

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 6501-2023**

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL CERTIFYING THE GENERAL PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ADDENDUM FOR THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) AND ADOPTING THE DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol completed a comprehensive General Plan update with adoption of a new General Plan on November 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, codified at Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR, § 15000 et seq.), on November 15, 2016, the City Council certified and adopted an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Sebastopol General Plan (the "Project"; State Clearinghouse No. 2016032001); and

WHEREAS, an Addendum to the General Plan EIR was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15164(a), which allows for the preparation of an Addendum to a previously certified EIR where there are no changes to the conditions or new significant environmental effects, where the changes undertaken are not substantial, and where no new mitigation measures are needed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol City Council and Planning Commission held a joint meeting on September 28, 2021 to discuss the Housing Element update and hear public comment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol conducted public outreach throughout the process to garner input from the public, including surveys, tabling at events, stakeholder interviews, and focus groups; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public meeting on December 14, 2021, to take comment on and discuss the results of public participation including the public survey, and discuss and take public comment on preliminary strategies for meeting the requirements of the Housing Element and planning for future housing in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public meeting on March 1, 2022 to discuss preliminary strategies and proposed policies and programs to meet the requirements of the Housing Element and planning for future housing in the City, heard public comment, and provided direction to staff; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Housing Element was released for public comment on July 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public meeting on July 26, 2022 to hear a presentation on the Draft Housing Element, hear public comment, and provide direction to staff; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public meeting on August 2, 2022 to hear a presentation on the Draft Housing Element, hear public comment, and provide direction to staff; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Housing Element was submitted to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on September 1, 2022 for review; and

WHEREAS, the City released a revised draft on November 22, 2022 and, after a period of seven days, submitted this draft to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD); and

WHEREAS, HCD comments were received on December 1, 2022, which resulted in a revised draft Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a duly-noticed public hearing on December 13, 2022, at which it heard a staff report on the revised Draft Housing Element, heard public testimony, and considered a Resolution recommending the City Council certify the CEQA General Plan Environmental Impact Report Addendum and adopt the draft Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing on January 3, 2023, at which it heard a staff report on the revised Draft Housing Element, heard public testimony, and considered the General Plan Environmental Impact Report Addendum for CEQA and the draft Housing Element and Technical Reports.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Sebastopol City Council hereby adopts this Resolution certifying the General Plan Environmental Impact Report Addendum (Exhibit A) and adopting the Housing Element General Plan Amendment (Exhibit B and C), and

Be it further resolved that the City of Sebastopol City Council authorizes staff to make non-substantive modifications as may be required by the State Department of Housing and Community Development to achieve certification.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted at a meeting by the City Council on the 3rd day of January 2023.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City of Sebastopol City Council by the following vote:

**VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmembers Maurer, McLewis, Zollman, Vice Mayor Rich and Mayor Hinton

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

APPROVED:   
Mayor Neysa Hinton

ATTEST:   
Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:   
Larry McLaughlin, City Attorney