



**NOTICE OF INTENT
to Adopt a
Negative Declaration**

City of Santa Clarita
Department of Community Development
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Date: December 16, 2021
To: Interested Agencies, Organizations and Individuals
Subject: **Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration**

Pursuant to Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the City of Santa Clarita (Lead Agency/City) is providing notice that it intends to adopt a Negative Declaration for the project identified below:

Project Title: Santa Clarita Housing Element Update
Application: Master Case 21-088 (General Plan Amendment 21-001; Initial Study 21-009)
Lead Agency: City of Santa Clarita
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Project Location: Citywide
Applicant: City of Santa Clarita

Project Description: The City of Santa Clarita (City) is preparing an update to the General Plan Housing Element. State law requires that housing elements be updated every eight years (California Government Code Sections 65580 to 65589.8). The 2021-2029 Housing Element identifies sites adequate to accommodate a variety of housing types for all income levels and needs of special population groups defined under state law (California Government Code Section 65583); analyzes governmental constraints to housing maintenance, improvement, and development; addresses conservation and improvement of the condition of existing affordable housing stock; and outlines policies that promote housing opportunities for all persons. The project involves an update to the City of Santa Clarita Housing Element as part of the sixth-cycle planning period, which spans

from 2021 through 2029. The project also includes an update to the General Plan Safety Element, which is required by state law to be updated upon the next revision of the Housing Element. Areas of the Safety Element to be updated include fire hazards, stormwater management, and emergency response and preparedness, particularly as they relate to the City's projected climate change exposure and vulnerability. The Safety Element would be updated to ensure alignment with the recently adopted 2021 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Review Period: December 16, 2021 through January 18, 2022

Public Hearing: Public hearing dates have not been set for this project, but are anticipated for Winter 2022. Public hearings will be scheduled at a future date and will be duly noticed in accordance with the City's Unified Development Code.

Availability of Documents: During the public review period, a copy of the Draft Negative Declaration and all supporting documents are available for review by appointment in the City Clerk's Office located at the City of Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 120, Santa Clarita, California, 91355. A copy of the Draft Negative Declaration (without all supporting documents) will be posted on the City's website during the public review period noted above, at:

- City of Santa Clarita website: www.santa-clarita.com/planning/environmental
- Project website: www.santa-clarita.com/housingelement

For additional information on the proposed Negative Declaration, the Project's requested discretionary entitlements, to provide written comments, or to schedule an appointment, please contact James Chow, at (661) 255-4330 or via email at jchow@santa-clarita.com. It is requested that any written comments on the Project be submitted to the Department of Community Development prior to the end of the review period. If you challenge the action taken on this proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else has raised at the Public Hearing, in written correspondence, delivered to the Department of Community Development.

Signature:



Title:

James Chow
Senior Planner

Date:

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