

October 7, 2021

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Project Title: City of La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Housing Element (6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Update) and Safety Element Updates

Project Applicant: City of La Cañada Flintridge

Project Location: Citywide

Lead Agency: City of La Cañada Flintridge

The City of La Cañada Flintridge will be the Lead Agency and has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)/Initial Study (IS) for the project identified below. The City's Department of Community Development requests comments following review of the Draft MND/IS.

Project Description: Since 1969, California has required that all local governments adequately plan to meet the housing needs of everyone in the community. The Housing Element is a State-mandated policy document within the General Plan that guides the implementation of various programs to meet future housing needs for residents of all income levels. The housing needs are determined through the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). Housing needs are determined by the California Housing and Community Department (HCD), who decides what the numerical housing targets should be for each regional council of governments. Each council of government across the state then further allocates the regional housing number (known as the Regional Housing Needs Allocation – or RHNA) to every city and county within its jurisdiction. The RHNA is a targeted housing number - Cities and counties must plan for the RHNA and show that under current land use and development standards, there is capacity to accommodate for this number of housing. For the proposed 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has determined that the City's draft RHNA allocation is 612 units. The Housing Element identifies available land that is suitable for housing development, as well goals, policies, and programs to accommodate the City's housing need, provide opportunities for new housing, and preserve the existing housing stock.

The Housing Element Update includes the following components:

- A demographic profile and analysis of population growth and trends in the community;
- Identification and analysis of existing and projected housing needs for all economic segments of the community;
- Identification of adequate sites that are zoned and available within the 8-year housing cycle to meet the city's fair share of regional housing needs at all income levels, as prescribed by the RHNA;
- An evaluation of local constraints or barriers to housing development as well as opportunities to develop housing; and
- Housing goals, policies, quantified objectives and scheduled programs to preserve, improve and develop housing within the City.

The Safety Element addresses seismic and other geologic hazards, flooding and other hydrologic hazards, fires and fire-related hazards, hazardous material and sites, crime, and emergency preparedness. Hazardous incidents most likely to occur in La Cañada Flintridge include earthquakes, landslides, wildfire, hazardous material spills on the Interstate (I) 210 Freeway, and storm-related incidents such as debris and mud flows. The update incorporates by reference the 2019 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and has been updated consistent with the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR) General Plan Guidelines (2017) and OPR's Fire Hazard Planning guidance. The update also incorporates recommendations from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE).

Period of Review and Due Date for Public Comments: The Draft MND is available for review at <https://cityoflcf.org/public-hearings-and-legal-notice/> and at the Department of Community Development, one Civic Center Drive, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011. The 30-day public review period is October 11, 2021 through November 9, 2021. Comments are due no later than November 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Please send your response to Susan Koleda at City of La Cañada Flintridge, Community Development Department, One Civic Center Drive, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011 or [skoleda@lcf.ca.gov](mailto:skoleda@lcf.ca.gov) . Please also include a name, address, email address and/or phone number for a contact person in your agency/organization. For additional information, please contact the City of La Cañada Flintridge Community Development Department at (818) 790-8881.

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