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Project Title: Housing Plan Program EIR

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City: Santa Barbara
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County: Santa Barbara

Project Location: County: Santa Barbara
City/Nearest Community: Santa Barbara
Cross Streets: Citywide
Zip Code: 93101, 93103, 93105, 93106
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 34 ° 25 ′ 15 ″ N / 119 ° 41 ′ 54 ″ W Total Acres:
Assessor's Parcel No.: Citywide
Section: Twp.: 4N, 5N Range: 26W, 27W, 28W Base:
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Hwy 101
Waterways: Pacific Ocean, Arroyo Burro, Arroyo Honda, Chelham Creek, Cieneguitas Creek, Coyote Creek, Laguna Creek, Las Positias Creek,
Airports: Santa Barbara Airport
Railways: UPRR
Schools: SB Unified, Hope Elementary, Cold Spring, Montecito Un

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☒ Draft EIR NEPA: ☐ NOI Other: ☐ Joint Document
☐ Early Cons ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR ☐ EA ☐ Final Document
☐ Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) ☐ Draft EIS ☐ Other:
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Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update ☐ Specific Plan ☐ Rezone ☐ Annexation
☒ General Plan Amendment ☐ Master Plan ☐ Prezone ☐ Redevelopment
☐ General Plan Element ☐ Planned Unit Development ☐ Use Permit ☐ Coastal Permit
☒ Community Plan ☐ Site Plan ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) ☒ Other: Housing Plan

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units Acres
☐ Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
☐ Educational:
☐ Recreational:
☐ Water Facilities: Type MGD
☐ Transportation: Type
☐ Mining: Mineral
☐ Power: Type MW
☐ Waste Treatment: Type MGD
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type
☒ Other: Housing Plan Programs

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual ☐ Fiscal ☒ Recreation/Parks ☒ Vegetation
☒ Agricultural Land ☒ Flood Plain/Flooding ☒ Schools/Universities ☒ Water Quality
☒ Air Quality ☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard ☐ Septic Systems ☒ Water Supply/Groundwater
☒ Archeological/Historical ☒ Geologic/Seismic ☒ Sewer Capacity ☒ Wetland/Riparian
☒ Biological Resources ☒ Minerals ☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading ☒ Growth Inducement
☒ Coastal Zone ☒ Noise ☒ Solid Waste ☒ Land Use
☐ Drainage/Absorption ☒ Population/Housing Balance ☒ Toxic/Hazardous ☒ Cumulative Effects
☐ Economic/Jobs ☒ Public Services/Facilities ☒ Traffic/Circulation ☐ Other:

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Multiple, Citywide

Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

The City of Santa Barbara Housing Plan consists of programs included in the 6th Cycle Housing Element and associated amendments to the Municipal Code, General Plan, and Local Coastal Program. The Housing Plan provides the framework for meeting state housing requirements and accommodating the City's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). The Housing Plan includes:

- Implementation of 6th Cycle Housing Element programs that facilitate housing production, remove governmental constraints, and ensure compliance with state housing laws. These programs include adoption of an Adaptive Reuse Ordinance, preparation of a planning framework for the La Cumbre Plaza Planning Area, amendments to the Average Unit-Size Density (AUD) Incentive Program, adoption of Objective Design and Development Standards, updates to the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance, and process improvements to streamline permitting.
- Associated amendments to the Municipal Code, General Plan, and Local Coastal Program to maintain consistency with the Housing Element and State law.

For environmental analysis purposes, the Draft EIR assumes up to 8,001 additional housing units could be permitted and constructed by 2035, along with associated nonresidential development anticipated under cumulative conditions. The Housing Plan does not authorize specific development projects, but provides the regulatory and policy framework to implement housing programs.

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	Boating & Waterways, Department of		Office of Public School Construction
	California Emergency Management Agency		Parks & Recreation, Department of
	California Highway Patrol		Pesticide Regulation, Department of
X	Caltrans District # 5		Public Utilities Commission
	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	X	Regional WQCB # 3
	Caltrans Planning		Resources Agency
	Central Valley Flood Protection Board		Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
	Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy		S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
X	Coastal Commission		San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
	Colorado River Board		San Joaquin River Conservancy
	Conservation, Department of		Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
	Corrections, Department of		State Lands Commission
	Delta Protection Commission		SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
	Education, Department of		SWRCB: Water Quality
	Energy Commission		SWRCB: Water Rights
X	Fish & Game Region # 5		Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
	Food & Agriculture, Department of	X	Toxic Substances Control, Department of
	Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of		Water Resources, Department of
	General Services, Department of		
	Health Services, Department of		Other:
X	Housing & Community Development		Other:
X	Native American Heritage Commission		

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date January 30, 2026 Ending Date March 17, 2026

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