City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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Dept: City Manager Dept: Community and Economic

Development

Subject: City of Garden Grove Focused General Date: August 19, 2021

Plan Update and Draft EIR

Opportunity to Review and Comment on the City of Garden Grove Focused General Plan Update

The City of Garden Grove has prepared a Draft Focused General Plan Update with revisions to the Land Use Element, Safety Element, and Housing Element, and preparation of a new Environmental Justice Element. For your review, please see attached documents, which include: the Draft Housing Element; the Draft Environmental Justice Element; "clean" and redlined versions of the Land Use Element; and "clean" and redlined versions of the Safety Element. These documents are also available online for public review on the City's website:

https://ggcity.org/housing-element

The proposed Housing Element establishes programs, policies, and actions to generally further the goal of meeting the existing and projected housing needs in the community. The proposed Land Use Element incorporates the housing growth identified in the Housing Element. The proposed Safety Element addresses climate change vulnerability and resiliency. The new Environmental Justice Element focuses on addressing community needs and pollution burden challenges citywide and within disadvantaged communities.

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the City of Garden Grove Focused General Plan Update and Zoning Amendments

In addition to the General Plan update, the City is proposing various amendments to Title 9 (Land Use) of the Garden Grove Municipal Code in compliance with California Government Code (CGC) Section 65300 et seq. and to make it consistent with the Focused General Plan Update. The Draft Title 9 amendments are currently being prepared and will be available at a later date. The City of Garden Grove has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Focused General Plan Update and Zoning Amendments (FGPUZA or "Project"). Therefore, the proposed Project that is evaluated in the Draft EIR is adoption of both the Focused General Plan Update and Zoning Amendments.

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The Draft EIR is an informational document that evaluates a proposed Project's potential to significantly impact the environment, while also identifying ways to reduce or avoid environmental impacts through mitigation measures and alternatives to the Project.

The Draft EIR will be available online for public review starting August 23, 2021 at:

https://ggcity.org/planning/environmental-documents

The City welcomes input during the Draft EIR public review period: August 23, 2021 to October 6, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the Draft Focused General Plan Update and/or the Draft EIR, please submit your comments to:

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The City of Garden Grove City Council and Planning Commission will consider the Draft Focused General Plan Update and Zoning Amendments starting in October 2021, with the first public hearing (Planning Commission) scheduled for October 7, 2021. These final steps to adopt the Focused General Plan Update and Zoning Amendments, and to achieve a Housing Element certified by the California State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), will round out a comprehensive process, driven by extensive community engagement, which began in August of 2020.

Staff is maintaining continued coordination efforts with the Office of Community Relations to promote and inform the public regarding the latest news, through social media platforms, flyers, mailers, and through the City's Housing Element website: https://ggcity.org/housing-element.

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