

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR THE APPROVAL OF GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA) NOS. 01-21 FOR THE 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT, 02-21 FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE, & 03-21 FOR OTHER ELEMENT UPDATES, AND ADOPTION OF AN ADDENDUM TO THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING CODE UPDATE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) FOR STATE CERTIFICATION.

WHEREAS, the City of El Monte (the "City") has an adopted General Plan, which includes all of the state mandated elements; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Government Code Section 65588 requires the review and adoption of a Housing Element that may be updated according to the Southern California Association of Governments Regional Housing Needs Assessment ("RHNA") planning cycle; and

WHEREAS, based on age and condition of non-residential structures on nonvacant sites, as well as the likelihood of commercial uses on nonvacant sites converting to mixed-use residential developments due to the continued decline of retail-only uses specifically within the existing Mixed/Multi-Use (MMU), Downtown Specific Plan, Gateway Specific Plan, Flair Park, and Five Points areas, the existing uses on the sites identified in the site inventory to accommodate the lower income RHNA are likely to be integrated with new residential uses or discontinued during the planning period, and therefore are not considered significant impediments to additional residential development during the period covered by the housing element; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Government Code Section 65583(c)(9) requires that local jurisdictions make a diligent effort to achieve public participation of all economic segments of the community in the development of the Housing Element, and the program shall describe this effort, the City launched a multi-lingual online housing needs survey, conducted virtual stakeholder interviews on January 26, 2021 and February 2, 2021, held two (2) Planning Commission study sessions on May 11, 2021 and September 14, 2021, held two (2) City Council Ad Hoc meetings on June 7, 2021 and September 20, 2021, held one (1) virtual community workshop on June 16, 2021 and one (1) in-person community workshop on July 7, 2021, and held a Planning Commission public hearing on December 21, 2021. Issues raised during these public participation events were addressed in the 2021-2029 Housing Element and Public Safety Element Update; and

WHEREAS, draft Housing Element was advertised and made publicly available for more than a 30-day public review period from September 28, 2021 to February 1, 2022 in compliance with State of California Government Code Section 65583; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2021, the draft Public Safety Element Update was submitted to the California Geological Survey of the Department of Conservation for review to determine if all known seismic and other geologic hazards are addressed, pursuant to California Government Code Section 65302.5(a) and no comments have been received by the City; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2021, per Government Code Section 65585(b), a response/comment letter from the State Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCD”) was received by Staff for the review of the draft 2021-2029 Housing Element and the document was revised to comply with State housing element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code); and

WHEREAS, this City Council acknowledges that Housing Element comments provided by HCD were considered and incorporated as appropriate prior to final adoption of the 2021-2029 Housing Element by City Council, in compliance with State law; and

WHEREAS, this City Council duly authorizes the City Manager or Community and Economic Development Director to make iterative changes to the Housing Element in response to comments from HCD to support State certification of the 2021-2029 Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH No. 2008071012) for the El Monte General Plan Update was prepared and certified by the City of El Monte in May 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Monte acting as a lead agency has completed an environmental analysis and determined that there are no new significant environmental impacts or previously identified significant impacts made more severe by project modifications, new circumstances, or new information associated with the project. Therefore, the City has determined that an Addendum to the El Monte General Plan Update Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is the appropriate CEQA document to address project modifications in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15164. CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(c) provides that an addendum need not be circulated for public review; and

WHEREAS, copies of the environmental document and 2021-2029 Housing Element and Public Health and Safety Element were made available for public inspection at the Planning Division at El Monte City Hall West, 11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte, California 91731; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2022, a public notice was published in the El Monte Examiner, specifying the date, time, and location of the public hearing to consider the

recommendation that the City Council adopt the City of El Monte 2021-2029 Housing Element, Public Health and Safety Element Update, and Addendum to the El Monte General Plan Update Final EIR and direct Staff to submit the 2021-2029 Housing Element to the HCD for State certification, and

WHEREAS, the City of El Monte City Clerk's Office shall serve as the custodian of the EIR document, Addendum, and all appendices, supporting studies, figures, and related documents which constitute the record of proceedings and are available for review at El Monte City Hall West, Planning Division, located at 11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte, California 91731; and

WHEREAS, the El Monte City Council has sufficiently considered all testimony presented to them in order to make the following determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of El Monte hereby finds, determines, resolves, and orders as follows:

SECTION 1 - That the City Council adopt the draft Resolution adopting the El Monte 2021-2029 Housing Element, Public Health and Safety Element Update, and approve the Addendum to the El Monte General Plan Update Final EIR and submit the 2021-2029 Housing Element to HCD for State certification.

SECTION 2 - The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 3 - This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Monte at its regular meeting on this 1st day of February, 2022.

Jessica Ancona, Mayor
City of El Monte

ATTEST:

Catherine A. Eredia, City Clerk
City of El Monte

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF EL MONTE)

I, Catherine A. Eredia, City Clerk of the City of El Monte, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. _____ was passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of El Monte, signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk at a meeting of said City held on this 1st day of February, 2022, and that said Resolution was adopted by the following votes to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Catherine A. Eredia, City Clerk
City of El Monte