



1 North San Antonio Road
Los Altos, California 94022-3087

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY-MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that an Initial Study–Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) has been prepared for the proposed 2023-2031 Housing Element in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as set forth in the Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 to 21174, as amended. It is the intent of the City of Los Altos to adopt an Initial Study–Negative Declaration for proposed Housing Element.

Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Lead Agency: City of Los Altos, 1 North San Antonio Road Los Altos, CA, 94022, (650) 947-2625

Project Title: City of Los Altos 2023-2031 Housing Element Update

City/County: City of Los Altos, Santa Clara County, CA

Public Review Period: A 30-day public review period will begin on November 30, 2022, and end on December 30, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Please address comments to Nick Zornes, Development Services Director via email at nzornes@losaltosca.gov or by mail at 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA, 94022 prior to the close of the comment period on December 30, 2022.

Availability of CEQA Document: Copies of the Draft Initial Study–Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at City offices located at 1 North San Antonio Road Los Altos, CA, 94022 and online at <http://www.losaltosca.gov/development-services/page/environmental-documents> and <https://www.losaltoshousing.org>.

Project Location: The City of Los Altos 2023-2031 Housing Element applies to the entirety of the City of Los Altos.

Project Description: The proposed project involves a comprehensive update to the Housing Element of the City of Los Altos General Plan. State law requires that housing elements be updated every eight years (California Government Code Sections 65580 to 65589.8). The Housing Element Update establishes goals, policies, and actions including rezoning of parcels and General Plan amendments, to meet the City's 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). Los Altos' latest RHNA calls for 1,958 new housing units.

The proposed HEU does not propose any specific development and adoption of the proposed HEU would not approve any physical development (e.g., construction of housing or infrastructure). However, it envisions development including the proposed rezoning of sites for the potential development of additional housing units to meet the City's RHNA. Therefore, the CEQA analysis assumes that construction of housing is a reasonably foreseeable future outcome of the HEU. The buildout assumptions for use in this CEQA

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document include 1,048 units that can be accommodated on undeveloped and underdeveloped sites and 600 units that can be accommodated through rezoning for a total of 1,648 units.

More information about the proposed project can be found on the City's website:

<https://www.losaltoshousing.org/>

Environmental Determination: The City of Los Altos has completed an IS-MND for the proposed project. The IS-MND concluded that the project would have less-than-significant impacts or less than significant impacts with mitigation in the various topic areas required by CEQA Guidelines Appendix G, including Aesthetics, Agriculture/Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use/Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population/Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities/Service Systems, and Wildfire. As such, the City of Los Altos has determined that an Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration is appropriate CEQA assessment.

Hazardous Waste Sites: Pursuant to Section 15087(c)(6) of the CEQA Guidelines, there are numerous sites on a list enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code in Los Altos.

Public Hearings: The City of Los Altos Planning Commission is anticipated to take public comments and consider the proposed Housing Element on **Thursday, January 5, 2023**. The meeting will start at **7:00 PM** and be held via video and teleconference only. Interested parties should check the Planning Commission website for information on how to join the meeting and to confirm the meeting date, time, and agenda:

<https://www.losaltosca.gov/planningcommission>

The City Council is also anticipated to take public comments and consider the proposed Housing Element on **Tuesday, January 10, 2023**, and **Tuesday, January 24, 2023**. The meetings will start at **7:00 PM** and be held via video and teleconference only. Interested parties should check the City Council website for information on how to join the meeting and to confirm the meeting date, time, and agenda:

<https://www.losaltosca.gov/citycouncil>



Nick Zornes, Development Services Director



Date