



# City of Whittier

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING

**2021-2040 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE (GPA21-0001)**

**2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE (GPA21-0002)**

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (State Clearinghouse No. 2021040762)**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Whittier will conduct a special meeting and public hearing to consider the following project request on **Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 5:00 pm** or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Whittier City Council Chambers, City Hall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, California:

Project: The City of Whittier is proposing a comprehensive update to its existing General Plan including the Housing Element. The updated Whittier General Plan is expected to be adopted in 2021 and will guide the City's development and planning. The Plan is intended to be an expression of the community's vision for the City and Planning Area and constitutes the policy and regulatory framework by which future development projects will be reviewed and public improvements will be implemented. The City will implement the Plan by requiring development, infrastructure improvements, and other projects to be consistent with its policies and by implementing the actions included in the Plan. State law requires the City to adopt a comprehensive, long-term General Plan for the physical development of its planning area. The Plan must include, land use, circulation, housing, conservation, open space, noise, and safety elements as specified in Government Code Section 65302, to the extent that the issues identified by State law exist in the City's Planning Area. Additional elements that relate to the physical development of the city may also be addressed in the Plan. The degree of specificity and level of detail of the discussion of each Plan element need only reflect local conditions and circumstances. The Plan has been prepared to address the requirements of State law and the relevant items addressed in Government Code Section 65300 et seq. The Plan includes all of the State-mandated elements, including Land Use and Community Character, Mobility and Infrastructure, Housing (2021-2029), Resource (combines Open Space, Habitat Conservation, Resource Conservation, Aesthetics, Recreation, and Park Services and Facilities), and Public Safety, Noise, and Health as well as an optional element addressing Historic Resources. The Draft General Plan includes a Land Use Map that identifies where land use designations are applied to parcels in the Planning Area.

Location: All Lands within the City of Whittier General Plan Planning Area

California Environment Quality Act: A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) has been prepared consistent with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Res. Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 CCR §15000 et seq.). The 2021-2040 General Plan Update and 2021-2029 Housing Element Update have been extensively evaluated pursuant CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Statement of Overriding Findings have been

prepared for the Proposed Project. CEQA requires that all cities consider the environmental consequences of projects over which they have discretionary authority before acting on those projects. The City published and distributed a Notice of Availability of the Draft Program EIR in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15087 on July 9, 2021. The public comment period for the Draft EIR closed on August 23, 2021.

Document Availability: The Draft EIR with all appendices and supporting materials, the Whittier General Plan Update and 2021-2029 Housing Element are available for public review at the following locations:

In person at Whittier City Hall - Planning Services Division located at 13230 Penn Street, Whittier and the Whittwood Branch Library, 10537 Santa Gertrudes Avenue, Whittier. Note: Due to the COVID Pandemic, please check the business hours of the Library Branch on the day you wish to review the documents.

On-line at the Community Development Department's "Environmental Documents & Notices" webpage at <https://www.cityofwhittier.org/government/community-development/environmental-documents-notice> and on the Envision Whittier webpage at <https://www.envisionwhittier.org/documents>.

Cortese Sites: Whittier hosts properties listed on hazardous waste sites lists compiled pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5. Please refer to Table 4.9-2 and Exhibits 4.9-1 and 4.9-2 of the DEIR for a description of these sites.

Consistent with Assembly Bill 361 and Resolution No. 2021-64, a physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting or offer public comment will not be made available. For the time being, City Hall will not be open to the public for public meetings; however, viewing and public comment options are provided below.

View live open session meetings remotely:

- On Cable, Channel 3
- Online: <http://www.cityofwhittier.org/Streaming>

Public Comment/Question options for Public Hearing Item:

- Email: [ccd@cityofwhittier.org](mailto:ccd@cityofwhittier.org)
- Voicemail: (562) 567-6323
- Mail or physical mail delivery to City Hall: 13230 Penn Street
- Live Comments: Review October 12, 2021, City Council Meeting Agenda

Any person wishing to comment on the proposed project may do so in writing between the date of this notice and the public hearing(s); or, may be heard live during the meeting. All comments must be received prior to, or at the time of the public hearing(s). All such comments will be submitted to the City Council and the City Council will consider such comments, in addition to any oral testimony, before making a decision on the proposed project.

If this project is challenged in court, the issues may be limited to those raised at the public hearing, described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. Be advised that as a result of public hearings and comments, the City Council may amend, in whole or in part, the proposed project. Accordingly, the designations, development standards, design or improvements, or any properties or lands within the boundaries of the proposed project, may be changed in a way other than specifically proposed.

Lead Agency and Contact: Please address all written comments and questions concerning this project to: Sonya Lui, Principal Planner, City of Whittier, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, California 90602-1772 or [slui@cityofwhittier.org](mailto:slui@cityofwhittier.org).

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