

RESOLUTION NO. 23-165, SERIES 2023

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DAVIS CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING VERSION 3 OF THE 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN AND DIRECTING STAFF TO SUBMIT THE UPDATED HOUSING ELEMENT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2021, the City Council approved Resolution 21-128 adopting an updated Housing Element (Version 1) for the 2021-2029 cycle and submitted it to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on September 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2021, the HCD sent a letter to the City of Davis stating that the adopted plan did not meet the requirements of state law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis worked with HCD to refine the responses to their comments and drafted revisions to the Housing Element (Version 2) and also began working on a rezone for housing sites to meet the City's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), as identified in the adopted Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2023, the City Council of the City of Davis approved Resolution 23-008 adopting an updated Housing Element (Version 2) for the 2021-2029 cycle and submitted it to HCD on February 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2023, HCD sent a letter to the City of Davis stating that Version 2 of the City's Housing Element addressed many statutory requirements but that revisions would be necessary for the City's Housing Element to comply with State Housing Element Law; and

WHEREAS, the City began working on additional revisions to the Housing Element to address HCD's comments while also continuing to work on the rezone for housing sites; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2023, HCD sent a letter to the City of Davis reiterating that the adopted plan (Version 2) did not meet the requirements of state law; and

WHEREAS, the City's revised Housing Element (Version 3) has been updated and a diligent effort made to address HCD's comments, including outreach and public participation of all economic segments, updating the inventory of suitable land for residential development, identifying actions to make the sites available, undertaking a rezone of sites to accommodate the City's RHNA, and clarifying and refining the schedule of program actions for the City to implement the policies and to achieve the goals and objectives of the Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2021, the City's approval of Housing Element (Version 1) included adoption of Negative Declaration #04-21, which was prepared for the update and determined that the update will not result in a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2023, the City's approval of the updated Housing Element (Version 2) determined that update was consistent with Negative Declaration #04-21 and that no further environmental review was required; and

WHEREAS, the updated Housing Element (Version 3) remains consistent with Negative Declaration #04-21, which determined that the update will not result in a significant effect on the environment and that no further environmental review is required; and

WHEREAS, furthermore the City has prepared Negative Declaration #03-22 (2023100491) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, which evaluated the potential environmental impacts of updated Housing Element (Version 3) and the rezone of housing sites for the related general plan amendment and rezoning and determined that it will not result in a significant effect on the environment and that no further environmental review is required; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2023, the Planning Commission of the City of Davis held a duly noticed public hearing to review Initial Study/Negative Declaration #03-22 and consider public comment and voted to recommend adoption; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2023, the City Council of the City of Davis held a duly noticed public hearing to review Initial Study/Negative Declaration #03-22 and the 2021-2029 Housing Element (Version 3) and consider public comment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Davis does hereby:

1. Find that the update to the City of Davis 2021-2029 Housing Element (Version 3) is consistent with previously adopted Negative Declaration #04-21 and that it was further evaluated in Negative Declaration #03-22 (2023100491), which were prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and which adequately evaluated the potential environmental impacts of the project and determined that there are no significant impacts with the project and no mitigation is required, and therefore no further environmental analysis is required;
2. Find that the Housing Element substantially complies with Housing Element Law, as provided in Government Code 65580 et seq. and contains all provisions required by State Housing Element Law, as follows:
 - a. As required by Government Code Section 65585(e), the City Council has considered the findings made by HCD in its review letter dated April 3, 2023. Consistent with Government Code Section 65585(f), the City Council has revised the Housing Element in response to HCD's comments to ensure that the Housing Element substantially complies with the requirements of state law. In addition, the City has considered written comments provided by members of the public and revised the Housing Element as needed to provide clarity, comply with state law, and/or improve City policies and programs.

5. Direct staff to file all necessary material with HCD to find that the Housing Element is in conformance with state law and further directs and authorizes staff to make all non-substantive changes to the Housing Element to make it internally consistent and/or to address any non-substantive changes or amendments requested by HCD to achieve a finding of substantial compliance with state law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis on this 5th day of December, 2023, by the following vote:

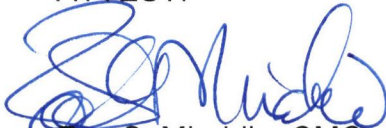
AYES: Chapman, Neville, Partida, Vaitla, Arnold

NOES: None



Will Arnold
Mayor

ATTEST:



Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC
City Clerk