NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

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STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER: 2010111084

TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Organizations and Members of the Public

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Murrieta is the Lead Agency for a draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) prepared to analyze the environmental impacts of the proposed General Plan Update (GPU). The City's existing General Plan was adopted in 2011. The GPU is a focused update of the General Plan initiated in August of 2018 to address changes in State law enacted since 2011 and proposed changes to land use designations throughout the City. The project includes an update to the City's Climate Action Plan to address new State and regional goals for emissions reductions. The GPU provides the City Council, Planning Commission, City Staff, local stakeholders and the community with updated plans to guide the City's land use decision-making and development processes through 2035.

The draft SEIR is prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). It follows a Notice of Preparation (NOP) and public scoping period that extended from February 21, 2019 to March 22, 2019 including a public scoping meeting on March 16, 2019. The SEIR includes a description of the proposed project, its environmental setting and an analysis of how the project would potentially impact the environment. Where impacts would be potentially significant, mitigation measures are identified to avoid or reduce those impacts. In addition, the SEIR contains an analysis of potential project alternatives, cumulative impacts and other considerations required under CEQA. The SEIR identifies significant and unavoidable impacts associated with development under the General Plan in the following resource areas: Air Quality and Transportation.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: The City of Murrieta is circulating the draft SEIR and GPU for a 45-day public review and comment period for responsible agencies, interested organizations and members of the public. This comment period begins on February 28, 2020 and will end on April 13, 2020. Public hearings for the project at the Planning Commission and the City Council are anticipated to follow in the spring/summer of 2020 and will be further noticed.

Please provide written comments by 5:00 PM on Monday April 13, 2020 by mail to the City of Murrieta General Plan Update, Attn: Carl Stiehl, 1 Town Square, Murrieta, CA 92562 or by email at cstiehl@murrietaca.gov

DRAFT SEIR AVAILABILITY: An electronic version of the draft SEIR is available at: https://www.murrietaca.gov/267/Focused-General-Plan-Update-Information
Draft SEIR hard copies are available for review at the following locations:

Murrieta City Hall 1 Town Square Murrieta, CA 92562 Murrieta Library 8 Town Square Murrieta, CA 92562 A request for a digital or paper copy may be made to: Carl Stiehl via email at cstiehl@murrietaca.gov or by calling (951) 461-6063.

The City of Murrieta appreciates your interest in the project and welcomes your involvement in the environmental review process for the focused GPU.