

RESOLUTION NO. 8609

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 13-001 TO UPDATE THE CITY OF WHITTIER'S GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT FOR THE PLANNING PERIOD 2014-2021 AND TO ADOPT THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION PREPARED THEREFOR (CITY OF WHITTIER)

SECTION 1. The City Council does hereby find, determine and declare as follows:

- A. Whereas, the City of Whittier has prepared an update of its General Plan Housing Element in compliance with Section 65580 of the California Government Code;
- B. Whereas, the Whittier Housing Element Update establishes the goals, policies and programs necessary to meet the City's 2014-2021 Regional Housing Needs Assessment of 878 units for the City of Whittier, as established by the Southern California Association of Governments;
- C. Whereas, on July 17, 2013 and August 7, 2013, the City conducted community workshops to receive public input concerning the preparation of the Draft Housing Element Update for the Planning Period 2014-2021;
- D. Whereas, in July 2013 and August 2013, the Planning Commission and City Council, respectively, held pre-adoption public hearings to also receive public input and to provide Commission and Council feedback on the Draft Housing Element Update prior to the submission of the document to the State Department of Housing and Community Development on August 13, 2013;
- E. Whereas, the City of Whittier has worked closely with the State Department of Housing and Community Development to prepare a Housing Element Update that complies with State law;
- F. Whereas, on October 15, 2013, the City of Whittier received a conditional approval letter from the State Department of Housing and Community Development indicating that it supports the City's Housing Element as it complies with Article 10.6 of the California Government Code and will certify the document following its adoption by the City of Whittier pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(g);

- G. Whereas, in compliance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, an Initial Study was completed for General Plan Amendment 13-001 (Whittier's Housing Element Update). Based on this environmental analysis, it has been determined that the project will not have a significant, adverse, impact on the environment. Therefore, a Negative Declaration is proposed for the project;
- H. Whereas, on November 8, 2013, the *Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration* for the project was received by the State Clearinghouse, posted with the Los Angeles County Clerk-Recorder, published in the Whittier Daily News as a 1/8th page advertisement, sent to all applicable responsible agencies, mailed to all interested members of the public and posted on the City's website to notify all interested parties of the City's intent to adopt a Negative Declaration for the project and to commence the 30-day review and comment period for the Initial Study prepared for the project which began on November 8, 2013, and ended on December 8, 2013;
- I. Whereas, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noted public hearing on November 18, 2013, to receive all public testimony and documentation presented to the Commission concerning General Plan Amendment 13-001 (Whittier Housing Element Update) and the proposed Negative Declaration prepared therefor;
- J. Whereas, the Planning Commission adopted a resolution, by a vote of 5-0, recommending to the City Council the approval and adoption of the Whittier Housing Element Update for the Planning Period 2014-2021 and the Negative Declaration prepared therefor;
- K. Whereas, a duly noticed public hearing was published in the Whittier Daily News, as a 1/8th page advertisement to notify the public of the City Council's public hearing on December 10, 2013, for consideration of General Plan Amendment 13-001 and the proposed Negative Declaration prepared therefor; and,
- L. Based on the City Council's review of the Initial Study prepared for General Plan Amendment 13-001, the City Council finds that the environmental documentation prepared for the project is complete, adequate and in compliance with all applicable sections of the California Environmental Quality Act. Moreover, the City Council believes the adoption of a Negative Declaration for General Plan Amendment 13-001 is appropriate and consistent with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- M. The City Council also finds that Whittier's Housing Element Update for the Planning Period 2014-2021 is complete and consistent with all other Elements of

the Whittier General Plan and is in compliance with all applicable State and local laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 2. Based on the findings and conclusions set forth in Section 1 (above), the City Council hereby adopts the Negative Declaration prepared for the City of Whittier Housing Element Update for the Planning Period 2014-2021 and directs that a Notice of Determination be posted with the Los Angeles County Clerk, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

SECTION 3. Based on the findings and conclusions set forth in Section 1 (above), the City Council hereby adopts the update to the City of Whittier's General Plan Housing Element for the Planning Period 2014-2021 and directs staff to send the document (dated October 14, 2013) to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for certification. The City Council also authorizes the Director of Community Development to make any minor changes deemed necessary by the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for certification to the Whittier Housing Element so long as it is consistent with the general intent and nature of the document, as approved.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk-Treasurer shall certify to the passage and adoption hereof.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of December 2013.


BOB HENDERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KATHRYN A. MARSHALL
City Clerk-Treasurer

CITY OF WHITTIER)
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 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

I, Kathryn A. Marshall, City Clerk-Treasurer in and for the City of Whittier, California, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of said City held on the 10th day of December 2013, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: J.A. Vinatieri F. Dutra O. Newcomer

 C. Warner R.L. Henderson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the City of Whittier, California, this

10th day of December 2013.



 KATHRYN A. MARSHALL
 City Clerk-Treasurer