

## FINDINGS

### General Plan/Charter Findings

#### **1. City Charter Findings**

Charter Sections 556 and 558 - The City Charter was adopted by voters at the General Municipal Election held June 8, 1999, and sets forth various provisions related to City Departments. Charter Sections 556 and 558 require the City Planning Commission and City Council to adopt the following findings when taking any action to (i) create or change a zone or zoning district created for the purpose of regulating the use of land, or (ii) zoning the permissible uses, height, density, bulk, location or use of buildings or structures, size of yards, open space, setbacks, building line requirements, and other similar requirements, including specific plan ordinances:

(1) The zoning ordinance is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent, and provisions of the General Plan. (Charter Sec. 556.)

(2) The zoning ordinance is in conformity with public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice. (Charter Sec. 558.)

In accordance with City Charter Section 556, the proposed Adaptive Reuse Ordinance is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent, and provisions of the General Plan in that it would further accomplish the goals, objectives, and policies of the General plan as outlined below. (For Charter Section 558 findings, see discussion below titled, “Zoning Code Amendment and Specific Plan Amendment Finding.”)

#### **2. General Plan Findings**

This section provides relevant goals, objectives, policies, and programs that are established in the General Plan that form the basis for Staff’s recommended actions for the Proposed Ordinance. The Proposed Ordinance is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent, and provisions of the General Plan, as noted below.

The City of Los Angeles’ General Plan consists of the Framework Element, seven (7) required Elements that are mandated by State law, including Land Use, Mobility, Housing, Conservation, Noise, Safety, and Open Space, and optional Elements including Air Quality, Service Systems, and Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles. Thirty-five individual community plans comprise the Land Use Element

##### *General Plan Framework Element*

The proposed Citywide Adaptive Reuse Ordinance will meet the intent and purposes of the General Plan Framework Element to encourage the creation of additional housing, while at the same time encourage sustainable growth. In particular, the proposed ordinance would further the intent and purpose of the following relevant goals, objectives, and policies of the Framework Element:

*Goal 3A:* A physically balanced distribution of land uses that contributes towards and facilitates the City's long-term fiscal and economic viability, revitalization of economically depressed areas,

conservation of existing residential neighborhoods, equitable distribution of public resources, conservation of natural resources, provision of adequate infrastructure and public services, reduction of traffic congestion and improvement of air quality, enhancement of recreation and open space opportunities, assurance of environmental justice and a healthful living environment, and achievement of the vision for a more liveable city.

*Objective 3.1:* Accommodate a diversity of uses that support the needs of the City's existing and future residents, businesses, and visitors.

*Objective 3.2:* Provide for the spatial distribution of development that promotes an improved quality of life by facilitating a reduction of vehicular trips, vehicle miles traveled, and air pollution.

Policy 3.2.2: Establish, through the Framework Long-Range Land Use Diagram, community plans, and other implementing tools, patterns and types of development that improve the integration of housing with commercial uses and the integration of public services and various densities of residential development within neighborhoods at appropriate locations.

Policy 3.2.4: Provide for the siting and design of new development that maintains the prevailing scale and character of the City's stable residential neighborhoods and enhance the character of commercial and industrial districts.

*Objective 3.4:* Encourage new multi-family residential, retail commercial, and office development in the City's neighborhood districts, community, regional, and downtown centers as well as along primary transit corridors/boulevards, while at the same time conserving existing neighborhoods and related districts.

*Objective 3.13:* Provide opportunities for the development of mixed-use boulevards where existing or planned major transit facilities are located and which are characterized by low-intensity or marginally viable commercial uses with commercial development and structures that integrate commercial, housing, and/or public service uses.

*Goal 7G:* A range of housing opportunities in the City.

*Objective 7.9:* Ensure that the available range of housing opportunities is sufficient, in terms of location, concentration, type, size, price/rent range, access to local services and access to transportation, to accommodate future population growth and to enable a reasonable portion of the City's work force to both live and work in the City.

