

**CEQA Notice of Exemption**

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**To:**  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** City of Gardena  
Community Development Dept.  
1700 West 162<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Gardena, CA 90247

County Clerk, County of Los Angeles  
12400 E. Imperial Highway  
Norwalk, CA 90650

**Project Title:** City of Gardena 2021-2029 Housing Element

**Project Applicant:** City of Gardena

**Project Location – Specific:** City of Gardena – Citywide

**Project Location / City:** Gardena

**Project Location / County:** Los Angeles

**Description of Project:** The Project consists of an update to the Housing Element of the General Plan to meet the requirements of State law. The Housing Element is a State-mandated element of the General Plan. The City of Gardena must update its Housing Element every eight years. Updates to the Housing Element must meet the requirements of California Government Code Section 65580-65589. The purposes of the Housing Element are to identify the community's housing needs; to state the community's goals and objectives with regard to housing production, rehabilitation, and conservation to meet those needs; and to define the policies and programs that the community will implement to achieve the stated goals and objectives.

In compliance with State Housing Element Law requirements, the City of Gardena has prepared the 2021-2029 Housing Element (Project) to:

- Provide goals, policies, quantified objectives and scheduled programs to preserve, improve and develop housing
- Identify and analyze existing and projected housing needs for all economic segments of the community
- Identify adequate sites that are to be zoned and available to meet the City's fair share of regional housing needs at all income levels
- Affirmatively further fair housing
- Be certified (approved) by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) as complying with State law
- Be internally consistent with other parts of the General Plan

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Gardena

**Name of Project Applicant:** City of Gardena – Community Development Department

**Exempt Status:** *(check one)*

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268).
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)).
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)).
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- General Rule Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

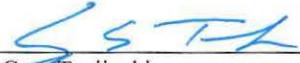
**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) common sense exemption, because the Project involves policies and programs, and actions to meet the City's RHNA allocation and would not result in any direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. To accommodate its RHNA allocation, the City identified potential housing sites that could accommodate a variety of housing types for all income levels and needs of special population groups. The City does not propose any site development on a candidate housing site/parcel. Instead, the Housing Element Update identifies potential sites for future residential development and creates the framework to allow the market the opportunity to develop these units. Any changes to the City's Land Use Element and Zoning Code as required by the proposed Housing Element will be reviewed for environmental impacts at such time as the changes are brought forward for the City's consideration.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Amanda Acuna, Senior Planner Telephone/Extension: 310-217-9524

*If filed by applicant:*

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature: 

Date: 1/27/22

Greg Tsujiuchi

Title: Community Development Director

- Signed by Lead Agency  
 Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_