



City of Santa Barbara California

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SCH 2022040209 AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING ON MARCH 12, 2026 FOR THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA HOUSING PLAN

The City of Santa Barbara, as lead agency, has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Draft EIR is available at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/HousingEIR.

Printed copies are available for review at the Planning Counter, 630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, California, and at the Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, California, during normal business hours.

PROJECT TITLE: Housing Plan Program EIR

PROJECT LOCATION: City of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Housing Plan implements 32 programs in the adopted 6th Cycle Housing Element, including ongoing programs, procedural changes, municipal code amendments, and other actions to meet state housing requirements and accommodate the City Regional Housing Needs Allocation of 8,001 new housing units.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant impacts related to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazardous materials, noise, and utilities. These impacts can be reduced to less than significant levels with the implementation of mitigation measures. The Draft EIR also evaluates a No Project Alternative and an Additional Housing Alternative. Impacts to all other CEQA topic areas would be less than significant. The City of Santa Barbara contains sites listed on hazardous substances databases enumerated under California Government Code Section 65962.5.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR begins January 30, 2026, and ends on **March 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** Comments must be received by the close of the comment period and may be submitted via mail, email, or hand delivery to: HousingEIR@SantaBarbaraCA.gov, or

City of Santa Barbara, Community Development Department, Planning Division

Attn: Julia Pujo, Environmental Analyst

630 Garden Street, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990.

PUBLIC HEARING: A hearing to receive public comments on the Draft EIR will be held before the Planning Commission on **March 12, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, California. Meetings can be viewed live on City TV-18 or streamed online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTV. Meeting agendas, minutes, and videos are available at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PC.

AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you need services or staff assistance to attend or participate in this meeting, contact the City Administrator's Office at (805) 564 5305. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will usually enable the City to make reasonable arrangements. Specialized services, such as sign language interpretation or documents in Braille, may require additional lead time to arrange.