

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**Notice of Intent to adopt a Negative Declaration in compliance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).**

**Project Title: City of Paramount 2021-2029 Housing Element Update, Health and Safety Element Update, and Environmental Justice Element**

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 21-01

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**Project Location:** The City of Paramount is fifteen miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles and borders North Long Beach to the south. Known in the 1930s as the communities of Hynes and Clearwater, the area was a nationally prominent center of the dairy and hay industries. Hynes-Clearwater joined together under the common name of Paramount in 1948, grew steadily, and in 1957 was incorporated as a City. Today a modern city, Paramount provides a broad range of municipal services. Approximately five square miles in size, Paramount has close to 54,000 residents and over 3,000 businesses. The Planning Area of the General Plan consists of the corporate boundaries of the City of Paramount.

**Project Description:** The Housing Element is a required component of the City's General Plan and must be updated on a regular basis, as set forth in Government Code Section 65588. The Housing Element consists of these components, as required by Government Code Section 65583, 1) housing needs, 2) constraints to housing development, 3) housing resources (available sites and funding sources), and 4) a Housing Plan.

The 2021-2029 Housing Element applies to all properties within the City of Paramount on which existing General Plan land use designations and zoning allow residential and/or mixed-use development. The Housing Element does not specifically authorize the construction of any housing development, nor does it indicate where and when specific housing projects would occur. The Housing Element is a policy document setting forth the City's plan to accommodate its share of regional housing needs, as determined by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). For the 2021-2029 planning period, the City of Paramount's share is 364 housing units. This allocation is referred to as the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, or RHNA.

In conjunction with this Housing Element update, the City is also undertaking an update to the Health and Safety Element to adopt climate adaptation strategies, an Environmental Justice Element to comply with SB 1000 and SB 244.

The Initial Study prepared for the proposed project identifies environmental factors which would be potentially affected. However, potential environmental impacts generated by the adoption of the Project would not result in impacts which would require the incorporation of mitigation measures to reduce the impact to a less than significant effect on the environment. Therefore, a Negative Declaration has been prepared.

This is to notify public and interested parties of the City of Paramount's intent to adopt a Negative

Declaration for the proposed project. The mandatory public review period began on **November 3, 2021**, and concludes on **December 3, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.** Copies of all relevant material including the project specifications and Negative Declaration are available to the general public for review in the Planning Department at City Hall, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723. Please send your written comments, which must be received prior to the close of the public review period on December 3, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., to John King, AICP, Assistant Planning Director at [JKing@paramountcity.com](mailto:JKing@paramountcity.com) or the physical address shown above.



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John King, AICP

October 28, 2021

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