



City of Whittier

Community Development Department
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Notice of Determination

TO:
 Office of Planning and Research (OPR)
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FROM:
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- Planning Division
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2021040762

Project Title: 2021-2029 Housing Element Update (GPA22-0003): Related Project Number GPA21-0001 and GPA21-0002

Project Applicant: City of Whittier

Project Location (include county): City-wide, all lands within the City of Whittier, Los Angeles County, California

Project Description: An updated General Plan Housing Element to address the 2021-2029 (6th) Housing Element cycle. This Housing Element will replace the element adopted on October 12, 2021 as part of the comprehensive update to the City of Whittier's General Plan.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared to evaluate the anticipated buildout of the Whittier Planning Area, which consists of approximately 21.8 square miles of land within the City's boundaries (14.6 square miles) and land outside the City's boundaries within the City's Sphere of Influence (7.2 square miles). The EIR assessed the anticipated development that could occur within the Planning Area if every parcel in the city developed at the densities and intensities expected under the proposed General Plan. Anticipated growth accommodated by the Plan within the Planning Area included new and expanded businesses, governmental and educational uses, and residential development. Growth is projected for the area within the City as well as for the Planning Area, which includes the Sphere of Influence. It is noted that the total growth estimates anticipate buildout of the entire Planning Area. Actual future development would depend on future real estate market conditions, new state and federal laws and regulations, property owner preferences, site-specific constraints, technological advancements, and other factors. Significant environmental impacts were identified in the EIR and it was determined that, even with implementation of all feasible and recommended mitigation, the following impacts would remain significant and unavoidable: Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and Transportation (VMT). As described in the EIR, there are sites within the City and its Planning Area that are on the lists of sites enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

This is to advise that the City of Whittier, as the Lead Agency, approved the above-referenced project at the August 23, 2022 City Council meeting, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.

A previous EIR was prepared for the City of Whittier General Plan Update and Housing Element Update dated October 12, 2021. The City Council found that although the proposed 2021-2029 Housing Element Update (GPA22-0003) project could have a significant effect on the environment, **NO NEW ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED** because (a) all potentially significant effects of the proposed project have been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR pursuant to applicable legal standards, (b) all potentially significant effects of the proposed project have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR, (c) the proposed project will not result in any new significant environmental effects not identified in the earlier EIR, (d) the proposed project will not substantially increase the severity of the environmental

effects identified in the earlier EIR, (e) no considerably different mitigation measures have been identified and (f) no mitigation measures found infeasible have become feasible.

No further CEQA documentation is required for this project approval.

Consistent with the previous EIR:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was previously prepared pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
2. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the project.
3. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan/Program was adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the previous Final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: Whittier City Hall, Community Development Department, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90602.

Signature

Name and Title

Date

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