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TO: PLANNING COMMISSION

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**SUBJECT: PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR
NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A SUBSEQUENT PROGRAM
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS
GENERAL PLAN HOUSING, LAND USE, SAFETY, AND CIRCULATION
ELEMENTS UPDATE**

The purpose of this public scoping meeting is to receive public comments from relevant agencies and the public on items to be included in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to be prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed General Plan Housing, Land Use, Safety and Circulation Elements Update (“General Plan Update” or “Project”). The Project is not a comprehensive update to the full General Plan. The Housing Element 6th Cycle Update triggers changes to portions of the Land Use and Circulation Elements to ensure internal consistency. The Safety Element Update is triggered by the Housing Element Update and numerous state requirements resulting from legislative changes since adoption of the City’s current General Plan Update 2010.

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, and is attached to this report. The NOP describes the General Plan Update Project, and lists the environmental topics that will be analyzed in the EIR. The EIR will be a Program and Subsequent EIR, subsequent to the City’s General Plan Update 2010 Final Program EIR. A Program EIR may be prepared in the case of a series of actions that can be characterized as one large project and are either related geographically, as logical parts in the chain of contemplated actions, or in connection with the issuance of rules, regulations, plans or other general criteria to govern the conduct of a continuing program (CEQA Guidelines Section 15168). The General Plan Update Project does not include any specific development proposal, rather is a policy document.

Staff has mailed the NOP and notice of the scoping meeting to relevant federal, state and local agencies to obtain their written comments. Staff has also mailed the NOP to interested parties and members of the public requesting to be informed on matters pertaining to the General Plan, including the Housing Element. A notice of the NOP

availability and scoping meeting was published in the Acorn, and posted at City Hall, the Agoura Hills Library and the City Recreation and Event Center.

During the scoping meeting, staff will provide a brief presentation, followed by public comments on what should be addressed in the EIR. The scoping meeting does not include a discussion of the merits of the Project, and does not require comments or a decision by the Planning Commission. Staff is available to provide clarification on the Project, as needed.

The Draft General Plan Update is expected to be available for public comment in December 2021, and the Draft EIR in early 2022. The General Plan Update and EIR will be brought before the Planning Commission in the first part of 2022 for consideration and a recommendation to City Council on whether to adopt the General Plan Update and certify the EIR.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission hold a public scoping meeting to receive public comments on the EIR to be prepared for the General Plan Update. No decision or action is required of the Planning Commission at this time.

Attachment: Notice of Preparation dated 9-30-21