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CEQA DOCUMENT DECLARATION

ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE RECEIPT

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

1. LEAD AGENCY: CITY OF SUNNYVALE
2. PROJECT TITLE: 2015-2023 HOUSING ELEMENT (GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT)
3. APPLICANT NAME: CITY OF SUNNYVALE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPT. PHONE: (408) 730-7698
4. APPLICANT ADDRESS: 456 WEST OLIVE AVENUE, SUNNYVALE, CA 94088
5. PROJECT APPLICANT IS A: ☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity
6. NOTICE TO BE POSTED FOR 20 DAYS.
7. CLASSIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

a. PROJECTS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO DFG FEES

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|---|-------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. <u>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT</u> (PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE §21152) | \$ 3,029.75 | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. <u>NEGATIVE DECLARATION</u> (PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE §21080(C)) | \$ 2,181.25 | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. <u>APPLICATION FEE WATER DIVERSION</u> (STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ONLY) | \$ 850.00 | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. <u>PROJECTS SUBJECT TO CERTIFIED REGULATORY PROGRAMS</u> | \$ 1,030.25 | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. <u>COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE</u> (REQUIRED FOR a-1 THROUGH a-4 ABOVE)
Fish & Game Code §711.4(e) | \$ 50.00 | \$ <u>0.00</u> |

b. PROJECTS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM DFG FEES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (\$50.00 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE REQUIRED) | \$ 50.00 | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. A COMPLETED "CEQA FILING FEE NO EFFECT DETERMINATION FORM" FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME, DOCUMENTING THE DFG'S DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND HABITAT, OR AN OFFICIAL, DATED RECEIPT / PROOF OF PAYMENT SHOWING PREVIOUS PAYMENT OF THE DFG FILING FEE FOR THE *SAME PROJECT IS ATTACHED (\$50.00 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE REQUIRED) | | |
| DOCUMENT TYPE: <input type="checkbox"/> ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE DECLARATION | \$ 50.00 | \$ <u>0.00</u> |

c. NOTICES THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO DFG FEES OR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NOTICE OF PREPARATION | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOTICE OF INTENT | NO FEE | \$ <u>NO FEE</u> |
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8. OTHER: _____ FEE (IF APPLICABLE): \$ _____

9. TOTAL RECEIVED..... \$ 0.00

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PLANNING DIVISION
CITY OF SUNNYVALE
P.O. BOX 3707
SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA 94088-3707

File Number: 2014-7414
No.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This form is provided as a notification of an intent to adopt a Negative Declaration which has been prepared in compliance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and Resolution #193-86.

PROJECT TITLE:

2015-2023 HOUSING ELEMENT (GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION (APN):

FILE #: 2014-7414
Location: City-wide
Proposed Project: City of Sunnyvale General Plan Amendment: 2015-2023 Housing Element Update
Applicant / Owner: City of Sunnyvale, Community Development Department

WHERE TO VIEW THIS DOCUMENT:

The **Negative Declaration**, its supporting documentation and details relating to the project are on file and available for review and comment in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Commission, City Hall, 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale.

This **Negative Declaration** may be protested in writing by any person prior to 5:00 p.m. on December 16, 2014. Protest shall be filed in the Department of Community Development, 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale and shall include a written statement specifying anticipated environmental effects which may be significant. A protest of a **Negative Declaration** will be considered by the adopting authority, whose action on the protest may be appealed.

HEARING INFORMATION:

A public hearing on the project is scheduled for:

Planning Commission Hearing on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.; and
City Council Hearing on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.,
Council Chambers, City Hall, 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale.

TOXIC SITE INFORMATION:

(No) listed toxic sites are present at the project location.

Circulated On November 21, 2014

Signed: 
Trudi Ryan, Planning Officer

California Environmental Quality Act Initial Study

Project Title:	City of Sunnyvale General Plan Amendment: 2015-2023 Housing Element Update
Lead Agency Name and Address:	City of Sunnyvale 456 W. Olive Ave, P.O. Box 3707, Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3707
Contact Person:	Amber El-Hajj, Senior Planner
Phone Number:	408-730-2723
Project Location:	City of Sunnyvale, City-wide
Applicant's Name:	City of Sunnyvale
Zoning:	City-wide policy document
General Plan:	City-wide policy document
Other Public Agencies whose approval is required:	California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

Description of the Project:

The Project consists of an amendment to the City of Sunnyvale General Plan to update the housing element pursuant to California Government Code Section 65588. Sunnyvale's housing element, previously entitled the *Housing and Community Revitalization Element* and now retitled the 2015-2023 Housing Element, is part of the Community Development Chapter of the Sunnyvale General Plan. The Housing Element is solely a policy document and does not modify the zoning or land-use designations of any land within the city, nor does it modify the land use element of the General Plan or the City's Zoning Ordinance. It does not provide discretionary approval of any development project within the City. Any development or other action anticipated under the Housing Element is either already allowed under the current zoning and General Plan, or would require additional CEQA review and discretionary land use approvals prior to any formal action.

