



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE CITY OF LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH 2013-2021 HOUSING ELEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that on December 5, 2013, starting at 5:00 pm, the City of Long Beach Planning Commission will consider recommending that the Long Beach City Council certify a Negative Declaration (ND 03-13) and approve the 2013-2021 Housing Element as part of the City's General Plan. At this hearing, all members of the public are invited to attend and provide public testimony. This hearing will be conducted in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California.

The proposed 2013-2021 Housing Element is an update of the City's 2008-2014 Housing Element. The Housing Element is a comprehensive assessment of current and projected housing needs for all economic segments of the City. It is intended to embody policies for providing adequate housing and includes action programs to achieve this purpose.

This Housing Element identifies policies, programs, and objectives that focus on the following issues: 1) conserving and improving existing affordable housing; 2) providing adequate sites for new housing; 3) assisting in the development of affordable housing; 4) removing governmental constraints to housing development; and 5) promoting equal housing opportunities for Long Beach's population.

In accordance with State law, the proposed Housing Element contains the following components: 1) an assessment of current and future housing needs; 2) an inventory and analysis of residential sites; 3) a review and analysis of constraints on the production of housing; 4) a set of housing programs to address the housing needs identified; and 5) quantified objectives for development, rehabilitation, and conservation of housing over the Housing Element period.

The Planning Commission will consider all oral and written testimony in support and opposition at this public hearing. Written materials must be received by 1:00 pm on the date of the public hearing. If you challenge the action of the Planning Commission in court you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing, whether given by oral or written testimony.

The 2013-2021 Housing Element and Negative Declaration are available for review on the Long Beach Development Services' website at www.lbds.info. For more information, contact: Craig Chalfant, Planner, at (562) 570-6368 or at craig.chalfant@longbeach.gov.