



City of Pomona

Housing Element of the General Plan, 2008 – 2014

Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration

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ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Pomona has initiated a General Plan Amendment (GPA 11-001), proposing to amend its General Plan to update the Housing Element for the planning period January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2014. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code Section 21000 *et seq.*) and the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15000 *et seq.*), the City has prepared this Initial Study (IS) to analyze potential direct and indirect environmental effects resulting from approval of GPA 11-001. Based on the findings of the IS, a Negative Declaration (ND) has also been prepared.

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| A. | Project title: | General Plan Amendment (GPA 11-001) amending the City of Pomona General Plan for adoption of the 2008-2014 Housing Element |
| B. | Lead agency: | City of Pomona
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| C. | Project sponsor: | City of Pomona
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| D. | Project location: | Citywide |
| E. | Project description: | |

A component of the Pomona General Plan, the Housing Element presents an analysis of the City's demographic, economic, and housing characteristics. Consistent with the provisions of California Government Code Section 65580 *et seq.* and with the goals and policies of the other General Plan elements, the updated Housing Element also presents a comprehensive Housing Plan for the planning period January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2014.

Pomona's previous Housing Element addressed the planning period January 1, 1998 through June 30, 2005 to correspond with State law and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The RHNA for Pomona, which is published by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), quantifies the need for housing in each jurisdiction in a six-county area. While the previous SCAG Housing Element update cycle was extended by State legislation to June 2008, the new RHNA was published by SCAG in July 2007 and addresses housing needs for the planning period January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2014. The RHNA for this period, presented in Table 10.2-12 of the updated Housing Element, identifies 3,678 dwelling units as Pomona's total "fair share" of the housing need. Of this total, 901 units (24%) are very low income, 571 units (16%) are low income, 619 units (17%) are moderate income, and 1,587 units (43%) are above moderate income.

State Housing Element law mandates that each jurisdiction demonstrate it has adequate sites to meet its share of the RHNA allocation. To do so, Pomona was required to complete a parcel specific "land inventory" that takes into consideration land availability, zoning and development standards, and infrastructure to accommodate this allocation. Found in Appendix B of the updated Housing Element, the inventory includes sites capable of accommodating the RHNA allocation *without any need for re-zoning*.