

# **ADDENDUM**

to the  
City of Pomona's General Plan Final Environmental Impact Report  
(State Clearing House # 2012051025)

## **City of Pomona Housing Element Update Fifth Cycle, 2013 – 2021 Planning Period**

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

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## **Environmental Documentation**

The City of Pomona's Housing Element comprises one of the required General Plan Elements mandated by the State of California. The Project is an update to the adopted 2013-2021 Housing Element and zoning amendments related to the implementation program of the Housing Element. Specifically, the Project includes a General Plan Amendment to adopt changes to the adopted 2013-2021 Housing Element, zoning amendments to: 1) Amend the Emergency Shelter Overlay map to include the following sites: 1) 1390 E. Mission Boulevard (APN 8327-014-907 formerly 8327-014-005), 2) 1400 E. Mission Boulevard (APN 8327-014-906 formerly 8327-014-028 and 029), 3) 1753 N. Park Avenue (APN 8359-014-016), and 2180 W. Valley Boulevard (APN 8707-007-004), Amend the Emergency Shelter Overlay to allow the property addressed as 1753 N. Park Avenue (Our House Family Shelter) to accommodate up to 20 beds, any additional beds may be permitted through a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). This shelter currently has a capacity of 13 beds and plans to expand its operation to 20 beds, a net increase of seven beds 3) Emergency Shelter Overlay to specify there are no bed limits on the following sites: (1) 1390 E. Mission Boulevard (APN 8327-014-907 formerly 8327-014-005), (2) 1400 E. Mission Boulevard (APN 8327-014-906 formerly 8327-014-028 and 029) and, (3) 2180 W. Valley Boulevard (APN 8707-007-004), 4) Amend the Pomona Zoning Code to prohibit emergency shelters in the C-IND, M-1, and M-2 zones unless those zones are included in the Emergency Shelter (ES) Overlay Zone, 5) Amend the Downtown Pomona Specific Plan and the Pomona Corridors Specific Plan to add the 40 units per acre minimum density for the TOD downtown Core (Exhibit map), all maximum densities remain as is and 6) Amend the Pomona Zoning Code to change the R-3 parking standards to mirror the R-4 parking standards.

The 2013-2021 Housing Element of the General Plan was adopted in February 3, 2014 and its potential environmental effects were the subject of a Negative Declaration that determined the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment. 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 11831-2019) 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) establishing and amending the Emergency Shelter Overlay Zone with a Statutory Exemption pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – Public Resources Code, Sections 15269(c) (Specific Actions Necessary to Prevent or Mitigate an Emergency), 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.