

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. GPA-003-2021 TO UPDATE THE HOUSING ELEMENT, THE LAND USE ELEMENT, AND THE SAFETY ELEMENT, AND TO ADOPT AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65584 requires local jurisdictions to encourage, promote, and facilitate the development of housing to accommodate its regional housing need; and

WHEREAS, the State-mandated 6th Cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requires the City of Garden Grove to plan for 19,168 dwelling units for all income levels during the 2021-2029 planning period; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove has initiated a Focused General Plan Update and Zoning Amendments (collectively, the "FGPUZA" or "Project"). The FGPUZA includes (1) General Plan Amendment No. GPA-003-2021, consisting of updates to the General Plan Housing Element, Land Use Element, and the Safety Element, and adoption of a new Environmental Justice Element to comply with State law provisions, including complying with the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) that requires the City to plan for 19,168 residential dwelling units for all income levels during the 2021-2029 planning period; and (2) Zoning Amendment No. A-031-2021, consisting of text/map amendments to Title 9 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code and to the Zoning Map to implement the Housing Element and Land Use Element Updates; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, California Public Resources Code Section 21000 *et seq.* ("CEQA") and CEQA's implementing Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000 *et seq.* (CEQA Guidelines), a Program Environmental Impact Report (Program EIR) has been prepared for the FGPUZA that analyzes its potential environmental impacts and recommends mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less than significant level, where feasible; and

WHEREAS, the draft Housing Element Update was circulated to the public, responsible agencies, and other interested persons, as required, for review and comment starting July 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the draft Safety Element Update, the draft Land Use Element Update, and the draft Environmental Justice Element were circulated to the public, responsible agencies, and other interested persons, as required, for review and comment starting August 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, following a Public Hearing held on October 21, 2021, the Garden Grove Planning Commission: (1) adopted Resolution No. 6031-21 recommending the City Council (i) adopt a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and certify the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Focused General Plan Update and Zoning Amendments (FGPUZA) and (ii) approve General Plan Amendment No. GPA-003-2021 to update the Housing Element, the Land Use Element, the Safety Element, and to adopt an Environmental Justice Element; and (2) adopted Resolution No. 6032-21 recommending the City Council approve zoning Amendment No. A-031-2021 making focused amendments to Title 9 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code and the Zoning Map to implement the Housing Element and Land Use Element updates by increasing the maximum permitted residential density in mixed use zones, implementing a mixed-use overlay zone allowing residential and mixed-use development on specified parcels, and rezoning specified parcels to allow multiple-family residential uses; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the adoption of this Resolution, on November 9, 2021, the City Council adopted a Resolution adopting a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and certifying the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Focused General Plan Update and Zoning Amendments (FGPUZA), and introduced an Ordinance approving Amendment No. A-031-2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a legal notice, a Public Hearing was held by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove on November 9, 2021, and all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garden Grove gave due and careful consideration to the matter during its meeting of November 9, 2021, and considered all oral and written testimony presented regarding the Project and the Program EIR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, AND DETERMINED as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The City Council of the City of Garden Grove hereby makes the following findings regarding General Plan Amendment No. GPA-003-2021:
 - a. The General Plan Amendment is internally consistent with the goals, policies, and elements of the General Plan. The proposed General Plan Update includes updates to the Housing Element, the Land Use

Element, and the Safety Element, and the adoption of a new Environmental Justice Element. These new and updated Elements were drafted to be consistent with one another and other existing General Plan Elements. The focus of the General Plan Update is to comply with State law provisions, including complying with the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) that requires the City to plan for 19,168 residential dwelling units for all income levels during the 2021-2029 planning period. In conjunction with the update to the Housing Element, and to ensure internal consistency between the General Plan Elements, the proposal also includes a concurrent update to the Land Use Element and Land Use Diagram (Exhibit LU-3 – also referred to as “land use map” in the Municipal Code) to accommodate the increase in densities and to accommodate the required RHNA units. As a result of the required update to the Housing Element, an update to the Safety Element and preparation of a new Environmental Justice Element have also been completed to comply with applicable State law (Government Code Section 65302 and Senate Bill 1000).

- b. The General Plan Amendment will promote the public interest, health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding community. The Housing Element Update and Land Use Element Update will promote housing production for all income levels in conformance with the State’s 6th Cycle (2021-2029) of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) that requires the City to plan for 19,168 residential dwelling units during the 2021-2029 planning period. These updates will facilitate housing production to meet the housing needs of existing and future residents for the production of safe, decent, and affordable housing for all persons in the community. The Safety Element Update addresses potential and existing hazards in the city relating to flood hazards, fire hazards, and climate adaptation and resilience strategies and will help the City to reduce the potential short and long-term risk of death, injuries, property damage, and economic and social dislocation resulting from fires, floods, droughts, earthquakes, landslides, climate change, and other hazards. The new Environmental Justice Element establishes goals, policies, and objectives for the reduction of pollution exposure and improving air quality, promoting access to public facilities, promoting access to healthy foods, promoting safe and sanitary homes, promoting physical activity, and promoting civic engagement in disadvantaged communities and City-wide.
- c. In conjunction with the update to the Housing Element, and to ensure internal consistency between the General Plan Elements, the proposal

also includes a concurrent update to the Land Use Element and Land Use Diagram to accommodate the increase in densities and to accommodate the required RHNA units. This will also include changes to the current General Plan land use designations of certain properties that are part of the Sites Inventory, to allow residential uses and development where the existing land use designation does not allow residential. The subject parcels that will undergo changes to their respective General Plan land use designation are physically suitable for the requested land use designation, compatible with surrounding land uses, and consistent with the General Plan.

3. The facts and reasons stated in Planning Commission Resolution No. 6031-21 recommending approval of General Plan Amendment No. GPA-003-2021, a copy of which is one file in the City Clerk's Office, are incorporated herein by reference with the same force and effect as if set forth in full.
4. General Plan Amendment No. GPA-003-2021 is hereby approved, including (a) approval of updates to the Housing Element, Land Use Element, and Safety Element, (b) approval of the new Environmental Justice Element, and (c) approval of the changes to the General Plan Land Use Diagram (Exhibit LU-3 – also referred to as "land use map" in the Municipal Code) to change the land use designation of specified parcels as depicted and described on Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" attached to this Resolution.
5. This Resolution shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day following adoption.
6. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.