

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR ADOPTION OF AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S HOUSING ELEMENT
AND INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A public hearing will be held by the Merced City Council on Monday, July 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard in the City Council Chambers located in the Civic Center at 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA, concerning adoption of a revised Housing Element for the City of Merced, initiated by the City of Merced. This application involves revisions to the Housing Element of the General Plan, one of seven required elements of the General Plan. The Housing Element sets forth policies and programs for the provision of affordable housing throughout the community. On May 18, 2016, the Planning Commission considered this matter at a duly noticed public hearing, and recommended that the City Council adopt Environmental Review #16-11 (Negative Declaration) and approve General Plan Amendment #16-03 adopting the Revised Housing Element. Upon adoption by the City Council, the Housing Element will be forwarded to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for final certification.

An environmental review checklist has been filed for this project, and a draft negative declaration has been prepared (i.e., no further environmental review would be required) under the California Environmental Quality Act. A copy of this staff evaluation ("Initial Study") is available for public inspection at the City of Merced Planning Department during regular business hours, at 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA. A copy of this document can also be purchased at the Planning Department for the price of reproduction.

All persons in favor of, opposed to, or in any manner interested in this request for adoption of the Housing Element are invited to attend this public hearing or forward written comments to the Director of Development Services, City of Merced, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340. The public review period for the environmental determination begins on June 30, 2016, and ends on July 18, 2016.

Please feel free to call the Planning Department at (209) 385-6858 for additional information. If you challenge this action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.

June 27, 2016



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