Policy 7.9.2: Concentrate future residential development along mixed-use corridors, transit corridors and other development nodes identified in the General Plan Framework Element, to optimize the impact of City capital expenditures on infrastructure improvements.

### *Housing Element*

The proposed Citywide Adaptive Reuse Ordinance implements Program 13, one of four core elements in the Citywide Housing Incentives Program, including Policies 3.2.7, 3.2.8 and 3.2.9

under Objective 3.2. As such, it is in substantial conformance with the purpose, intent and provisions of the General Plan in that it would further accomplish the goals, objectives, policies and programs of the Housing Element outlined below:

### Chapter 3 Opportunities for Conservation in Residential Development

Goal 1: A City where housing production results in an ample supply of housing to create more equitable and affordable options that meet existing and projected needs.

Objective 1.1: Forecast and plan for existing and projected housing needs over time with the intention of furthering Citywide Housing Priorities.

Program 21: Innovative Parking / Mobility Strategies in Housing [Incorporate updated parking recommendations and strategies into Community Plans, Specific Plans, the revised zoning code and Transit Neighborhood Plans]. Encourage the utilization of alternatives to current parking standards that lower the cost of housing, support GHG and VMT goals and recognize the emergence of shared and alternative mobility.

Program 54: Expedite Affordable Housing Projects [Prioritize affordable housing projects to expedite processing of permits and any related entitlements].

Program 60: Zoning Code Revision [Adopt ordinances and a brand new Zoning Code that establishes clear and predictable regulations].

Objective 1.2: Facilitate the production of housing, especially projects that include Affordable Housing and/or meet Citywide Housing Priorities.

Policy 1.2.1: Expand rental and for-sale housing for people of all income levels. Prioritize housing developments that result in a net gain of Affordable Housing and serve those with the greatest needs.

Program 55: Implement CEQA Streamlining Measures [Facilitate the utilization of Statewide CEQA streamlining measures, including those that implement the regional Sustainable Communities Strategy (SB 375) and those that promote infill projects (SB 226).

Program 121: RHNA Re-Zoning [The Program will update and expand the City's affordable housing incentive programs (including Density Bonus, TOC, among others) to include a wider array of areas and project types and create more inclusive developments. These existing incentive-based programs will continue to set a floor for affordable housing development. Opportunities for greater streamlining will also be explored through expansion of *adaptive reuse and micro unit housing*, current value capture efforts and additional incentives for 50-100% affordable and supportive housing projects, senior housing, and special needs housing].

Policy 1.2.2: Facilitate the construction of a range of different housing types that addresses the particular needs of the city's diverse households.

Policy 1.2.3: Facilitate innovative housing models and promote regulatory reforms that reduce the costs of housing production while also promoting broader Citywide Housing Priorities.

Program 62: Facilitate Housing Innovation [Adopt various amendments to the Zoning Code to accommodate innovative multifamily housing types]. Identify modifications needed in the Zoning Code to incentivize and facilitate innovative housing types, such as shared housing (co-living), cooperative housing, modular and prefabricated housing, *adaptive reuse*, interim housing, tiny homes, micro units, ADUs, co-living and group quarters.

Policy 1.2.5: Streamline the housing approval process, particularly for Affordable Housing, throughout City departments.

Program 6: New Production of Affordable Housing Through the Affordable Housing Managed Pipeline [The City's goal, through the AHMP is to create housing for low and very low-income households within the City. In 2021, LAHD added priority scoring for projects located in Higher Opportunity Areas and in TOD areas].

Program 57: Improvements to Development Processing [Increase the number of cases processed as ADM Clearances and Ministerial cases, while decreasing the percent of projects processed as discretionary entitlements through a variety of efforts].

Policy 1.2.6: Create new citywide and local land use incentives and programs that maximize the net gain of affordable housing and produce housing that meets Citywide Housing Priorities. Explore varied affordability ratios, the feasibility of inclusionary zoning requirements, and a greater mix of incomes based on market areas.

