



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
for
City of Shafter 2023-2031 Housing Element Update**

NOITCE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Shafter intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the City of Shafter 2023-2031 Housing Element Update.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Shafter

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SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21092 and 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072.

PROJECT TITLE: City of Shafter 2023-2031 Housing Element Update

PROJECT LOCATION: The City of Shafter is located in the southern portion of the San Joaquin Valley, in the northwest portion of Kern County. Shafter is central to many key metropolitan areas. To the north are the cities of Fresno (100 miles), Sacramento (270 miles), and San Francisco (265 miles). To the south are the cities of Bakersfield (12 miles), Los Angeles (130 miles), and San Diego (240 miles). Agricultural fields and open space, a typical characteristic of towns in the San Joaquin Valley, physically separate Shafter from these surrounding communities.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Shafter Housing Element (currently termed the HEU or Housing Program) is a State-required General Plan Element. The intent of the Housing Program is to ensure the housing needs of all economic segments of the community will be met through December 31, 2031. The Housing Program includes Goals, Policies, and actions that the City will undertake to meet its housing needs, identification of funding sources, responsible entities, and time frames for implementation. The Shafter Housing Program provides an eight-year plan for the 6th Cycle reporting period that extends from 2023 to 2031. The Housing Program identifies strategies and programs that focus on the following:

- Conserving and improving existing affordable housing;
- Providing adequate housing sites;
- Assisting in development of affordable housing;
- Removing governmental and other constraints to facilitate housing development; and,
- Promoting equal housing opportunities.



The HEU provides for five primary sites that are currently zoned for residential use and could accommodate 9,365 total units (37 Very-Low Income; 125 Low-Income; 5,023 Moderate Income; and 4,179 Above-Moderate Income). Also, the HEU indicates that other available properties within Shafter that could be re-zoned for residential use could accommodate an additional 19,135 residential units (949 Very-Low Income; 3,792 Low-Income; 7,113 Moderate Income; and 7,281 Above-Moderate Income).

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION: The Mitigated Negative Declaration, proposed rule, and supporting documents are available for review at the City of Shafter's website at:

www. <https://shafter.com/385/Environmental-Documents>

Written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be addressed to:

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Please include a return address and contact name with your written comments. Comments can also be sent via email with subject line "City of Shafter 2023-2031 Housing Element Update EIR" to Steve Esselman, sesselman@shafter.com.

REVIEW PERIOD: The MND has a review period of 30 days, starting on June 2, 2023, and ending on July 2, 2023. Any comments on the MND should be sent to the address at the address noted above. At the close of the public comment period on the MND, the MND will be set for public hearing before the City of Shafter Planning Commission. Notice of the date, time and place for such public hearing will be published and/or mailed as provided by California state law.