



NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Palm Desert Housing and Safety Element Updates
Case: GPA 21-0002

LEAD AGENCY: City of Palm Desert
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PROJECT TITLE: Palm Desert Housing and Safety Element Updates
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PROJECT LOCATION: The current City limits

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: As a required Element of the General Plan, the Housing Element analyzes the existing housing stock and existing and future needs for housing based on demographic data, and provides strategies to meet the housing needs of the City's residents. The Housing Element focuses on affordable housing and housing for special needs populations, including seniors, disabled persons (including developmental disabilities), large families, single parent households, and the homeless. The Goals, Policies, and Programs identified in this Housing Element will assist the City's decision makers in facilitating housing development and preservation to address the need. The City is complying with the mandatory update schedule for Housing Elements. This Update addresses the 2022-2029 planning period.

The Safety Element Update addressed changes in the requirements of law including flood hazard, fire hazard mapping and emergency preparedness. The Safety Element Update reflects the current fire hazard mapping by CalFire and current FEMA flood hazard zones. The Update also expanded discussion on flood hazard, fire hazard and emergency response by referring to the City's Municipal Code Title 28 Flood Damage Prevention, the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan adopted by the City in 2017 and Riverside County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan approved by FEMA and adopted in 2018.

It is important to note that neither the Housing Element Update nor the Safety Element Update will result in any physical development or change in the environment.

FINDINGS/DETERMINATION: The City has reviewed and considered the proposed project and has determined that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment. The City hereby prepares and proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration for this project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 20-day public review period for the Draft Negative Declaration will commence on November 1, 2021 and end on November 22, 2021 for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Negative Declaration must be received at the above address within the public review period. In addition, you may email comments to the following address: eceja@cityofpalmdesert.org. Copies of the Negative Declaration are available for review at the above address and on the City's website.

PUBLIC MEETING: This matter has been set for public hearing before the Planning Commission on December 7, 2021, and before the City Council on January 13, 2022. Please contact Eric Ceja for further information.