



# CITY OF LA QUINTA

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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**PROJECT LOCATION:** The current City of La Quinta limits

**PROJECT TITLE:** La Quinta Housing and Safety Element Updates  
Case No. GPA2020-0001

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Housing Element Update consists primarily of statistical updates (particularly relating to Census and American Community Survey information), and reassessing housing needs based on these demographic changes. Compared to the previous Housing Element, some sites have been added or removed from the vacant land inventory identified for future housing development. This Update also includes programs to address changes in the requirements of law since the last Housing Element update in 2013. These changes in law address various housing-related issues, including the requirement of an assessment of fair housing.

The Safety Element is updated along with the Housing Element as required by state law. The Safety Element Update includes a Flood Hazard Zones Map which reflects the current FEMA flood zones, and a Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map which provides the current fire hazard mapping by CalFire. The Safety Element also addresses climate change impacts and adaptation, including its interaction with fire, flood, drought, and extreme heat hazards. The Update addresses emergency preparedness at local and regional levels with reference to the City's and County's Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.

**FINDINGS/DETERMINATION:** The City has reviewed and considered the proposed project and has determined that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment. The City hereby prepares and proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration for this project.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** A 20-day public review period for the Draft Negative Declaration will commence on October 29, 2021, and end on November 17, 2021, for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Negative Declaration must be received at the above address within the public review period. In addition, you may email comments to the following address: [cflores@laquintaca.gov](mailto:cflores@laquintaca.gov). Copies of the Negative Declaration are available for review at the above address and at the City library.

**Public Hearings:** This matter has been set for public hearing before the Planning Commission on December 14, 2021, and before the City Council on January 18, 2022. Please contact Planning Manager Cheri Flores for further information.