

Notice of Exemption

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From: City of Patterson
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County of Stanislaus
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Project Title: City of Patterson 2023-2031 6th Cycle Housing Element

Project Applicant: City of Patterson

Project Location – Specific: City-wide

Project Location – City: Patterson

Project Location – County: Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of the Project:

The proposed project involves updating the City of Patterson’s 2015–2023 Housing Element (adopted February 2, 2016) with the 2023–2031 6th Cycle Housing Element. This update is required to ensure consistency with the housing goals and requirements set forth in Government Code Sections 65580 through 65589. Adoption of the Housing Element update would constitute an amendment to the City’s General Plan.

The Housing Element update plans for the development of 4,919 housing units over the eight-year planning period, which exceeds the City’s RHNA of 3,716 units by 1,548 units. Using the California Department of Finance’s (2025) average household size of 3.57 persons per household for the City of Patterson, development of 4,919 units would result in a projected population increase of approximately 17,560 residents. The Housing Element update establishes goals, policies, and programs to facilitate the development of these units.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Patterson

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Patterson

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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: **Common Sense Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3))**
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The City has evaluated the potential environmental impacts of the proposed General Plan Amendment to adopt the 2023-2031 Housing Element of the General Plan in compliance with State Housing Element law and determined that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption).

The 6th Cycle Housing Element is a State-mandated planning document that includes Goals, Policies, and Programs aimed at providing additional housing opportunities, removing governmental constraints to affordable housing, improving the condition of existing housing, and providing equal housing opportunities for all residents. The proposed project involves adoption of planning programs and policies; identifies sites subject to potential future development; and identifies zoning actions to advance attainment of the City’s RHNA targets. The 6th Cycle Housing Element does not grant any development entitlements or authorize development of new housing on any site identified in the Housing Element. Physical development of any site included in the proposed project would require formal development applications, technical studies, and further evaluation in accordance with CEQA and City plans, ordinances, and standards. Any future development would undergo project-specific developmental review to address potential impacts. The 6th Cycle Housing Element does not involve any

physical changes with the potential to create an adverse effect on the environment. Without any tangible development application for specific sites or other physical change to the environment, there is no foreseeable, reasonable possibility that adopting the proposed project would result in a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Bryan Stice, Community Development Director

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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: Bryan Stice

Date: 5-21-26

Title: Community Development Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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