

# **ADDENDUM**

to the

Pomona General Plan Update, Corridors Specific Plan, Active  
Transportation Plan and Green Plan  
Final Environmental Impact Report (State Clearing House # 2012051025)

**Pursuant to the  
California Environmental Quality Act  
Guidelines Section 15164**

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## **Environmental Documentation**

On February 3, 2014, the City of Pomona (City) council adopted Resolution No. 2014-15 approving General Plan Amendment (GPA 14-001), adopting the Housing Element Update for the planning period October 15, 2013 to October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and approving its submittal to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for certification. At the time of the 2013-2021 Housing Element adoption, an Initial Study and a Negative Declaration were prepared and were made available for public comments. The City Council exercised its independent judgement and certified a Negative Declaration adopting the 2013-2021 Housing Element.

Subsequent to the adoption of the 2013-2021 Housing Element in February of 2013, the City adopted its General Plan Update, Corridors Specific Plan, Active Transportation Plan, and Green Plan with an Environmental Impact Report (General Plan Update EIR) in March of 2014. The General Plan Update EIR and the Initial Study that was prepared for the adoption of the 2013-2021 Housing Element were prepared and circulated during the same timeframe. Although the General Plan Update EIR was not the environmental document submitted at the time of the 2013-2021 Housing Element adoption, the City has exercised its independent judgement to determine that the certified EIR is the most informative document to date to inform the public of all environmental impacts anticipated in the implementation of the City's Housing Element. The General Plan Update EIR analyzed all the environmental impacts of the in-fill housing projects, particularly for the City's RHNA allocation along the Corridors Specific Plan boundary and within the Downtown Pomona area.

The purpose of the Amendment to the adopted 2013-2021 Housing Element (GPA 9043-2017) is to make official revisions recommended by HCD in order to receive final certification of the City's 2013-2021 Housing Element. One of the key comments from HCD was to identify sites for year-round emergency shelters pursuant to SB2. To address this comment, the City Council approved Specific Plan Amendment (SPA 3936-2016) and Specific Plan Amendment (SPA 7700-2017) with Statutory Exemption pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – Public Resources Code, Sections 15269(c) (Specific Actions Necessary to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency). With the exception of the adoption of two parcels for SB2 emergency shelter purposes totaling 3.94 acres which was statutory exempted from CEQA, all anticipated environmental impacts from the implementation of the proposed amendment to the 2013-2021 Housing Element were analyzed in the General Plan Update EIR. The analysis in the General Plan Update EIR remains up-to-date and is valid. Therefore, no further/additional CEQA review is required for this project beyond this addendum.

Furthermore, none of the circumstances necessitating preparation of additional CEQA review as specified in CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, including, without limitations, Public Resources Code Section 21166 and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15163, are present as described below:

1. There are no substantial changes to the project and/or circumstances that would result in new significant environmental impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of significant impacts already identified in the previous CEQA document.
2. There is no new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous CEQA Documents were adopted, which is expected to result in (a) new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of significant environmental effects already identified in the previous CEQA documents, and which would substantially reduce significant effects of the project.
3. That the potential environmental effects associated with the amendment to the adopted 2013-2021 Housing Element to address comments from HCD were either statutory exempted pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – Public Resources Code, Sections 15269(c) (Specific Actions Necessary to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency) or fully analyzed the General Plan Update FEIR.
4. That Public Resources Code Section 21166 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(b) allows an Addendum to an adopted EIR to be prepared if minor technical changes or additions to approved projects are necessary. The action amending the adopted 2013-2021 Housing Element to address comments from HCD is considered a minor change of the project because the components of the project will remain unaffected.
5. That the City has considered the Addendum dated December 18, 2017 together with the previously certified General Plan Update FEIR (State Clearing House # 2012051025), together with the comments received and considered during the public review process of this current project. The addendum and the FEIR reflect the independent judgment of the City Council and had been completed in compliance with CEQA, and are adequate for this proposed project.