



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the public agency named below, acting as Lead Agency, has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location:	
Public Agency:	City of South El Monte
Project Name:	City of South El Monte General Plan Amendment: Housing Element and Public Health and Safety Element Updates
Project Description:	<p>As required by State law, this project involves an amendment to the General Plan to adopt, an updated Housing Element as well as to update the Public Safety Element through the adoption of a new Public Health and Safety Element. As required under state law every eight years, the City of South El Monte is preparing an update to the City's Housing Element. The City's existing Housing Element was adopted in 2019 and is set to expire in October 2021. The State Department of Housing and Community Development has provided a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the City has been assigned a RHNA of 577 units for the 2021–2029 Housing Element, of which 195 units are allocated for lower-income households. The updated Housing Element will provide the capacity to accommodate the RHNA for the planning period with the necessary goals and policies to ensure adequate development of housing for the City during the housing cycle.</p> <p>The Public Health and Safety Element prioritize actions that address the greatest health risks to the City over the next 20 years. It guides how the City is designed, regulated, and built to ensure that people can access healthy food and places to play, that the air is clean, and that hazards will not impact important buildings and services. The Public Health and Safety Element also identifies and prioritizes the needs of disadvantaged communities to address compounding health concerns.</p> <p>The Public Health and Safety Element is closely linked to two other elements of the General Plan: the Land Use Element and the Conservation Element. The Land Use Element regulates where homes, business, and industry can be in South El Monte and how large they can be. Related to this, the Public Health and Safety Element recommends where parks, community gardens, and first responder facilities should be placed. The Conservation Element addresses how the City uses natural resources, such as water and the urban forest. Related to this, the Public Health and Safety Element addresses how these resources could be affected by hazard events and climate change, and how natural resources can be used to make the community healthier and more resilient. These elements are policy documents, and the adoption of these elements would not result in any direct or indirect physical impacts because no development or construction is authorized by this action.</p>
Project Location:	Citywide
An Initial Study, reflecting the independent judgment of the Lead Agency was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency's Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. Based on this Initial Study, the City of South El Monte has concluded that the project, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has therefore prepared a Proposed Negative Declaration.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project site IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project site IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A scoping meeting WILL be held by the lead agency.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the lead agency.

Copies of the Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review online at <https://www.cityofsouthelmonte.org/411/Public-Notices> and at the City of South El Monte City Hall, 1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733.

Lead Agency Address: 1415 N. Santa Anita Ave., South El Monte, CA 91733

The review period for this Proposed Negative Declaration starts on August 30, 2021 and ends on September 19, 2021. Any public agency or other party wishing to comment on this Proposed Negative Declaration must submit comments, in writing, to the City of South El Monte by September 19, 2021.

Date: August 30, 2021

If the Lead Agency finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Negative Declaration. This means that the Lead Agency may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.



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