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SCH #: 2021040754

Project Title: City of Torrance General Plan Housing Element Update

Lead Agency: City of Torrance

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Project Location: City of Torrance (*City*) Los Angeles (*County*)

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The City of Torrance has prepared an updated Draft 6th Cycle Housing Element of the General Plan. The Housing Element must remain consistent with the other elements of the General Plan. This may require amendments to certain elements, most often the Land Use Element. Local governments across California are required by State Housing law to adequately plan to meet their share of the overall housing need. To adequately plan for their share of the State's housing need, local governments adopt Housing Elements as part of their General Plans. Housing Elements are intended to create opportunities for housing development. The Housing Element sets goals, objectives, policies, and programs that are implemented after the plan is adopted. When a new housing program, project, or idea is considered, the Housing Element provides guidance for decision-makers to evaluate the proposal. The City of Torrance 6th Cycle Housing Element will cover the eight-year planning period from October 2021 to October 2029.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The proposed project is an update to the City's General Plan Housing Element for the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) as determined by the State Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). The RHNA is an eight year planning goal not a housing production requirement. The HEU does not grant any development entitlements or authorize construction or development. No physical development, construction or other ground disturbance is proposed at this time. Therefore, no direct physical impacts to the environment would occur from Housing Element adoption. The City's standard mitigation measures, including those from the General Plan Program EIR, have been incorporated into the CEQA document and would be applicable for future land development or construction projects occurring in the City. These are fully described in the CEQA document under each applicable resource topic as well as listed in Attachment B.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

There are no known areas of controversy surrounding the proposed project.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

The California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) has to review and certify the City's Housing Element.

The California Coastal Commission may review the Draft Housing Element Update as a portion of the City is located within the Coastal Zone.

There are no other trustee agencies for the project.