



EIR Scoping Meeting: Clayton Housing Element Update

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS AND DOCUMENTATION

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6th Cycle Housing Element Update

- ▶ The updated Housing Element for the 2023-2031 housing cycle will establish programs, policies and actions to further the goal of meeting existing and projected housing needs of all income levels and will identify how the City plans to accommodate its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) of at least 570 units through the year 2031.
- ▶ The City also proposes updates to the Land Use Element to correspond to the Housing Element's housing plan, as well as Zoning Code amendments necessary to implement the Housing and Land Use Elements, as amended.
- ▶ More information about the Housing Element can be found on the City's website: <https://claytonca.gov/>, then click on "Housing Element."



Purpose of CEQA Scoping Session

- ▶ CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act
- ▶ Purpose:
 - ▶ To receive input from the public and interested parties on the environmental issues to be addressed in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - ▶ To provide an overview of the CEQA process
- ▶ This scoping session is not intended to provide a forum to discuss the merits of the proposed Housing Element update.
- ▶ Merits of the Housing Element update may be discussed at future public meetings to be scheduled before the Planning Commission and City Council.



California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Purpose of CEQA is to inform governmental decision-makers and the public about potential impacts of a proposed project on the environment and how those impacts can be avoided or significantly reduced. In short, the purpose of CEQA is to:

- ▶ Prevent significant, avoidable damage to the environment
- ▶ Encourage public participation
- ▶ Ensure transparency in governmental decision-making process
- ▶ Foster informed public decision-making



Environmental Resources

- ▶ Aesthetics
- ▶ Agriculture/Forest Resources
- ▶ Air Quality
- ▶ Biological Resources
- ▶ Cultural Resources
- ▶ Energy
- ▶ Geology and Soils
- ▶ Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- ▶ Hazards/Hazardous Materials
- ▶ Hydrology and Water Quality
- ▶ Land Use and Planning
- ▶ Mineral Resources
- ▶ Noise
- ▶ Population and Housing
- ▶ Public Services
- ▶ Recreation
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Tribal Cultural Resources
- ▶ Utilities and Services Systems
- ▶ Wildfire



EIR Process

- ▶ Notice of Preparation (NOP)
- ▶ Minimum 30-day NOP comment period (March 2, 2022 - April 4, 2022)
- ▶ A draft Program EIR will be prepared for the proposed Housing Element update.
 - ▶ Evaluates a plan or program that has multiple components or actions that are related either geographically, through application of rules or regulations, or as logical parts of a long-term plan.
 - ▶ The Housing Element Update is a long-term plan that includes goals and policies intended to guide future housing development in Clayton.
 - ▶ The proposed Housing Element Update does NOT entitle any development.
- ▶ 45-day public review and comment period on draft EIR– Summer/Fall 2022
- ▶ Planning Commission hearing to consider approval of the Housing Element – Fall/Winter 2022
- ▶ Final City Council Project approval – Winter 2022



Questions?

