include an update to the Housing Element, which will be updated in 2022. The General Plan and the associated policies and actions in each element provide a policy framework to guide future decisions to achieve four overarching themes: 1) to promote a healthy, equitable and inclusive city, 2) to protect the environment, respond to the climate crisis and meet regional responsibilities, 3) to enhance mobility and accessibility, and 4) to preserve and enhance Alameda's distinctive character. The Alameda General Plan 2040 includes the following elements:

Land Use + City Design Element. The Land Use and City Design Element establishes goals, policies, and actions to ensure the orderly development of the community and provide a sustainable and high quality of life for current and future generations of Alameda residents.

Conservation + Climate Action Element. The Conservation and Climate Action Element establishes the City's goals, objectives, policies, and actions necessary to conserve and protect Alameda's natural resources, reduce the community's greenhouse gas emissions and energy use, and to prepare for and address the threats of climate change promulgated in the previously adopted 2019 *Alameda Climate Action and Resiliency Plan* (CARP), which aligns with State goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, as established by AB 32 and subsequent executive orders from the Governor.

Mobility Element. The Mobility Element establishes the City's policies to improve access, provide climate-friendly transportation choices, and improve the safety of the transportation system.

Open Space + Parks Element. The Open Space and Parks Element provides for a well-designed and maintained interconnected network of neighborhood and community parks, waterfront open spaces, recreational facilities, and natural habitat areas, which are essential to supporting the health and well-being of the community, sustaining and preserving the quality of the natural environment, sequestering greenhouse gases, and withstanding the impacts of climate change.

Health + Safety Element. The Safety and Noise Element identifies the policies and strategies necessary to reduce the risk of death, injuries, property damage, environmental degradation, economic and social dislocation, and excessive and harmful noise from the natural and man-made hazards and noise sources in the City of Alameda.

Housing Element. The Housing Element, which was adopted in 2014, is not being updated at this time; it will be updated in 2022, as required by State Housing Law.

Additional documents relating to the proposed project are available for review by contacting the Alameda Planning, Building and Transportation Department. The Draft General Plan can be found at the City's website for the project (<https://www.alameda2040.org>) and additional elements and updates will be posted to the website from time-to-time as they become available.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND SCOPING MEETING

Comments on the proposed scope and content of the EIR may be submitted in writing to the attention of Andrew Thomas, City of Alameda, at the address indicated above for Lead Agency Contact. Comments may also be emailed to Andrew Thomas at the email address shown above by **April 27, 2021**. If you are an authorized representative of a Responsible Agency, a Trustee

Agency, a transportation planning agency, or an agency with transportation facilities that may be affected, the City needs to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the project. Your agency will need to use the EIR when considering your permit or other approval for the project. We will also need the name, address, telephone number and email address of the contact person for your agency.

The Planning Board will hold a scoping meeting on **April 26, 2021** at 7:00 pm. However, pursuant to Governor Executive Order N-29-20, City Hall will NOT be open to the public during the meeting. The City will allow public participation via Zoom. Members of the public can watch the meeting via Livestream (http://alameda.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?camera_id=3) and the City will allow public participation via Zoom, for information please see the agenda at <https://alameda.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> under Planning Board.

Questions about the proposed scope of the EIR or the upcoming scoping meeting may be referred to Andrew Thomas at athomas@alamedaca.gov or by phone at 510-747-6881.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Thomas".

Andrew Thomas, Planning, Building and Transportation Department Director