



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The City of Bell Gardens has completed an Initial Study for the following project in accordance with City and State of California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines:

Project Title: The City of Bell Gardens Environmental Justice Element

Project Location: Citywide

Project Description: The proposed project includes the adoption of the General Plan Environmental Justice (“EJ”) Element consistent with state law. The EJ Element addresses and aims to minimize the adverse effects of environmental hazards to create a healthy environment for all people, especially those groups, populations, and communities who had been impacted by pollution. The aim of EJ is to reduce burdens for communities experiencing adverse effects, promote meaningful participation of those communities in all phases of the environmental and land use decision making process, and providing meaningful consideration of recommendations from populations and communities most impacted by pollution into environmental and land use decisions.

Negative Declaration: An initial study of environmental impacts was prepared pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14 (“CEQA Guidelines”), Section 15063. A Negative Declaration of Environmental Impacts is proposed for this project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15367. **The public review and comment period for the Negative Declaration begins on April 9, 2024, and ends at 6:00 PM on May 9, 2024.**

Public Hearings: A public hearing to consider the proposed EJ Element and Negative Declaration is scheduled before the Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 5:15 PM. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201. A public hearing regarding adoption of the EJ Element and the Negative Declaration will be considered by the City Council on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201.

Copies of the Initial Study / Negative Declaration and related documents are on file and available for public review in the Community Development Department, Bell Gardens City Hall, 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201. The files are also available on the Community Development Department website at the following web address: <https://www.bellgardens.org/government/city-departments/community-development/planning/environmental-justice-element>.

This notice will be posted at the following locations:

1. **Los Angeles County Recorder's Office**
Office of Environmental Filings
12400 Imperial Highway,
Norwalk, CA 90650
2. **Bell Gardens City Hall**
7100 Garfield Avenue
Bell Gardens, CA 90201
3. **City of Bell Gardens**
Department of Public Works
8327 Garfield Avenue
Bell Gardens, CA 90201
4. **Bell Gardens Veterans Park**
6662 Loveland Street
Bell Gardens, CA 90201
5. **John Anson Ford Park**
8000 Park Lane
Bell Gardens, CA 90201

Persons wishing to review or obtain copies of the proposed Initial Study / Negative Declaration may contact Mona Mossayeb, Associate Planner, Bell Gardens City Hall, 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201 or call for more information (562) 806-7700, extension 7733.



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