



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

November 30, 2022

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Lee Clauss, Director of Cultural Resources
26569 Community Center Drive
Highland, CA 92346

RE: **Project Notification Pursuant to Assembly Bill 52 and Senate Bill 18 for the Downtown Core Project**

Dear Tribal Representative,

The City of Fontana is proposing to create a new focused area in the Downtown Core by creating and implementing a new General Plan land use category and six new Form Based Code districts specific to the Downtown Core. As part of this process, the City is writing to contact individuals and organizations who may wish to engage in consultation with the City pursuant to SB 18, and to contact tribes that have requested consultation through the AB 52 process, pursuant to Government Code §65352 and 65352.3, as well as Public Resources Code §21080.3.1 and 21080.3.2.

The City of Fontana is providing this formal notification of the Downtown Core Project and the tribe's consultation opportunity, pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) §21080.3.1. The City posted a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines §15082 on December 1, 2022. The City, as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), will prepare a Program EIR for the Downtown Core Project. The EIR will be prepared in accordance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, relevant case law, and City procedures. No Initial Study will be prepared pursuant to §15063(a) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Project Location

The proposed Project Area encompasses approximately 478 acres in the City of Fontana and is bounded by Foothill Boulevard on the north, Randall Avenue on the south, Juniper Avenue on the west, and Mango Avenue on the east; refer to Attachment 1.

Project Description

The City is proposing to create a new focused area in the Downtown Core (Project Area) by creating and implementing a new General Plan land use category and six new Form Based Code (FBC) districts specific to the Project Area. The Project would involve amending the General Plan, including establishing a new General Plan land use category, amending the General Plan Land Use Map to apply the new land use category, and amending the Zoning and Development Code, including the Zoning District Map. The proposed Project, would in part, provide increased residential development opportunities, consistent with the goals of the SB 2 Planning Grant received by the City. While no specific development projects are proposed as part of the Project, the Project will accommodate future growth in the Downtown Core area.

You are invited to provide information regarding sites, traditional cultural properties, values, or other resources considerations within the Project Area and are invited to assist with identifying and/or preserving and/or mitigating project impacts to Native American cultural places. All information will be kept confidential. The point of contact for the City is below.

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Please respond within 30 days of the date of this letter pursuant to PRC 21080.3.1(d) for AB 52 consultation. For consultation under SB 18, **you have 90 days to respond.** If you have any questions or concerns with the Project, please contact Alejandro Rico.

Thank you for your assistance.

Rina Leung, Senior Planner
City of Fontana

Attachments: Figure 1, Downtown Core Project Area



Sources: ArcGIS Online World Imagery map service; USGS National Map Roads. Map date: November 14, 2022.