Policy 1.2.9: Allow for zoning flexibility for Affordable Housing at the project review and planning levels when broader Citywide Priorities are being advanced.

Goal 3: A City in which housing creates healthy, livable, sustainability, and resilient communities that improve the lives of all Angelenos.

Objective 3.1: Use design to create a sense of place, promote health, foster community belonging, and promote racially and socially inclusive neighborhoods.

Program 43: Historic Preservation [Designate historic and culturally significant neighborhoods as Historic Preservation Overlay Zones (HPOZs) and individual buildings as Historic-Cultural Monuments (HCMs). Such designations allow historic residential buildings to qualify for tax incentives and other incentives for their rehabilitation and *adaptive reuse*].

Policy 3.1.2: Promote new development that furthers Citywide Housing Priorities in balance with the existing architectural and cultural context.

Program 58: Development and Design Standards [Adopt implementation tools, such as form and frontage regulations, Community Plan Implementation Overlay districts zones and design standards, to guide new development, create objective

standards, promote pedestrian oriented design, and acknowledge existing architectural context.]

Policy 3.1.5: Develop and implement environmentally sustainable urban design standards and pedestrian-centered improvements in development of a project and within the public and private realm such as shade trees, parkways and comfortable sidewalks.

Objective 3.2: Promote environmentally sustainable buildings and land use patterns that support a mix of uses, housing for various income levels and provide access to jobs, amenities, services and transportation options.

Policy 3.2.1: Promote the integration of housing with other compatible land uses at both the building and neighborhood level.

Policy 3.2.2: Promote new multi-family housing, particularly Affordable and mixed-income housing, in areas near transit, jobs and Higher Opportunity Areas, in order to facilitate a better jobs-housing balance, help shorten commutes, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Program 65: Plan for Housing Growth and Place-Based Strategies in Community Plan Areas [Prioritize rezoning at densities that allow creation of affordable housing in areas near transit, jobs and in Higher Opportunity Areas, while balancing the preservation of stable multifamily neighborhoods].

Policy 3.2.4: Provide streamlining, incentives and flexibility for residential buildings that promote energy and resource conservation particularly those that exceed existing green building standards.

Policy 3.2.5: Promote and facilitate the reduction of water, energy, carbon and waste consumption in new and existing housing.

Program 74: Building Design and Materials for Sustainability [Ensure guidelines are developed and updated. Integrate guidelines into all project reviews].

Program 76: Direct Installation to Conserve Energy and/or Water [Offer ongoing energy efficiency and water conservation opportunities to all of LADWP's residential customers either by energy and water efficiency upgrades, home energy and water assessments with conservation recommendations, or participation in another program. Develop green building incentives programs for existing buildings.

*Policy 3.2.7: Provide environmentally sustainable development standards and incorporate sustainable best practice in building and zoning code updates.*

*Policy 3.2.8: Provide incentives and promote flexibility for the conversion of non-residential structures to new housing in order to reduce the carbon footprint resulting from demolition and new construction.*

*Program 13: Adaptive Reuse [Revisions to the Citywide Adaptive Reuse Ordinance and/or the Density Bonus Ordinance, to include incentives and*

*provisions for adaptive re-use by 2023]. Expand the opportunities for adaptive reuse of commercial and office buildings for housing. Explore additional incentives to facilitate affordable unit and supportive housing production and additional adaptive reuse projects through the expansion of by-right processes, reduced minimum unit sizes, reduced parking standards, flexible building standards, and increased flexibility on the types of uses (e.g. hotels/motels, office and commercial) and locations that can be converted to support proposed developments.*

*Policy 3.2.9: Consider accommodating new residential uses, including live/work and mixed-use, in less-productive industrial, office, and commercial areas when the site can accommodate housing in keeping with citywide industrial land, jobs-housing and jobs preservation priorities, and when sites have been appropriately tested and remediated, if necessary.*

Goal 5: A City that is committed to preventing and ending homelessness.

