

Attachment 1

Goleta City Council Resolution No. 23-02

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE HOUSING ELEMENT 2023-2031 AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL PLAN/COASTAL LAND USE PLAN AND DETERMINING THAT THE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(B)(3) (CASE NO. 21-0002-GPA)

WHEREAS, State law requires each city in California to adopt a General Plan, which includes a Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions within Santa Barbara County are required to prepare an update to their Housing Elements for the 2023-2031 planning period; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2021, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments adopted the 2023-2031 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan, which assigned a regional housing need of 1,837 housing units to the City of Goleta; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2021, March 14, 2022, May 9, 2022, May 23, 2022, and June 28, 2022, the City conducted public meetings regarding the proposed Housing Element update, at which times all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the City published the Draft Housing Element 2023-2031 on May 2, 2022 for a 30-day public comment period that closed on June 1, 2022, and the City considered public comments during a 10-day review period after the close of the comment period; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2022, the Draft Housing Element was submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for review pursuant to Government Code Section 65585; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2022, HCD issued a letter finding that the Draft Housing Element 2023-2031 addresses many statutory requirements but that revisions would be necessary to comply with State Housing Element Law; and

WHEREAS, a Revised Draft Housing Element 2023-2031 was prepared addressing HCD comments as described in the Planning Commission staff report dated December 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, based on the factors and substantial evidence described in the Housing Element Technical Appendix, including in Exhibit A, the existing uses on underutilized sites identified to accommodate the lower-income RHNA allocation are likely to be discontinued during the planning period and therefore do not constitute an impediment to additional residential development during the period covered by the Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Housing Element 2023-2031 is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15061(b)(3)), the common sense exemption covering activities with no possibility of having a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2022, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing at which time all interested persons were provided an opportunity to offer comments on the Revised Draft Housing Element 2023-2031; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered the entire administrative record for the Revised Draft Housing Element 2023-2031, including staff reports, HCD comments, and all written and oral testimony offered at and prior to the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended to the City Council adoption of the Revised Draft Housing Element 2023-2031 and by a 5-0 vote with minor amendments; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2023, the City Council conducted a public hearing at which time all interested persons were provided an opportunity to offer comments on the Revised Draft Housing Element 2023-2031; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the entire administrative record for the Revised Draft Housing Element 2023-2031, including staff reports, HCD comments, and all written and oral testimony offered at and prior to the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals

The City Council hereby finds and determines that the foregoing recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference, are true and correct.

SECTION 2. General Plan Amendment Findings

Pursuant to Goleta Municipal Code subsection 17.67.050(C), the City Council must make two findings when adopting General Plan Amendment. These findings are below:

(a) The amendment is consistent with the guiding principles and goals of the General Plan.

Most pointedly, the Land Use Element includes eleven Guiding Principles and Goals for the land use plan of the General Plan. Three of these Principles and Goals specifically address the City's vision for housing within the community. These are shown below:

- 6. Maintain a balanced community, with an appropriate mix of residences, workplaces, and services.*
- 7. Maintain an appropriate balance between job-generating development and housing supply.*
- 8. Maintain a balance of housing types, densities, and sizes and ensure creation and maintenance of quality, livable residential environments.*

The General Plan Amendment seeks to address needed housing, of various types, based on a review of State law requirements, fair housing data, demographic information, and public input through an extensive public outreach process. Such actions and policies seek to ensure a balanced community with an appropriate mix of housing types to accommodate the needs of the community as assigned through the State-mandated Regional Housing Needs Allocation.

Therefore, the Revised Draft Housing Element 2023-2031 is consistent with the guiding principles and goals of the General Plan.

(b) The amendment is deemed to be in the public interest.

The General Plan Amendment has been prepared in response to the requirements of the California Government Code to update the Housing Element every eight years. Adoption of an updated Housing Element is critical to address various requirements of State law and certification of the updated Housing Element is important to enhance the City's eligibility for grant funds and to support the City's local land use authority.

The General Plan Amendment, including amendments to existing Housing Element policies, is in response to extensive public outreach and analysis of housing trends and issues, including fair housing

issues, within the City. The outreach efforts and analysis of housing data and conditions is shown in the Technical Appendix. As such, the General Plan Amendment is prepared to address the public's concerns and needs related to housing within the City.

Additionally, the General Plan Amendment outlines various implementation actions needed to address State law requirements and issues identified during the process of developing the General Plan Amendment for housing, including special needs housing, and other actions, that the City will address through various zoning amendments and other implementation actions during the 2023-2031 Housing Element planning period.

Therefore, the General Plan Amendment is in the public interest.

SECTION 3. CEQA Finding

The City Council finds that the Revised Draft Housing Element 2023-2031 is exempt from review under the CEQA (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15061(b)(3)), the common sense exemption covering activities with no possibility of having a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 4. Housing Element 2023-2031 Adoption

After full consideration of the entire public record, the City Council finds that the Revised Draft has been revised to fully address the September 27, 2022 comments of HCD and substantially complies with all requirements of State law. The City Council hereby adopts the Revised Draft as the adopted Housing Element 2023-2031, provided as Exhibit A.

SECTION 5. Certification

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of January 2023.



PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK



MEGAN GARIBALDI
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA)
CITY OF GOLETA) ss.

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 23-02 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of January, 2023 by the following roll call vote of the City Council:

AYES: MAYOR PEROTTE, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE RICHARDS,
 COUNCILMEMBERS KASDIN, KYRIACO, AND REYES-
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NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

(SEAL)


DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK