



CITY OF DAVIS

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

- PROJECT NAME:** 6th Cycle Housing Element
- LEAD AGENCY:** City of Davis
Department of Community Development and Sustainability
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Davis, CA 95616
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- PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site consists of the City of Davis, which comprises 9.92 square miles located 50 miles northeast of San Francisco and 15 miles west of Sacramento, in the northeast corner of Yolo County along Interstate-80 (I-80) and the Union Pacific Railroad. Surrounding cities include Woodland to the north, West Sacramento to the east, Winters to the west, and Dixon to the southwest. Davis is separated from the surrounding cities by approximately 10 to 15 miles of agricultural land (see attached Project Location Map).
- PROJECT APPLICANT:** City of Davis
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- PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project includes the adoption of the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element. As an element of the Davis General Plan, and in accordance with the California Government Code, the Housing

Element presents a comprehensive set of housing policies and programs to address identified housing needs for the City of Davis.

The 6th Cycle Housing Element update corresponds to the planning period of May 15, 2021 to May 15, 2029, and the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) projection period of June 30, 2021 to August 31, 2029. It replaces the 5th Cycle Housing Element corresponding to the planning period of 2013-2021. Adoption of the Housing Element would require approval of a General Plan Amendment by the City of Davis City Council. In addition to adoption by the City of Davis City Council, the 6th Cycle Housing Element must be certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

The approval of the City of Davis 6th Cycle Housing Element would enable the City to preserve, improve, and develop housing for all incoming segments of the community and show how the City intends to meet the RHNA numbers assigned by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG). The RHNA for the City of Davis includes a total of 2,075 housing units consisting of 580 very low-income units, 350 low-income units, 340 moderate-income units, and 805 above moderate-income units. However, the proposed project does not include any physical development of housing identified in the Housing Element. Therefore, physical changes to the environment would not directly result from project approval.

The City of Davis has eight sites that are included on a list of hazardous material sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 or that need further investigation; four underground storage tanks (USTs) at former gas stations, one active UST at a gas station, and three sites located on government or former industrial sites. However, the sites are regulated by existing federal and state policies and have been or are being investigated and remediated, and as discussed above, physical changes to the environment would not occur with the approval of the proposed project.

INITIAL STUDY:

The Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration can be reviewed online at:

<https://www.cityofdavis.org/city-hall/community-development-and-sustainability/planning-and-zoning/housing-element-update-2021-2029>.

The Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration is also available at the City of Davis's Department of Community Development and Sustainability, 23 Russell Boulevard, Suite 2, Davis, CA 95616, which is open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. This environmental review process and Negative Declaration filing is pursuant to Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 6, sections 15070, 15071, and 15072 of the California Administrative Code.

PUBLIC REVIEW:

A 30-day public comment period on this Initial Study/Negative Declaration begins on **July 23, 2021** and ends on **August 23, 2021**. Written comments regarding this project addressing the findings of the proposed Negative Declaration and/or accuracy or completeness of the Initial Study, may be submitted to the City of Davis Department of Community Development and Sustainability (at the below address) during this comment period.

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PUBLIC HEARING:

The project will be heard at the City Council meeting on **August 31, 2021, beginning at 6:30**. A link to participate in the hearing remotely will be published on the City's website once the agenda is posted, no later than 72 hours prior to the hearing, consistent with State law. Once published, the agenda can be found online at:

<https://www.cityofdavis.org/city-hall/city-council/city-council-meetings/agendas>

Project Location Map