Objective 5.1: Provide an adequate supply of short-term and permanent housing in addition to supportive services throughout the City that are appropriate for and meet the specific needs of all persons who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

Policy 5.1.5: Expand housing, shelter, and supportive services for the homeless and special needs populations in all communities, and reduce zoning and other regulatory barriers to their placement and operation.

Program 115: Zoning and Development Standards for Homeless Housing [Identify and adopt changes to the Zoning Code to facilitate by-right siting of a greater variety of shelter, transitional and permanent supportive housing facilities throughout the City (such as larger facilities, different development standards, different performance standards, etc.). Identify citywide land use initiatives to facilitate shorter development timelines and reduce costs for the development of affordable housing projects for persons at-risk of homelessness to be adopted as appropriate. *Continue to facilitate the easier conversion of hotel/motels and other non-conforming buildings to homeless housing using the Adaptive Reuse Ordinance (see Program 13)].*

### *Mobility Plan 2035*

The proposed Citywide Adaptive Reuse Ordinance promotes vibrant mixed-use neighborhoods by encouraging the creation of new housing units within underutilized commercial buildings. It also adds a new requirement that at least one street tree per thirty linear feet of street frontage shall be provided and any existing street tree canopy and/or landscaped parkways shall be preserved. As such, it is in substantial conformance with the purpose, intent and provisions of the General Plan in that it would further accomplish the objectives, policies and programs of the Mobility Plan outlined below:

Chapter 1: Safety First. People want streets to be safe, stress-free places for all ages and modes of travel.

Policy 1.2: Complete Streets. Implement a balanced transportation system on all streets, tunnels and bridges using complete streets principles to ensure the safety and mobility of all users.

Program SF-26: Tree Canopy. Continue to expand the City's tree canopy using tree species that are appropriate for the location, climate, water supply, planting conditions and existing street infrastructure.

Chapter 3: Access for All Angelenos: a transportation system is only useful insofar as it is accessible and convenient.

Objective: Ensure that 90% of households have access within one mile to the Transit Enhanced Network by 2035.

Policy: 3.3 Land Use Access and Mix: Promote equitable land use decisions that result in fewer vehicle trips by providing greater proximity and access to jobs, destinations, and other neighborhood services.

Program PL-3: Mixed-Use. Encourage mixed-use residential, employment and commercial serving uses where appropriate to facilitate increased utilization of walking, bicycling and transit use.

Chapter 5: Clean Environments and Healthy Communities

Objective: Decrease VMT per capita by 5% every five years, to 20% by 2035

Policy: 5.2 Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT): Support ways to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) per capita

- Increasing the availability of affordable housing options with proximity to transit stations and major bus stops.
- Land use policies aimed at shortening the distance between housing, jobs, and services that reduce the need to travel long distances on a daily basis

### *Plan for Healthy Los Angeles*

The proposed Citywide Adaptive Reuse Ordinance directly promotes the rehabilitation of buildings. It includes performance standards that help create and encourage walkable neighborhoods. As such, it is in substantial conformance with the purpose, intent and provisions of the General Plan in that it would further accomplish the goals, objectives, policies and a program of the Plan for Healthy Los Angeles outlined below:

Chapter 2: A City Built for Health

A city that is built for health uses design, construction, and public services to promote the physical, mental, and social well-being of its residents. A healthy city has neighborhoods where health-promoting goods and services are abundant and accessible, so that the healthy choice is the easy choice for all residents.

Policy 2.2: Healthy building design and construction. Promote a healthy built environment by encouraging the design and rehabilitation of buildings and sites for healthy living and working conditions, including promoting enhanced pedestrian-oriented circulation, lighting, attractive and open stairs, healthy building materials and universal accessibility using existing tools, practices, and programs.

