



CITY OF
RIVERSIDE

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANNING DIVISION

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REPORT FOR THE RIVERSIDE HOUSING AND PUBLIC SAFETY ELEMENT
UPDATES AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE POLICIES PROJECT**

The City of Riverside (City) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Riverside Housing and Public Safety Element Updates and Environmental Justice Policies Project (Project). The City is requesting input from you or your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's or organization's statutory responsibilities or interests in connection with the Project.

State Clearinghouse: 2021040089

Case Number: PR-2021-001058

Project Title: Riverside Housing and Public Safety Element Updates and
Environmental Justice Policies Project

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Project Location: Citywide

Project Description: The City of Riverside (City) is proposing the Project. The Project includes (1) adopting and implementing an update of the Housing Element of the Riverside General Plan 2025 for the 2021–2029 planning period; (2) adopting and implementing a Public Safety Element Update; (3) developing associated Environmental Justice Policies; and (4) updating the General Plan 2025, Zoning Code and Specific Plans to address the requirements of the 6th Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) cycle. The Project is intended to accommodate the City's minimum RHNA obligation of 18,458 dwelling units (DUs). The Project involves 239 acres that do not require zoning changes and 581 acres that would require general plan amendments, Zoning Code changes, and/or Specific Plan amendments, for a total of 870 parcels comprising 820 acres. The implementation of this Project could result in an increase of up to 31,564 new DUs and 3,181,930 square feet of nonresidential development, or up to 31,175 dwelling units and 1,433,460 square feet over existing conditions. The purpose of the Draft EIR process is to provide stakeholders, agencies, and the public with an opportunity to consider the potential environmental effects of the Project. The Draft EIR describes the project objectives, analyzes the potential impacts associated with the construction and operation of the Project, and identifies potential measures to minimize, avoid, or mitigate significant adverse effects on environmental resources.

Public Workshop: A City Planning Commission workshop will be held to receive comments regarding the content of the Draft EIR. The workshop will include a brief presentation to provide an overview of the Project and the CEQA process and a summary of Project impacts. Written comments may also be submitted during the Draft EIR review period. The public meeting will be held as follows:

Meeting Information: Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 9:00 am
City Hall, Art Pick Council Chamber
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92501
Webcast at: www.riversideca.gov/meeting or www.WatchRiverside.com

Document Availability: The Draft EIR will be available electronically on the City’s website at www.riversideca.gov/housingupdate. Hard copies will also be available at City Hall at the address provided above. Matthew Taylor, Senior Planner, can also be contacted to obtain an electronic copy.

Copies of the Draft EIR will also be available at the following libraries:

La Sierra Branch Library 4600 La Sierra Avenue, 92505	Spc. Jesus S. Duran Eastside Branch Library 4033-C Chicago Avenue, 92507
SSgt. Salvador J. Lara Casa Blanca Branch Library 2985 Madison Street, 92504	Main Branch Public Library 3900 Mission Inn Avenue, 92501
Marcy Branch Library 6927 Magnolia Avenue, 92506	Arlington Branch Library 9556 Magnolia Avenue, 92503
Arlanza Branch Public Library 8267 Philbin Avenue, 92503	Orange Terrace Branch Library 20010-A Orange Terrace Parkway, 92508

The Draft EIR will circulate for a 45-day period for public review, beginning July 19, 2021, and ending on September 2, 2021.

Agency and Public Comment: In accordance with the time limits mandated by CEQA, comments on the Draft EIR must be received by the City no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 2, 2021. Please send written responses, including your contact information and name of your organization (if applicable), to:

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