

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: City of San Ramon (Public Agency)
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PROJECT TITLE: General Plan Amendment (GPA 2021-0001) for the 2023-2031 Housing Element Update of the General Plan (GPA 2021-0001)

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide—City of San Ramon (Contra Costa County)

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of San Ramon
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PROPERTY OWNER: Various

LEAD AGENCY: City of San Ramon, Contact Person: Cindy Yee, Senior Planner

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Housing Element Update of the General Plan is a City-initiated General Plan Amendment and establishes the City's eight-year housing plan to satisfy the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) and provide guidance and direction for local government decision-making in housing-related matters. The Housing Element covers an eight-year period from January 2023 through January 2031. The Update will include but is not limited to, revisions to policies, narratives, data, and figures to reflect the new buildout period.

EXEMPT STATUS: (*check one*)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption;
- Statutory Exemption: Common Sense Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3));

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The 2023-2031 Housing Element Update project is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) common sense exemption, because CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of this policy document would have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed Housing Element is tiered off the previous Housing Element, which the City analyzed under CEQA with an addendum to the General Plan 2030 EIR. The Project at issue, therefore, includes only the changes proposed to that Housing Element. These changes would not result in any direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. The changes made to the Housing Element as a result of this update are strictly policy changes and do not provide entitlements to any specific land use projects, nor do the changes amend the General Plan land use map or zoning or modify land use designations, densities, or land use intensities. Based on these factors, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed 6th Cycle Housing Element Update would have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the 6th Cycle Housing Element is exempt from CEQA under the common sense exemption.

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