Program 29: Green business incentives. Develop, fund and implement a Green Sustainable Business Program that incentivizes retrofitting existing buildings and operations to incorporate sustainable design. Explore the feasibility of providing the following incentives: case management services, financing and grants, tax and utility rebates, energy efficient capital equipment and machinery upgrades, identification of strategic partnerships, energy efficiency audits, and lean sustainable manufacturing services for businesses to incorporate conservation and energy efficiencies.

## Chapter 5: An Environment Where Life Thrives

Los Angeles is committed to green and sustainable growth that provides a healthy environment for all Angelenos.

Policy 5.7: Land use planning for public health and GHG emission reduction. Promote land use policies that reduce per capita greenhouse gas emissions, result in improved air quality and decreased air pollution, especially for children, seniors and others susceptible to respiratory diseases.

Program 39: Cool Roofs. Explore the feasibility of incentivizing cool roofs for existing residential and existing/new commercial, industrial, institutional and similar structures in the City.

### *Safety Element*

The proposed Citywide Adaptive Reuse Ordinance encourages the retention and productive reuse of existing buildings, thus conserving much of the embodied carbon included in the production, processing, transportation and disposal of building materials and energy used in their initial construction. As such, it is in substantial conformance with the purpose, intent and provisions of the General Plan in that it would further accomplish the goals, objectives, policies and a program of the Safety Element outlined below:

GOAL 1: Hazard Mitigations A city where potential injury, loss of life, property damage and disruption of the social and economic life of the City due to hazards is minimized.

Objective 1.2: Confront the global climate emergency by setting measurable targets for carbon reduction that are consistent with the best available methods and data, center equity and environmental justice, secure fossil free jobs, and foster broader environmental sustainability and resiliency

Policy: 1.2.5 Housing and Development. In keeping with the Housing Element, create housing opportunities that enhance affordability, equity, livability, sustainability and resilience.



### **3. Zoning Code Amendment and Specific Plan Amendment Findings.**

Pursuant to Charter Section 558, LAMC Section 13.B.1.2 and 13.B.1.3, in approving a Zoning Code Amendment and Specific Plan Adoption or Amendment, the City Planning Commission and City Council shall find that:

- a. the action substantially conforms to the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan; and
- b. the proposed ordinance is in conformity with public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice

As made evident by the list of General Plan goals, objectives and policies above, the proposed ordinance is in conformance with a range of General Plan goals related to the provision of a variety of housing opportunities and incentivizing affordable housing. The City's Housing Element clearly recognizes the City's vision that housing is a human right and the City should promote policies and programs that result in the increase of housing production and a more equitable distribution. The proposed amendment responds to the General Plan by providing an opportunity to encourage the retention of existing buildings and streamline their conversion to new housing by alleviating zoning constraints, and better facilitate adaptive reuse throughout the City.

The proposed amendment not only responds to goals in the Framework Element and the Housing Element, but to goals found in the City's community plan updates and the citywide policy elements, including the Mobility Plan, Health, and Safety Elements, by increasing housing production and a variety of housing opportunities that enhance affordability, equity, livability, sustainability and resilience.

Housing, transportation, health, and safety are inextricably linked. The presence of vacant or underutilized commercial buildings if left unchecked can begin to negatively impact daily life in our neighborhoods, initiating a downward spiral of decreasing economic activity, and foot traffic for local businesses and making streets feel less safe. At the same time, existing buildings provide an excellent sustainable solution to address our housing crisis while activating streets and public spaces, and improving the long-term resilience of buildings, and our communities.

For all these reasons and the Findings described above, the proposed ordinance to streamline adaptive reuse of existing, non-residential buildings for new housing units is in substantial conformance with the purpose, intent and provisions of the General Plan in that it would also further accomplish the goals, objectives, policies and programs of the following citywide elements: Framework, Housing, Mobility, Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles, and Safety Element.

The proposed ordinance is in conformity with public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice, as noted below:

**Public Necessity.** The City of Los Angeles faces a long-standing housing crisis and the proposed ordinance is one of many strategies to address the immediate and projected housing needs of the City. The repurposing of existing buildings creates new housing opportunities while reducing materials consumption and thereby lowering the overall carbon footprint of providing housing, in contrast to new construction on a site.

