



## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

**TO**

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**FROM**

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 250 Hamilton Avenue, Ground Floor  
 Palo Alto, California 94301

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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

**PROJECT TITLE:** City of Palo Alto 2023-2031 Housing Element

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The study area considered in this analysis includes the entire city of Palo Alto. Palo Alto is located 35 miles south of San Francisco and 14 miles north of San Jose. Palo Alto encompasses an area of approximately 26 square miles, about a third of which is open space, including 34 city-owned parks, and 1,700 acres of protected Baylands.

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER** 2014052101

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This Revised Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) certified in 2017 for the City of Palo Alto 2030 Comprehensive Plan analyzes the impacts associated with the proposed 2023-2031 Housing Element Update (“proposed project.”) The proposed project consists of a complete update to the Comprehensive Plan Housing Element. The updates are intended to enable Palo Alto to accommodate housing in accordance with State law while continuing to provide services, parks, schools, and environmental setting, and offering new programs that support the city’s diversity and housing affordability. The proposed HEU would bring the element into compliance with State legislation passed since adoption of the 2015-2023 Housing Element and with the current Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). In accordance with CEQA, the EIR Addendum demonstrates, based on substantial evidence, that the prior environmental analysis in the 2017 EIR adequately addresses the potential environmental effects of the project, and the project does not require subsequent environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 and 15164, and supports the City's finding that the project would not result in significant new issues nor exceed the


level of impacts identified in the previously certified 2017 EIR requiring additional analysis under CEQA.

This is to advise that the City of Palo Alto (Lead Agency) has approved the project described above on November 13, 2023 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The previously certified EIR ("Final EIR;" SCH 2014052101) was prepared and evaluated the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
2. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment beyond those impacts previously identified in connection with the Final EIR.
3. Mitigation measures beyond those adopted in connection with the Final EIR were not adopted for the project
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) beyond that adopted in connection with the Final EIR was not adopted for this project. This project remains subject to the MMRP adopted in 2017, as applicable.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations beyond that adopted in connection with the Final EIR was not adopted for the project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Final EIR and EIR Addendum with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

*City of Palo Alto, Planning Division, 250 Hamilton Ave, Ground Floor, Palo Alto, California 94301*

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Manager of Long Range Planning 11/16/2023

*Signature (Public Agency)*

*Title*

*Date*

Date Received for filing at OPR: