

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA

This serves as the City of Rolling Hills' Notice of Intent to adopt an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update and Safety Element Update, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

Name of Project: 2021-2029 Housing Element Update and Safety Element Update

Project Location: Citywide

Lead Agency: City of Rolling Hills

Project Description

The Project is the Sixth Cycle, 2021-2029 Housing Element Update of the City of Rolling Hills General Plan and an update to the City's Safety Element to address various natural and human-caused hazards, including earthquakes, wildfires, droughts, and land movement. The Housing Element Update (HEU) and Safety Element Update (SEU) are policy updates only, and no specific development is proposed at this time.

The City's Housing Element serves as an integrated part of the General Plan and is subject to detailed statutory requirements, including a requirement to be updated every eight years and mandatory review by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The proposed HEU is an eight-year plan for the 2021-2029 period. The Fifth Cycle Housing Element was adopted June 14, 2021, and found to be in compliance by HCD on July 7, 2021. As a result of the compliance determination, the City does not have to carry over its prior Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) and may plan only for the 45 units identified in the Sixth Cycle RHNA. This action includes the adoption of the HEU, which is a policy document; no actual development or rezoning of parcels is included as part of the HEU.

The City's Safety Element addresses hazards of concern relevant to the City and provides goals, policies, and implementation measures to minimize these hazards. Similar to the HEU, the SEU is a policy document; no actual development or rezoning of parcels is included as part of the approval. In addition to goals and policies, the SEU includes implementation measures for action items for the City. The goals, policies, and implementation for hazard mitigation, community communication, and climate change adaptation and resilience are included in the SEU.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City proposes to adopt an Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the above-referenced project. Such an IS/ND determination is based on the finding that the Project will have no significant environmental impacts. The reasons to support such a finding are documented by the environmental document prepared by the City.

The IS/ND and supporting materials are available for review at the following locations:

- **City of Rolling Hills City Hall:**

Planning and Community Services Department
2 Portuguese Bend Road
Rolling Hills, CA 90274

Walk-In: Monday to Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Appointment: Monday to Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursday 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- **City's Website:** https://www.rolling-hills.org/government/planning_and_community_services/index.php

Written comments regarding the proposed IS/ND must be submitted to the Planning and Community Services Department **prior to 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the 30-day public review/comment period (February 12, 2022)**. All correspondence and any questions regarding the Negative Declaration should be directed to John F. Signo, AICP, Director of Planning and Community Services, at the address above, or email jsigno@cithofrh.net.

Public Review Period: **January 13, 2022 to February 12, 2022**

Public Hearing: A public hearing will be scheduled after HCD reviews and comments on the HEU. The date of the public hearing will be posted on the City's website: www.rolling-hills.org

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