Convenience. Conversion of existing commercial buildings to new housing units can support more mixed-use and walkable neighborhoods by revitalizing commercial corridors and reducing the need for the new residents to drive greater distances to dine, shop or access transit and services.

General Welfare. Adaptive reuse projects involve buildings that already exist and, in some cases, are important contributors to the history, scale and character of their neighborhoods. Many buildings were constructed decades before the development of current zoning regulations and to subject proposals for their productive reuse to lengthy and costly discretionary reviews simply adds to the risk and uncertainty associated with such projects, streamlining adaptive reuse projects can offer an attractive alternative to new, ground up construction and can potentially reduce the timeframe for occupancy as compared with new construction.

Good Zoning Practice. The alignment of adaptive reuse provisions between the current and new zoning codes will be easier for City staff and the public to apply and comprehend. The proposed ordinance extends the work undertaken over the past several decades by the Los Angeles Departments of Building and Safety, City Planning, and others, to collaborate to remove zoning and building code barriers that have prevented property owners from retaining existing structures and converting them to a new use.

### **CEQA Findings**

Adoption of the Proposed Amendment for the Citywide Adaptive Reuse Ordinance is a program in the Housing Element of the City of Los Angeles. Program 13 of the Housing Element calls for the Department of City Planning to: expand the opportunities for adaptive reuse of commercial and office buildings for housing and explore additional incentives to facilitate affordable unit and supportive housing production and additional adaptive reuse projects through the expansion of by-right processes, reduced minimum unit sizes, reduced parking standards, flexible building standards, and increased flexibility on the types of uses (e.g. hotels/motels, office and commercial) and locations that can be converted to support proposed developments. The completion of Program 13 requires adoption of the Proposed Zoning Code and Specific Plan Amendment by the City Council.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (ENV-2020-6762-EIR, SCH No. 2021010130, **Exhibit E**) that analyzed the environmental effects of the 2021-2029 General Plan Housing Element and Safety Element, and a Rezoning Program for the creation of additional housing was certified by the Los Angeles City Council on November 24, 2021. Addenda 1 and 2 to the EIR (ENV-2020-6762-EIR-ADD1 and ENV-2020-6762-EIR-ADD2) support these findings.

For the purposes of this report, the EIR and Addenda will be referred to as the Housing Element EIR. The Housing Element EIR was prepared to examine the potential environmental effects of the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update, including build out of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Allocation, as well as the programs and policies that have the potential to result in physical environmental effects, and the Inventory of Sites and Rezoning Program needed to demonstrate zoned capacity needed to accommodate the City's RHNA Allocation. Additionally, the EIR analyzed the potential effect from the construction and operation of 420,327 housing units (full RHNA build out of 456,643 units minus the 36,316 housing units that have been approved but not built).

The Housing Element EIR found that the environmental impacts of several of the issue areas were significant and unavoidable, even with imposition of mitigation measures. Based on the analysis in the Housing Element EIR, the EIR concluded the implementation of the 2021- 2029 Housing Element Update would result in unavoidable significant environmental impacts with regard to:

- Air Quality (Exceedance of Criteria Pollutants—Construction and Operations)
- Biological Resources (Special Status Species, Sensitive Habitats, Wildlife Corridors)
- Cultural Resources (Historical Resources and Archaeological Resources)
- Geology and Soils (Paleontological Resources)
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials (Hazardous Materials Near Schools and Hazardous Materials Sites)
- Noise (Construction Noise, Operation Noise, and Construction Vibration)
- Public Services (Fire Protection, Police Protection, and School Facilities)
- Recreation (Deterioration of Recreational Facilities and Construction of Recreational Facilities)
- Transportation (Freeway Queuing)
- Tribal Cultural Resources (Construction: Ground Disturbance during Construction)
- Wildfire (Impair Emergency Response Plan, Exacerbate Wildfire Risks in State Responsibility Area or VHFHSZ, Require Infrastructure that may Exacerbate Fire Risk, Expose People or Structures to Significant Risks in State Responsibility Area or VHFHSZ, and Expose People or Structures to Significant Risks Involving Wildland Fires)

