

**RESOLUTION NO. 1309**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ADOPTING THE 2021-2029 ROLLING HILLS HOUSING ELEMENT AND ASSOCIATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals

A. On January 4, 1957, the City of Rolling Hills was established as a duly organized municipal corporation of the State of California.

B. On June 25, 1990, the City of Rolling Hills adopted its current General Plan. The General Plan establishes goals, objectives, and strategies to achieve the community's vision for its future. The Housing Element is part of the General Plan and was initially adopted in 1991 and amended in 2001, 2009, 2014, and 2021.

C. Housing Elements are subject to certification by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). On July 7, 2021, HCD certified the City's Fifth Cycle Housing Element for the 2014-2021 period.

D. Housing Elements are updated approximately every eight years, in accordance with a schedule established by the State of California. In 2021, cities and counties in the Los Angeles region were required to update their Housing Elements to cover the Sixth Cycle from 2021-2029.

E. Following certification of the 2014-2021 Housing Element, the City of Rolling Hills initiated the State-mandated update of the document for 2021-2029.

F. The City completed the required components of the Housing Element, including an evaluation of its prior Element, a needs assessment, a sites inventory, a constraints analysis, a fair housing analysis, and the development of policies and programs between August 2021 and November 2021. The City conducted community outreach and engagement at this time, including newsletter articles and notices to residents and housing organizations. The Planning Commission hosted a community meeting on the Housing Element on October 19, 2021.

G. On December 3, 2021, the City published a Working Draft of its 2021-2029 Housing Element for public review. Notice of the document's availability was sent to a mailing list of housing-related organizations, posted in the Daily Breeze, and announced

to Rolling Hills residents on the City's newsletter. The document was made available on the City's website. The formal public comment period ended on January 4, 2022.

H. On December 16, 2021, the Planning Commission convened a duly noticed public hearing on the Working Draft Element. At that meeting, the Commission recommended that the City Council submit the Working Draft to HCD for their initial review.

I. On January 10, 2022, the City Council convened a duly noticed public hearing on the Working Draft Element. At that meeting, the Council authorized submittal of the Working Draft to HCD for their initial review. The document was formally submitted on January 11, 2022.

J. On April 22, 2022, the City received its first comment letter from HCD, identifying the revisions required for a compliance determination. The City met with the HCD reviewers and prepared responses and proposed edits based on the comments. A Revised Draft Housing Element ("Revised Draft") was published on May 9, 2022.

K. On May 16, 2022, the Planning Commission convened a duly noticed public hearing on the Revised Draft. At that meeting, the Commission recommended that the City Council submit the Revised Draft to HCD for a second review.

L. On May 23, 2022, the City Council convened a duly noticed public hearing on the Revised Draft. At that meeting, the Council authorized submittal of the Revised Draft to HCD for a second review. The document was formally submitted on May 24, 2022.

M. On July 21, 2022, HCD sent a second comment letter to the City identifying the revisions required for a compliance determination. The City met with the HCD reviewers and prepared responses and proposed edits based on the comments. A Final Draft of the Housing Element was published on September 15, 2022.

N. The City has worked diligently to implement programs in its Housing Element. It amended its Municipal Code in August 2022 to incorporate current State requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units; density bonuses; and provisions for a variety of housing types, including transitional and supportive housing. It previously amended the Municipal Code to create an affordable housing overlay zone, creating the capacity to meet the City's Regional Housing Needs Allocation.

O. Pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq., the State CEQA Guidelines California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq., and the City's Local CEQA Guidelines, the City prepared an Initial Study on the Draft Housing Element. The Initial Study disclosed that all potential impacts from the Project would be less than significant with the incorporation of mitigation measures, and there was no substantial evidence that the Project would have a significant effect on the environment.

P. On the basis of the Initial Study, City staff determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) should be prepared for the Project. The MND was prepared pursuant to CEQA Statute and Guidelines and was made available for review and comment by the general public and public agencies for a 30-day review period commencing on August 8, 2022 and ending on September 7, 2022.

Q. On August 8, 2022, the City published a Notice of Intent to Adopt the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) in the local paper and posted a copy of the notice and IS-MND document as required. One comment letter was received from the Southern California Association of Governments. No comments were received from the public or from other government agencies.

R. On September 20, 2022 the Planning Commission convened a duly noticed public hearing on the 2021-2029 Rolling Hills Housing Element and recommended that the City Council approve the Rolling Hills Housing Element. (Planning Commission Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit B)

S. The City has reviewed and considered the comments and prepared a Final IS/MND, including the mitigation measures identified in the Draft.

Section 2. Findings. Based upon the facts contained in this Resolution, those contained in the staff report and other components of the legislative record, the IS-MND for the 2021-2029 Housing Element, and direction from HCD, the City Council finds that:

A. The IS-MND contains complete, objective, and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project; has been completed in compliance with CEQA; and reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City.

B. The City Council has reviewed the proposed changes to the Housing Element and the July 21, 2022 comment letter from HCD, including HCD's findings that the proposed changes will bring the Element into compliance with State Housing Element law.


C. The Draft Housing Element substantially complies with the requirements of Government Code Sections 65580-65589.8. The document demonstrates the capacity of the Rolling Hills to meet its Regional Housing Needs Allocation for the 2021-2029 Housing Element Cycles, and further demonstrate that topographic, geologic, infrastructure, fire safety and land use constraints preclude further rezoning of property or increases in the development capacity of the city.

D. The 2021-2029 Housing Element is consistent with the other elements of the General Plan because the Element uses the land use designations of the Land Use Element and those designations in turn are reflective of, and consistent with, the policies and provisions of the remaining elements of the General Plan.

E. The housing goals, objectives, and policies stated in the 2021-2029 Housing Element are appropriate for the City of Rolling Hills and will contribute to the attainment of State housing goals. The Housing Element will aid the City's efforts to assist in the development of housing for all members of the community and is in the public interest.

Section 3. The City Council of the City of Rolling Hills hereby adopts the IS-MND and adopts the 2021-2029 Housing Element (attached hereto as Exhibit "A") based on the preceding findings.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022



Dr. James Black  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
CHRISTIAN HORVATH, CITY CLERK

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA        )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    )     SS  
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS      )

The foregoing Resolution No. 1309 entitled:

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was approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Dieringer, Pieper, Mirsch, Wilson, Mayor Black

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



CHRISTIAN HORVATH  
CITY CLERK

