## Notice of Availability

## of the City of Sausalito 2040 General Plan

## Draft Environmental Impact Report and Notice of a Planning Commission/City Council

Teleconference Public Hearing on June 17, 2020

to Solicit Comments on the Environmental Document

Date: June 4, 2020

To: State Clearinghouse; Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and other Interested

Agencies, Parties, and Organizations

From: City of Sausalito, Community Development Department

**Subject:** Notice of Availability of the City of Sausalito 2040 General Plan Draft Environmental

Impact Report (SCH # 2019100322) and Notice of Public Hearing on June 17, 2020 to

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Sausalito (lead agency) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the proposed City of Sausalito 2040 General Plan (proposed 2040 General Plan) and is now available for public review.

**45-DAY COMMENT PERIOD ON DRAFT EIR:** The City of Sausalito is soliciting comments from responsible agencies, trustee agencies, public agencies, organizations, and members of the public regarding the Draft EIR. In accordance with the time limits established by CEQA, the Draft EIR public review period will begin on **June 4, 2020,** and end on **July 20, 2020.** Please provide your written/typed comments (including name, affiliation, telephone number, and contact information) to the address shown below by **5:00 p.m., Monday, July 20, 2020**:

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**PUBLIC HEARING:** During the 45-day review period, the City of Sausalito will hold a public hearing to provide additional opportunity for public comment on the Draft EIR. The hearing will be held by the Planning Commission/City Council on **Wednesday**, **June 17**, **2020 at 7:00pm** as a Teleconference Meeting.

In response to the COVID-19 crisis and Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting will be conducted utilizing teleconferencing technology. Specific instruction on how join the meeting and provide public comment will be outlined as part of the agenda available prior to the meeting on the City's Meetings and Notice webpage on the City Website:

- https://www.sausalito.gov/city-government/webcasts
- https://www.sausalito.gov/city-government/boards-and-commissions/planning-commission
- https://www.sausalito.gov/city-government/city-council/meetings-and-agendas

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The Draft EIR, including the technical appendices, can be reviewed on the city's website (https://www.sausalitogeneralplan.org/). Due to the COVID-19 crisis, city facilities are currently closed to the public. Once public access to city facilities resumes, hard copies of the EIR can be viewed at the City of Sausalito Community Development Department.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The City of Sausalito is in southern Marin County, California. The 2.1-square mile city is located on the shores of the San Francisco Bay with a population of 7,416 people. The city is bound by San Francisco Bay and Richardson's Bay to the east, Golden Gate National Recreation Area to the west and south, and Marin City to the northwest. Regional access to the City of Sausalito is provided via Highway 101, as well as by passenger ferry service to and from San Francisco.

The Sausalito General Plan Planning Area (Planning Area) consists of all properties located within the incorporated boundary of the city, as well as lands within the city's Sphere of Influence (SOI). The Planning Area is comprised of approximately 1,730 acres. Approximately 981 acres are located within the city limits, 143 acres of which encompass water areas. Approximately 749 acres are located within the SOI, 645 acres of which encompass water areas. The SOI, established by the Marin County Local Agency Formation Committee, contains land that may ultimately be annexed into the city.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City of Sausalito's comprehensive General Plan was initially prepared in 1995. Since 1995, the Circulation and Parking Element was updated in 1999, the Housing Element was updated in 2012 and 2015, and the Health and Safety Element was updated in 2019. The Sausalito 2040 General Plan Update is a focused effort to refine the objectives, policies, and programs within the existing General Plan to reflect current regulations and help guide and shape the community over the next 20 years. As part of the update process, the objectives, policies, and programs of the Marinship Specific Plan have been incorporated into the Land Use and Growth Management, Waterfront, Community Design, Historic and Cultural Preservation, Circulation and Parking, Health, Safety, and Community Resilience, Sustainability, and Economic Elements.

The proposed 2040 General Plan includes the following elements and meets State requirements:

- Land Use and Growth Management
- Housing
- Waterfront
- Community Design, Historic and Cultural Preservation
- Circulation and Parking
- Environmental Quality (includes the mandatory conservation, open space, and air quality elements)
- Health, Safety, and Community Resilience (includes the mandatory noise and safety elements)
- Sustainability
- Economic