NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The City of Bell Gardens has completed an Initial Study for the following project in accordance with City and State of California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines:

Project Title: The City of Bell Gardens Climate Action Plan (CAP)

Applications: No applications have yet been filed for physical construction of strategies listed in CAP.

Project Location: Citywide

Project Description: The Bell Gardens CAP serves as a strategic roadmap to guide the City's efforts to reduce GHG emissions, adapt to climate change, and promote sustainability throughout the community. The CAP outlines goals, actions, and strategies that support Bell Gardens' broader goals of environmental stewardship, economic vitality, and social equity. The CAP serves as the plan for reduction of GHG emissions for the City. The CAP is intentionally a living document that can be revised as needed with clear and transparent metrics by which progress can be both assessed and measured. As part of its commitment to long-term climate action, Bell Gardens aims to align with California's statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals, including reducing emissions 40% below 1990 levels by 2030, reaching 100% zero-carbon electricity by 2045, and achieving net-zero GHG emissions no later than 2045, consistent with Executive Order B-55 and Senate Bill 100.

The CAP is meant to serve as a guiding document towards GHG reductions both in municipal operations and community wide. It is designed as a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions in a manner consistent with state guidelines and regulations, and to identify cost-effective opportunities to existing and future residents, businesses, and development projects for a more sustainable community. The CAP focuses on five core areas: Buildings and Energy, Transportation and Mobility, Resource Conservation, Green Community, and Resilience and Adaptation. Strategies within these areas include expanding solar energy and battery storage at city facilities, improving building efficiency, transitioning to zero-emission vehicles, enhancing active transportation networks, increasing urban tree canopy, and supporting local workforce development tied to sustainability. Many of these efforts are designed to provide multiple benefits, such as cleaner air, lower utility costs, and improved public health, especially for communities most vulnerable to climate impacts.

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Review Period: **December 23, 2025, and ends on January 23, 2026 (32 days)**

Mitigated Negative Declaration: An initial study of environmental impacts was prepared pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14 ("CEQA Guidelines"), Section 15063. A Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impacts is proposed for this project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15367.

The Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration will be circulated for a minimum of a 30-day review period. Written comments must be received by the City of Bell Gardens Planning Division prior to 6:00 PM on the last date of the public review period. **The public review and comment period for the Negative Declaration begins on December 23, 2025, and ends on January 23, 2026.**

Purpose of Review: The purpose of this review is to allow public agencies and interested members of the public the opportunity to share expertise, disclose agency analysis, check for accuracy, detect omissions, discover public concerns, and solicit counter-proposals pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15200 (Purpose of Review).

IS/MND Materials Available: Copies of the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration and related documents are on file and available for public review at various City facilities listed below. The files are also available on the Community Development Department website at the following web address: https://www.bellgardens.org/government/city-departments/community-development/planning/climate-action-plan.

Persons wishing obtain copies of the proposed Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration may contact Adrian Flores, Associate Planner, via in-person at Bell Gardens City Hall, 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201, via phone at (562) 806-7700, extension 7732, or via email at aflores@bellgardens.org.

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Documents are available for review at:

Bell Gardens City Hall **7100 Garfield Avenue** **Bell Gardens, CA 90201**	**City of Bell Gardens Department of Public Works** **8327 Garfield Avenue** **Bell Gardens, CA 90201**	**Bell Gardens Veterans Park** **6662 Loveland Street** **Bell Gardens, CA 90201**

Public Hearings: A public hearing to consider the proposed Climate Action Plan and Mitigated Negative Declaration is scheduled before the **Planning Commission** on **Wednesday, February 18, 2025, at 5:15 PM**. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201. A public hearing regarding adoption of the Climate Action Plan and the Mitigated Negative Declaration will be considered by the **City Council** on **Monday, March 9, 2025, at 6:00 PM**, in the Council Chambers, 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201. A separate public hearing notice will be posted at the appropriate time for each hearing. **Public Hearing dates are subject to change and shall be noticed accordingly.**

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Date: 12/18/25