The Housing Element identifies and assesses projected housing needs and provides an inventory of constraints and resources relevant to meeting those needs, as required under state law. Components of the Element include; identification of constraints to providing housing; an inventory of available sites for the provision of housing for all economic segments of the community; and a statement of goals, policies and programs for meeting the City's housing needs.

The Housing Element's goals focus on:

1. Preserving and improving housing and neighborhoods;
2. Maintaining adequate housing sites for its regional housing needs allocation (RHNA);
3. Assisting in the provision of affordable housing;
4. Removing governmental and other constraints to housing production and/or preservation; and
5. Promoting fair and equal housing opportunities.

The City of Sunnyvale has been allocated a share of regional housing needs (RHNA) by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) consisting of 5,452 new residential units for the 2015 - 2023 planning period. The Element describes how the City's current zoning designations provides adequate sites for 5,849 residential units on vacant or underutilized residential and commercial properties, as well as in the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) Area, the Industrial to Residential (ITR) Combining Districts, and along the El Camino Real Precise Plan Area. Therefore, Sunnyvale has sufficient zoned capacity to accommodate the overall RHNA allocation and there is no need to rezone any land to provide additional housing sites.

The Element includes policies and programs to eliminate constraints to the development of housing in the community and to facilitate and encourage the development of affordable housing options.

Analysis in this document is limited to the review of potential environmental impacts that may result from adoption of the Housing Element. The impacts of the currently zoned densities and capacities have been previously analyzed in several Environmental Impact Reports and other CEQA documents adopted previously by the City of Sunnyvale and listed in the Appendix to this Initial Study. The specific environmental effects of any proposed development will be evaluated to the extent required under CEQA prior to issuance of land use approvals for a particular project. Any potential impacts related to hazards (such as flood, geology and noise), resources, services or utilities, beyond those already assessed as part of the General Plan elements and Elements, would be site-specific, and the impacts would be analyzed in conjunction with the review of a particular project.

Surrounding Uses and Setting: N/A: General Plan Amendment: Housing Element Update. City-wide policy document; no physical development project proposed.

Figure 1 – Location Map (City of Sunnyvale)