The Housing Element EIR also identified the following significant impacts that were anticipated to be reduced to less than significant with identified mitigation measures:

- Air Quality: Construction-related emissions of toxic air contaminants
- Hydrology: Impeding or Redirect Flood Flows
- Transportation: Circulation Plan Consistency, Hazardous Design, Emergency Access As stated above, adoption of the Proposed Ordinance was analyzed in the EIR.

The proposed amendment to the Zoning Code to expand the City's Adaptive Reuse Ordinance citywide allows the City to meet its Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Allocation by providing for streamlined, administrative review of projects converting underutilized commercial properties to housing. Adoption of the Proposed Ordinance is needed to implement the City's Housing Element. The City's 2021-2029 Housing Element implements State housing law mandates for the City to adopt zoning ordinances to accommodate RHNA units for which the City cannot identify existing inventory of sites. To meet the State law mandates, the Housing Element requires the City, through zoning and other actions, to make it possible to build almost 185,000 affordable units for lower-income renters in eight years.

The Proposed Ordinance is needed to facilitate the production of housing in the City. The Housing Element EIR fully analyzed the environmental impacts that could occur as a result of the implementation of the 2021-2029 Housing Element, including the construction and operation of up to 420,327 housing units (185,000 affordable), and rezoning programs to facilitate the construction and operation of those housing units. The Housing Element EIR anticipated and fully analyzed that the construction and operation of these housing units would require action to streamline approvals of these housing units, including making more projects subject to by-right or administrative review and eliminating discretion in the approval of affordable housing developments.

As part of this report's Recommended Actions, the Director of Planning recommends that the City Council find that the Project was assessed in the Housing Element Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") Number ENV-2020-6762-EIR (SCH No. 2021010130) certified on November 29, 2021 (**Exhibit E**), and Addenda 1 and 2 (ENV-2020-6762-EIR-ADD1 and ENV-2020-6762-EIR-ADD2), and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15164, no subsequent EIR is required.

The Housing Element EIR is available for review at the City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning Records Management, 221 N. Figueroa Street, Room 1450 Los Angeles, and online at the following weblinks:

- Draft EIR: [https://planning.lacity.org/development-services/eir/Housing-Element\\_2021-2029\\_Update\\_Safety-Element\\_Update\\_dei\\_r](https://planning.lacity.org/development-services/eir/Housing-Element_2021-2029_Update_Safety-Element_Update_dei_r)
- Final EIR: <https://planning.lacity.org/development-services/eir/housing-element-2021-2029-update-safety-element-update-0>
- EIR Administrative Record: Los Angeles City Council File 21-1230 - <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-1230>
- Addendum 1 to the EIR (ENV-2020-6762-EIR-ADD1): [https://planning.lacity.gov/odocument/23bb4628-cd19-4859-9484-48284bbdcd96/Exhibit\\_C\\_-\\_Addendum\\_to\\_Environmental\\_Impact\\_Report\\_\(ENV-2020-6762-EIR,\\_SCH\\_No.\\_2021010130\).pdf](https://planning.lacity.gov/odocument/23bb4628-cd19-4859-9484-48284bbdcd96/Exhibit_C_-_Addendum_to_Environmental_Impact_Report_(ENV-2020-6762-EIR,_SCH_No._2021010130).pdf)
- Addendum 2 to the EIR (ENV-2020-6762-EIR-ADD2): <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZZAktoZJBo3i-VZ0L445z8roqSK8AaYCIEo3FMh6jZo/edit?usp=sharing>
- Addendum Administrative Record: Los Angeles City Council File 21-1230-S1 - <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-1230-S1>