

CITY OF VISALIA
315 E. ACEQUIA AVENUE
VISALIA, CA 93291

**NOTICE OF INTENT and PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT A
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Initial Study and Negative Declaration under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has been prepared and is available for public review on this proposed project described below:

Project Title: Mid-cycle Update to 5th Cycle General Plan Housing Element (2020-2023)

Project Description: The project is the 2019 mid-cycle update to 5th cycle General Plan Housing Element. State Housing Element Law (Government Code Section 65580 (et seq.)) requires local governments to plan for the existing and projected housing needs of all economic segments of the community. The City of Visalia adopted its 5th Cycle Housing Element in 2016, which serves an eight-year planning period from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2023. The 2019 Update is a comprehensive review and select update of the 5th Cycle Housing Element background information and goals, policies, and programs. The mid-cycle update will serve a four-year planning period from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2023. Adoption of the Housing Element Update is anticipated on or before December 31, 2019.

Project Location: The project area is contained within the City of Visalia's Urban Development Boundaries that are illustrated in the Visalia General Plan. The City of Visalia is located within the County of Tulare, situated in the State of California.

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Time and Place of Public Hearing: The Visalia Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing and recommend adoption of the Negative Declaration on November 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 707 W. Acequia Avenue, Visalia, California. The Visalia City Council will conduct a public hearing and will consider adopting the Negative Declaration on December 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 707 W. Acequia Avenue, Visalia, California (location may be subject to change).

Pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2388, the Environmental Coordinator of the City of Visalia has reviewed the proposed project described herein and has found it will have a less than significant impact upon the environment. Therefore, together with Initial Study No. 2019-63, a Negative Declaration has been prepared for adoption at the time of final project approval.

The public review period for this project and the period to submit comments on the proposed Negative Declaration starts on October 3, 2019 and ends on November 4, 2019. Comments regarding this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration may be submitted by email at brandon.smith@visalia.city or filed in writing with the City of Visalia Planning Division, located at 315 East Acequia Avenue, Visalia, CA, 93291, Attn: Brandon Smith.

Copies of the initial study and other documents relating to the subject project may be examined by interested parties online at https://www.visalia.city/depts/community_development/planning/default.asp or at the Planning Division in City Hall East, located at 315 East Acequia Avenue, Visalia, CA. 93291, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Posted: October 2, 2019