

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: City of Rosemead  
8838 E. Valley Boulevard  
Rosemead, CA 91770

County Clerk  
County of Los Angeles  
12400 E. Imperial Highway  
Norwalk, CA 90650

Project Title: General Plan Amendment 23-01 and Zone Change 23-01

Project Applicant: The City of Rosemead

Project Location – Specific: APN

Project Location – City: City of Rosemead Project Location – County: County of Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The 2021-2029 Housing Element was adopted by the Rosemead City Council on January 11, 2022, and certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development on August 1, 2022. The Housing Element sets forth goals, policies and programs that address future housing needs for all income levels over a planning period of 2021-2029 and coincides with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), a unit count established by State Housing Law. During the Housing Element process, the City assessed a number of sites in its Sites Inventory that would be able to accommodate the City’s allocated RHNA of 4,612 units. With units entitled and under review, as well as anticipated ADUs, the City has adequate capacity for its RHNA units. However, to further accommodate for the City’s RHNA numbers and to comply with SB 166 (no net loss), the City identified ten candidate sites to be rezoned (Housing Element Rezoning Efforts). The rezoned sites will meet the requirements of Government Code §65583.2, including but not limited to a minimum density of 20 units per acre, minimum site size to permit at least 16 units on site, and zoned to allow ownership and rental housing by-right in which at least 20 percent of the units are affordable to lower income households. General Plan Amendment 23-01 and Zone Change 23-01 include changes to the City’s General Plan and Zoning Map to implement the City’s certified Housing Element, which is a policy decision and administrative in nature. No development projects are proposed on any of the ten candidate sites as part of the Housing Element Rezoning Efforts.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Rosemead City Council

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Rosemead

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080 (b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(c)
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c);
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reason why project is exempt: The proposed project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) because the project is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that the proposed project, Housing Element Rezoning Efforts, will not have a significant effect on the environment. The Housing Element Rezoning Efforts includes changes to the City’s General Plan and Zoning Map to implement the City’s certified Housing Element, as required by State law. No development projects are proposed as part of the Housing Element Rezoning Efforts. Furthermore, each future development proposal on any of the Housing Element Rezoning Effort sites will have to go through their own environmental analysis pursuant to CEQA to evaluate potential impacts specific to that proposal. Accordingly, General Plan Amendment 23-01 and Zone Change 23-01 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3).

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Annie Lao Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 626.569.2144

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project  Yes  No



Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 1/16/2025 Title: Acting Planning and Economic Development Manager

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_