



City of West Hollywood Community Development Department

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

To: All Interested Persons and Agencies
Project Title: Open Space Element Update

From: Community Development Department
Date: July 16, 2026

Lead Agency: City of West Hollywood
Community Development Department
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard
West Hollywood, California 90069

Project Sponsor: City of West Hollywood
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard
West Hollywood, California 90069

A Negative Declaration has been prepared for the proposed Open Space Element Update (Project). The City of West Hollywood (City) is the local lead agency and, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is responsible for preparation of the Negative Declaration.

Project Location:

The Project is a citywide General Plan amendment, and the Project location is the entire City of West Hollywood. The City is located in Los Angeles County, bounded by the City of Beverly Hills to the west and by City of Los Angeles neighborhoods to the north, east, and west, including Hollywood Hills to the north, Hollywood to the east, Fairfax District to the southeast, and Beverly Grove to the southwest. The City is approximately 7.5 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles and is one in a network of interconnected communities within the Los Angeles region. Pursuant to Section 21092.6 of the State CEQA Statute, the Project location (which encompasses the entirety of the City) includes properties that are on lists of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, including voluntary cleanup sites, properties with leaking underground storage tank cleanups, and military evaluation sites, among others. However, the Project is a policy document and does not approve or authorize any site-specific park, recreation, or open space improvement projects and thus would not adversely affect or disturb any such hazardous waste sites or facilities.

Project Description:

The City proposes a citywide General Plan amendment to update its existing Parks and Recreation Element and proposes to rename it the "Open Space Element." The amendment is being prepared in response to Senate Bill (SB) 1425, which requires local jurisdictions to address equitable access to open space, climate resilience, and rewilding opportunities in the open space element of the general plan. The Project addresses SB 1425 through updated background information, inventories, goals, policies, and implementation actions related to parks, recreation, and open space in West Hollywood. The Project includes information regarding disadvantaged communities, existing park service levels, current rewilding and urban greening efforts, and ongoing or planned parks and open space initiatives. The Project also includes revised and new policy direction intended to guide future decisions regarding parks, recreational facilities, and open space, with particular attention to equitable access, climate resilience, and rewilding. The Project is a policy document and does not approve or authorize any site-specific park, recreation, or open space improvement projects. The Project does not approve land acquisition, rezoning, subdivisions, construction, or funding for any specific capital improvement. Any future physical improvement or discretionary actions that may be pursued to implement the Project would be subject to separate review under CEQA, as applicable. The Initial Study/Negative Declaration prepared for the Project incorporates by reference the City's proposed Open Space Element Update document, which can be accessed online at this website: <https://engage.weho.org/openspace>.

Summary of Impacts:

The proposed project was analyzed pursuant to CEQA and would result in no impacts in the categories of aesthetics, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and 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 service systems, and wildfire.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period for the Initial Study/Negative Declaration will begin on **July 16, 2026**, and end on **August 17, 2026** (*comment letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2026*). The City requests that comments be limited to the material contained in the Initial Study/ Negative Declaration.

Copies of the Initial Study/Negative Declaration are available for review at the Community Development Department (8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069) and at West Hollywood Library (625 North San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069). The document is also available on the City of West Hollywood website, www.weho.org. Please submit comments in writing to:

City of West Hollywood Community Development Department
Attn: Long Range Planning Division
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard
West Hollywood, California 90069
Email: erotman@weho.gov

Public Hearings:

The Project will require Public Hearings before the City of West Hollywood Planning Commission and City Council. The date, time, and location for the Planning Commission and City Council hearings have been tentatively scheduled, as specified below. For up-to-date meeting information, please visit www.weho.org.

Planning Commission

Date: September 3, 2026, refer to www.weho.org for updates
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California. Members of the public also have the option to participate via teleconference using the Zoom platform. Instructions to register for Zoom participation are available at <https://www.weho.org/city-government/boards-commissions/commissions/planning-commission>. The meeting may also be viewed on various platforms. Please visit <https://www.weho.org/city-government/wehotv> for all the viewing options.

City Council

Date: **October 19, 2026**, refer to www.weho.org for updates

Time: **6:00 p.m.**

Location: **West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.**

Members of the public also have the option to participate via teleconference using the Zoom platform. Instructions to register for Zoom participation are available at <https://www.weho.org/city-government/city-council/council-agendas>. Please visit <https://www.weho.org/city-government/wehotv> for all the viewing options.

If you require additional information, please contact Emily Rotman, Assistant Planner, in the City of West Hollywood Community Development Department at (323) 848-6802.