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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

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**DATE:** August 18, 2021

**TO:** Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and Interested Parties

**LEAD AGENCY:** City of Garden Grove  
Contact: Chris Chung  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, California 92507

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the City of Garden Grove Focused General Plan Update and Zoning Amendments<sup>1</sup>

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** August 23, 2021 to October 6, 2021

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The City of Garden Grove, as Lead Agency, hereby gives notice pursuant to the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, the City of Garden Grove has prepared and completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Focused General Plan Update (GPU) and Zoning Amendments (Project). A Draft EIR is an informational document that evaluates a proposed project's potential to significantly impact the environment, while also identifying ways to reduce or avoid environmental impacts through mitigation measures and alternatives to the Project.

### **PROJECT LOCATION:**

The project location consists of the corporate boundaries of the City of Garden Grove (or "Planning Area") located in central Orange County approximately six miles from the Pacific Ocean to the west and 10 miles west of the Santa Ana Mountains. The area within the City's corporate boundaries total 17.9 square miles (11,464 acres). The City does not have any unincorporated County territory within its sphere of influence. The City is nine miles west of downtown Long Beach and 25 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles. Nine cities border the City of Garden Grove: Anaheim, Orange, Santa Ana, Fountain Valley, Westminster, Seal Beach, Los Alamitos, Cypress, and Stanton. Four unincorporated Orange County islands – Southwest Anaheim and three communities within Stanton's sphere of influence – are located along the City's northern border.

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<sup>1</sup> Per Title 14, California Code of Regulations, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Sections 15087 and 15105

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Every city and county in California is required to have a general plan that functions as a comprehensive, long-range policy document. For cities, the general plan guides the physical development of the incorporated city (e.g., city limit) and any land outside city boundaries (e.g., unincorporated sphere of influence area) that has a relationship to the city’s future growth and development. The City of Garden Grove’s General Plan was last updated in 2008 and the City is proposing to amend the three Elements shown below:

- Housing
- Land Use
- Safety

The City will also prepare an Environmental Justice Element in response to recent State General Plan Law requiring its preparation<sup>2</sup>. In addition to the General Plan update, the City is proposing various amendments to Title 9 (Land Use) of the Garden Grove Municipal Code in compliance with California Government Code (CGC) Section 65300 et seq. and to make it consistent with the Focused General Plan Update. Therefore, the proposed “Project” that is evaluated in the Draft EIR is adoption of both the Focused General Plan Update and Zoning Amendments (FGPUZA or “Project”).

The FGPUZA brings these documents in conformance with each other and meets the requirements of CGC Article 5 (Authority for and Scope of General Plans)<sup>3</sup> and addresses changes to the demographic, economic and environmental conditions in Garden Grove that are anticipated to occur through the year 2040.

The Draft EIR identified potentially significant and unavoidable impacts related to air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, noise, and transportation (vehicle miles traveled).

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/WASTE:**

There are no Cortese Sites, as defined in Government Code section 65962.5, listed in the City of Garden Grove.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:**

The City of Garden Grove has made this Draft EIR available for public review and comment, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15105. Please submit responses to the address below. The comment period during which the City will receive comments on the Draft EIR is:

***Starting Date:*** August 23, 2021

***Ending Date:*** October 6, 2021

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<sup>2</sup> Senate Bill 1000 requires cities to prepare an Environmental Justice Element to identify and address health risks associated with the location of industrial and polluting land uses near residential uses, and to reduce health risks by promoting of physical activities, improved housing conditions, and food access.

<sup>3</sup> CGC Article 5 requires every city and county to have a general plan that functions as a comprehensive, long-range policy document.

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**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:**

The Draft EIR is available for public review during regular business hours at the following locations:

- City of Garden Grove, Community and Economic Development Department, Planning Services Division, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, California 92840
- Garden Grove Main (Regional) Library, 11200 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California, 92840

The Draft EIR can also be found online at: <https://ggcity.org/planning/environmental-documents>

**COMMENTS:**

Written comments may be submitted to the City of Garden Grove Community and Economic Development Department, Planning Services Division. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization (if applicable) and send comments to:

Chris Chung, Urban Planner  
City of Garden Grove  
Planning Services Division  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, California 92840  
(714) 741-5314  
[chrisc@ggcity.org](mailto:chrisc@ggcity.org)

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:**

The City of Garden Grove will also receive public comments regarding the Draft EIR at a public meeting (Planning Commission) to be held at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 7, 2021**, in the Community Meeting Center A/B Room, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840. Following the Draft EIR’s public review period, the Final EIR, including Responses to Comments, will be prepared and notice will be provided for a future City Council meeting where recommendation will be made to the City Council regarding certification and adoption of the Final EIR.

For additional inquiries or information, please contact Chris Chung at (714) 741-5314 or via email at [chrisc@ggcity.org](mailto:chrisc@ggcity.org).

  
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