

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 22-01 ADOPTING THE 2021-2029 (6th CYCLE) HOUSING ELEMENT OF THE LA HABRA GENERAL PLAN 20202 AS PER ATTACHMENT A.

RECITALS

- A. Each jurisdiction is required by State Housing Law to update the Housing Element of its General Plan for the 2021-2029 planning period.
- B. Between November 2020 and, June 2021 the City of La Habra via Zoom conducted 5 public meetings of the General Plan Advisory Committee to review Housing Element requirements and issues.
- C. On July 26, 2021, the La Habra Planning Commission held a duly notices public hearing to review the draft 2021-2029 Housing Element. Public notice of the meeting was provided to interested parties; regional, State and Federal agencies; and local libraries and media.
- D. On August 16, 2021, the La Habra City Council held a duly notice public hearing to review the draft 2021-2029 Housing Element. Public notice of the meeting was provided to interested parties; regional, State and Federal agencies; and local libraries and media.
- E. On September 2, 2021 the Draft 2021-2029 La Habra Housing Element amendment was transmitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for review as required by State Law.
- F. On November 1, 2021 HCD issued a letter finding that the Draft 2021-2029 Housing Element meets many statutory requirements of State Housing Element Law, however, revisions are necessary to comply with State Housing Element Law.
- G. On August 12, 2022, a Notice of Public Hearing was published in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of La Habra and was also mailed to interested parties; regional, state and federal agencies; and local libraries and media.
- H. Pursuant to the requirements of California Government Code Section 65585(e) and (f) the Planning Commission has considered HCD's comments, dated May 23, 2022 and the City's revisions to the 2021-2029 Housing Element to address HCD's comments.

- I. The Planning Commission finds that with the revisions to the 2021-2029 Housing Element as set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution substantially complies with the requirements of State Law.

The Planning Commission of the City of La Habra does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The Planning Commission does hereby find and determine that:

- a. The City of La Habra has initiated an amendment to the General Plan to provide undated 2021-2029 6th cycle housing element attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- b. This project was reviewed pursuant to the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Adoption of the updated Housing Element is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) common sense exemption, because even though the Housing Element includes updated policies, programs, and actions that advocate for housing at all economic levels and meet the state legal requirements for a Housing Element it would not approve any development projects and does not propose any new programs or programs that would substantially change any land use or portend any new development not already anticipated in the City's previous Housing Element. All future construction must comply with policies in the General Plan, which address potential environmental impacts. The updated Housing Element does not change any of the existing development requirements in the City that are designed to mitigate or avoid environmental impacts. 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.
- c. The Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on August 22, 2022 to consider the 2021-2029 6th cycle housing element. (GPA 22-01). The Planning Commission, after considering all the written and oral evidence offered including the staff report and all attachments, recommends that the City Council approve the proposed amendments to the General Plan.

Section 2. The Planning Commission further finds and determines that:

- a. California law requires that all local governments develop housing programs to meet their "fair share" of existing and future housing needs for all income groups
- b. The Housing Element must contain proactive goals, policies, and programs to facilitate the development, improvement, and preservation of housing commensurate with their housing need as established by the City, regional government, and the State of California
- c. This Housing Element covers the planning period of 2021-2029 (6th RHNA cycle)
- d. That the La Habra Draft housing element has been prepared and is in compliance with, State Housing Law including Government Code Section 65580 *et seq.*, the Law Habra General Plan, and the La Habra Municipal Code.

Section 3. The Planning Commission further recommend the City Council direct the City Manager to submit the adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element to HCD for review pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(g) and is further directed to make any technical or clerical revisions to the Housing Element as may be necessary to obtain a finding of substantial compliance from HCD.

Section 4. Based upon the foregoing, the Planning Commission of the City of La Habra recommends that the City Council approve General Plan Amendment (GPA 22-01). The Planning Commission Secretary shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and transmit a copy thereof to the City Council.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS:
NOES: COMMISSIONERS:
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS:
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS:

Dated: August 22, 2022

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
Veronica Lopez, Secretary Manual Munoz, Chair