



City of Gardena

Gardena City Council Special Meeting Meeting

AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Agenda Item No. 3.A
Section: PUBLIC HEARING
ITEMS
Meeting Date: February 15, 2023

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE GARDENA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT #1-23, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT # 1-23

Readoption of Revised 6th Cycle Housing Element for 2021 - 2029 period and finding that the adoption is subject to the common sense exemption of CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) as the Housing Element is a policy document

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED:

Staff Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the City Council:

- Conduct a public hearing; and
- **Approve Resolution No. 6619** which readopts the Revised 6th Cycle Housing Element for 2021 – 2029 and makes a finding that the adoption is subject to the common sense exemption of CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) as the Housing Element is a policy document.

RECOMMENDATION AND STAFF SUMMARY:

The City has been working on its Housing Element since December 2019 when it entered into a consultant agreement with Veronica Tam & Associates. In January 2022, the City Council adopted the Housing Element. However, the State's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) did not find the Housing Element to be compliant with State law. A revised Housing Element was sent to HCD in late July 2022 and HCD asked for additional changes. As of that time, HCD had found only 19 out of 197 jurisdictions to have a compliant Housing Element. In early December further revisions were sent to HCD for an informal review. With a few final adjustments, HCD provided informal approval of the Housing Element and indicated that the Housing Element would be considered compliant once the required rezoning was completed.

The City posted the Revised 6th Cycle Housing Element on the website on January 17, 2022, for a minimum of 7 days in accordance with law and then sent it to HCD for final, formal review.

On January 31, 2023 the Planning Commission held a public hearing and adopted Resolution No. 1-23, by vote 4-0-0, recommending that the City Council adopt the Revised Sixth Cycle Housing Element and file a Notice of Exemption.

FINANCIAL IMPACT/COST:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Staff Report Housing Element Update.pdf](#)
[Attachment A- HCD Review dated September 22, 2022.pdf](#)
[Attachment B - Redlined version of Housing Element.pdf](#)
[Attachment C - Maps of Inventory Sites.pdf](#)
[Attachment D - Memo dated January 17, 2023.pdf](#)
[Attachment E - Environmental Justice Map.pdf](#)
[Resolution No. 6619 Housing Element.docx.pdf](#)