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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF ARCATA CITY COUNCIL

**Arcata General Plan Comprehensive Update and Gateway Code**  
**Wednesday May 29, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., in the Arcata City Council Chambers, at 736 F Street, Arcata.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Arcata will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday May 29, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Arcata City Council Chambers, at 736 F Street, Arcata to consider a formal recommendation to the City Council to adopt a comprehensive update to the General Plan and a new Gateway Zoning Code. The City Council is holding hybrid meetings that allow attendance in person or via Zoom (see information below for zoom attendance).

**Project Description:** The City is preparing an update of its General Plan, including a new Element, the "Gateway Area Plan," and a Gateway Code, a zoning ordinance to implement the Gateway Area Plan. The Gateway Area Plan will provide additional specificity within the Gateway Area, which is an approximately 138-acre area entirely within City limits that is generally north of Samoa Blvd, west of K Street, and south of Alliance Rd. A portion of the Gateway Area and City's Planning Area are located in the coastal zone. The project includes changes to land use designations throughout the City, changes in standards that emphasize infill, and enhancement of environmental protection measures. The General Plan update, Gateway

Area Plan and zoning updates are collectively the "Project."

The Project will update and amend the City's existing General Plan, including a new General Plan Element (the Gate-

way Area Plan) to encourage infill development in the Arcata Gateway Area, in accordance with State Bill (SB) 375 and California Government Code (CGC) Section 65302. Together these documents will be called the "Arcata General Plan 2045." The Arcata General Plan 2045 seeks to build upon but not substantially change the vision established in the Arcata 2020 General Plan (adopted in the year 2000). The Arcata General Plan 2045 will also update the goals, policies, and implementation programs that articulate the vision for the City's long-term physical and economic development, while preserving open space areas and enhancing the quality of life for Arcata residents. The Arcata General Plan 2045 is anticipated to be adopted in early 2024.

As a part of this Project, all existing General Plan Elements (other than the Housing Element) will receive focused updates to:

- Satisfy modern State mandates for General Plans that have been issued since the General Plan was last updated;
- Re-emphasize infill development to preserve greenbelts around the City;
- Adjust to climate-change and promote sustainability;
- Promote social justice and racial equity;
- Amend inconsistencies; and
- Ensure consistency and compliance with other City plans that have been

adopted or revised in recent years, such as the 2019 Housing Element.

California Government Code, Section 65302, subdivision. (h)(1) requires an Environmental Justice element in the General Plans of certain communities. Arcata does not meet the thresholds for such an Element to be required because the City does not contain any Disadvantaged Communities as identified by the California Environmental

Protection Agency Pursuant to Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code. Instead, the City is electing to reflect social justice and racial equity values in all Elements of the General Plan. Since the Housing Element was updated and adopted in late 2019, the Housing Element will not be modified as a part of this Project.

In addition to the minor updates outlined above, the following General Plan Elements will receive additional, more comprehensive updates to accommodate more targeted infill policies and ensure consistency with the Gateway Area Plan:

- Land Use (modifications to land use map and development standards)
- Transportation and Circulation (modifications to proposed circulation systems)
- Public Facilities and Infrastructure (modifications to support utility upgrades in priority development areas)
- Parks and Recreation (replace existing adopted Element with the 2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which will serve as the new Parks and Recreation Element)

Accordingly, the following summarizes the anticipated degree of changes

for each Element:

**New Element - Gateway Area Plan;**

Minor updates and consistency updates - Introduction, Vision, Growth Management, Open Space Element, Resource Conservation and Management, Air Quality, Design, Historical Preservation, Public Safety, Noise; Comprehensive updates - Land Use, Transportation and Circulation, Public Facilities and Infrastructure, Parks and Recreation;

**No change - Housing Element**

**Action Type:** General Plan and Zoning Amendment

**Location:** Citywide  
**Coastal Status:** Portions of the project are located in the Coastal Zone. The City will take subsequent

action to amend the Local Coastal Program in the affected areas.

**Environmental:** The project is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared and circulated in accordance to the CEQA Guidelines. The Draft EIR circulation period, during which time public comment was received, ended on March 18, 2024. Comments received within the circulation period are included in the Final EIR, along with responses to those comments.

### Anticipated Significant Environmental Impacts:

The DEIR identifies significant impacts to the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental issue areas: air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, noise.

As described in the

DEIR, many of these impacts can be fully mitigated, but some cannot. The Project would result in significant unavoidable impacts to air quality and cultural resources. All other impacts can be fully mitigated to a less-than-significant impact.

### NOTICE IS FURTHER

**GIVEN** that the information regarding the proposed project and environmental determination may be reviewed on the City's website: <https://www.cityofarcata.org/896/Strategic-Infill-Redevelopment-Program>; at the Community Development Department at Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; or by phone: 707-822-5955. Contact person: David Loya, Community Development Director.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the City Council will consider public comment, and the entire public record on the project, prior to making its recommendation to the Council.

### NOTICE IS FURTHER

**GIVEN** that, pursuant to \$1094.5 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, "If you challenge City action on a proposed project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the hearing body at, or prior to, the public hearing(s)."

### HOW TO OBSERVE AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING

Members of the public may attend the meeting in-person or participate on-line. See the agenda for the Zoom link and di-

al-in number which will be released at least 72 hours before the meeting is held. Go to [www.cityofarcata.org](http://www.cityofarcata.org) and click on "See Live Meetings, Agendas & Archives." Select "City Council" from the Meeting Group list and click on the link to the meeting agenda you would like to view. Requests for accessible meeting accommodation should be made in advance by contacting the City Clerk at 707-822-5953.

### HOW TO SUBMIT WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may attend the meeting in-person to give their comment, or before the meeting by sending an email to [dloya@cityofarcata.org](mailto:dloya@cityofarcata.org). Emailed comments WILL NOT be read during the meeting. They will be forwarded to the City Councilmembers and included in the written record of the meeting.

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