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Proof of Publication of: City of Arcata  
Plan Co Hearing  
General Plan Update

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I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Arcata, Humboldt County, California

this 16 day of April 2024

Signature: Jack Durham

Kevin Hoover or Jack Durham  
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF ARCATA PLANNING COMMISSION

**Arcata General Plan  
Comprehensive Update  
and Gateway Code**  
Tuesday, May 14, 2024,  
at 5:30 p.m., in the Ar-  
cata City Council Cham-  
bers, at 736 F Street,  
Arcata.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN** that the Planning  
Commission of the City of  
Arcata will conduct a Pub-  
lic Hearing on Tuesday,  
May 14, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.  
in the Arcata City Coun-  
cil 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 Planning Com-  
mission is holding hybrid  
meetings that allow at-  
tendance in person or via  
Zoom (see information be-  
low 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 im-  
plement the Gateway Area  
Plan. The Gateway Area  
Plan will provide additional  
specificity within the Gate-  
way Area, which is an ap-  
proximately 138-acre area  
entirely within City limits  
that is generally north of  
Samoa Blvd, west of K  
Street, and south of Alli-  
ance 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 designa-  
tions throughout the City,  
changes in standards that  
emphasize infill, and en-  
hancement of environmen-  
tal protection measures.  
The General Plan update,  
Gateway Area Plan and  
zoning updates are collec-  
tively the "Project."

The Project will update  
and amend the City's ex-  
isting General Plan, includ-  
ing a new General Plan  
Element (the Gateway  
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 Gen-  
eral Plan 2045." The Ar-  
cata 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 phys-  
ical and economic devel-

opment, while preserving  
open space areas and en-  
hancing the quality of life  
for Arcata residents. The  
Arcata General Plan 2045  
is anticipated to be adopt-  
ed in early 2024.

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

- Satisfy modern State  
mandates for General  
Plans that have been is-  
sued since the General  
Plan was last updated;
- Re-emphasize infill  
development to preserve  
greenbelts around the  
City;
- Adjust to cli-  
mate-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 re-  
cent years, such as the  
2019 Housing Element.

California Government  
Code, Section 65302,  
subdivision. (h)(1) re-  
quires 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 Commu-  
nities as identified by the  
California Environmental  
Protection Agency Pursu-  
ant 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 ad-  
ditional, more comprehen-  
sive updates to accommo-  
date more targeted infill  
policies and ensure con-  
sistency with the Gateway  
Area Plan:

- Land Use (modifica-  
tions to land use map and  
development standards)
  - Transportation and Cir-  
culation (modifications to  
proposed circulation sys-  
tems)
  - Public Facilities and In-  
frastructure (modifications  
to support utility upgrades  
in priority development ar-  
eas)
  - Parks and Recreation  
(replace existing adopt-  
ed Element with the 2010  
Parks and Recreation  
Master Plan, which will  
serve as the new Parks  
and Recreation Element)
- Accordingly, the follow-  
ing summarizes the antic-  
ipated degree of changes

for each Element:

#### **New Element - Gate- way Area Plan;**

Minor updates and con-  
sistency updates - Intro-  
duction, Vision, Growth  
Management, Open  
Space Element, Resource  
Conservation and Man-  
agement, Air Quality, De-  
sign, Historical Preserva-  
tion, Public Safety, Noise;  
Comprehensive updates  
- Land Use, Transportation  
and Circulation, Public Fa-  
cilities and Infrastructure

Parks and Recreation;

No change - Housing El-  
ement

**Action Type:** General  
Plan and Zoning Amend-  
ment

**Location:** Citywide

**Coastal Status:** Por-  
tions of the project are lo-  
cated in the Coastal Zone.  
The City will take subse-  
quent action to amend the  
Local Coastal Program in  
the affected areas.

**Environmental:** The  
project is subject to envi-  
ronmental review under  
the California Environmen-  
tal Quality Act (CEQA).  
A Draft Environmental  
Impact Report (EIR) has  
been prepared and cir-  
culated in accordance to  
the CEQA Guidelines. The  
Draft EIR circulation peri-  
od, during which time pub-  
lic 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 sig-  
nificant impacts to the  
following California En-  
vironmental Quality Act  
(CEQA) environmental  
issue areas: air quality,  
biological resources, cul-  
tural resources, geology  
and soils, greenhouse gas  
emissions, noise.

As described in the  
DEIR, many of these im-  
pacts can be fully miti-  
gated, but some cannot.  
The Project would result  
in significant unavoidable  
impacts to air quality and  
cultural resources. All oth-  
er impacts can be fully mit-  
igated to a less-than-sig-  
nificant impact.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER  
GIVEN** that the information  
regarding the proposed  
project and environmental  
determination may be re-  
viewed on the City's web-  
site: <https://www.cityofarcata.org/896/Strategic-Infill-Redevelopment-Program>; at the Community  
Development Department  
at Arcata City Hall, 736 F  
Street, Arcata on week-  
days between the hours of  
9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; or  
by phone: 707-822-5955.



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Contact person: David Loya, Community Development Director.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Planning

Commission 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 dial-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 "Planning Commission" 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 Planning Commissioners and included in the written record of the meeting.

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