

# REQUEST FOR Planning Commission Action



**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE:**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

**TITLE:**

**PUBLIC HEARING – DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT REPORT NO. 2020-03 FOR THE  
UPDATE TO THE SANTA ANA GENERAL PLAN**

**PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY**

APPROVED

- As Recommended
- As Amended
- Set Public Hearing For \_\_\_\_\_

DENIED

- Applicant's Request
- Staff Recommendation

CONTINUED TO \_\_\_\_\_

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Planning Manager

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Receive and file the public comments for Draft Environmental Impact Report No. 2020-03.

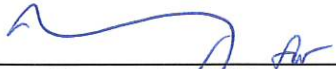
## **DISCUSSION**

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for Santa Ana's Comprehensive General Plan Update has been released for its 45-day public comment review period. The DEIR is intended to inform public decision makers, responsible and trustee agencies, and the general public of the potential environmental effects of the proposed project.

Santa Ana's "Golden City Beyond: A Shared Vision" General Plan is expected to be completed in 2020 and will guide the City's development and conservation for the next 25 years through 2045. The update will provide long-term policy direction and communicate the vision, values, and goals for the City's physical development, fiscal and environmental sustainability, and overall quality of life. The new Santa Ana General Plan will serve to identify areas of opportunity and provide options to enhance development potential in key areas of the city while bringing the City into compliance with recent state laws and reflect updates to current conditions and input from the general public, city staff, and other stakeholders. Santa Ana's General Plan is based on a vision statement and core values established as part of an extensive multi-year community outreach effort, a Technical Advisory Committee, and a General Plan Advisory Group.

The Draft EIR for the General Plan began its public comment and review period on August 3, 2020, with the review period ending on September 16, 2020. The purpose of this hearing is to allow the Planning Commission an opportunity to receive public comments on the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed plan. The hearing provides the public an additional means to communicate their comments. Responses to the comments received during the public review period will be included in the final EIR.

Based on the current general plan schedule, it is anticipated that the EIR will be presented to the Planning Commission in late September for a recommendation to the City Council. Planning staff will continue to update the Commission on the progress of the project.



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Attachment:  
Exhibit 1 – Draft EIR

**The Draft General Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)  
is available online at:**

<https://www.santa-ana.org/sites/default/files/pb/general-plan/documents/Draft%20EIR/Complete%20Draft%20PEIR.pdf>

**Draft Environmental Impact Report No. 2020-03**  
State Clearinghouse #2020029087  
Citywide  
Comprehensive General Plan Update  
**Exhibit 1**