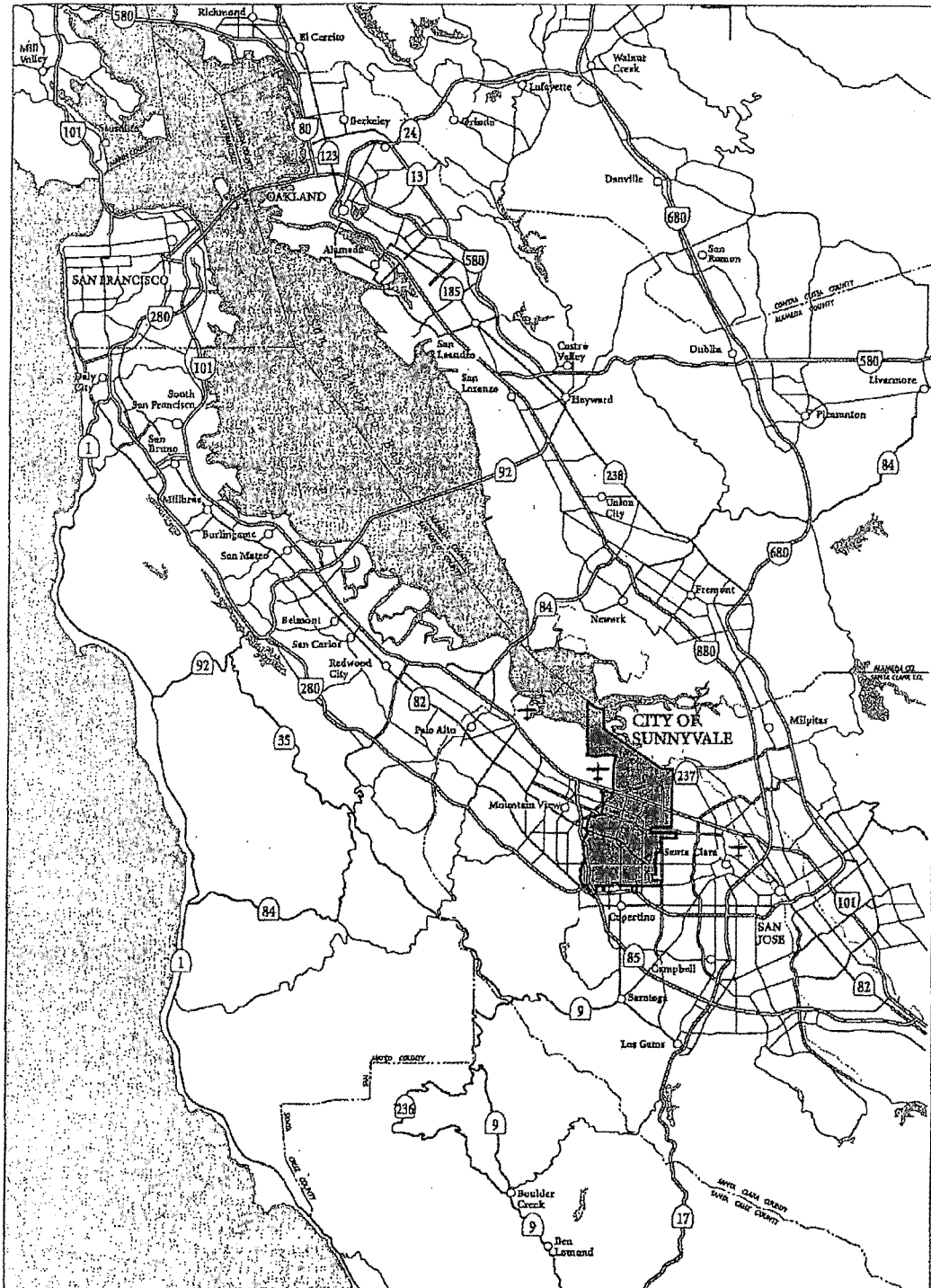


Figure 2 – Residential Opportunity Sites Inventory

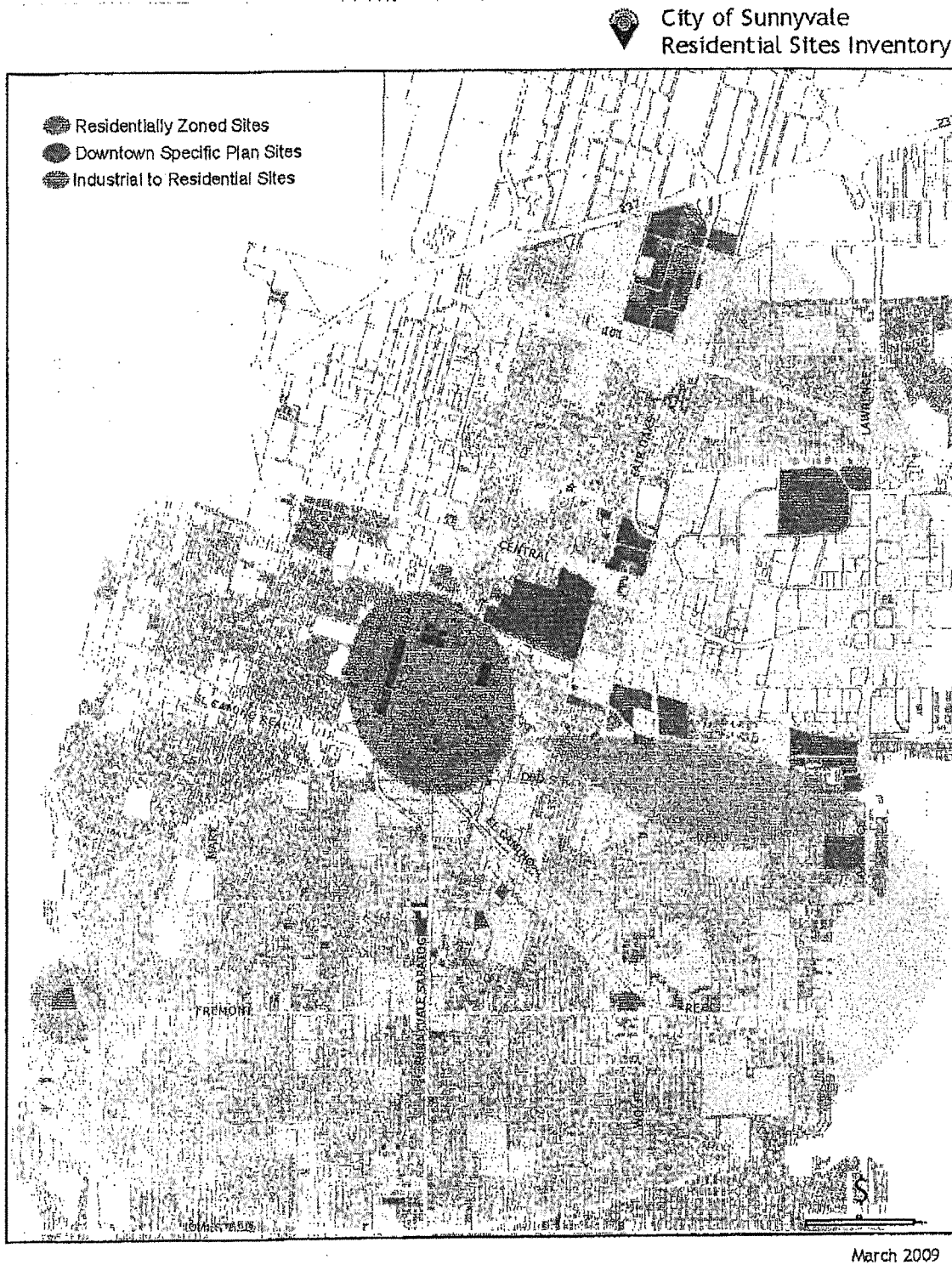


Figure 3 – Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) Area Map (City of Sunnyvale)

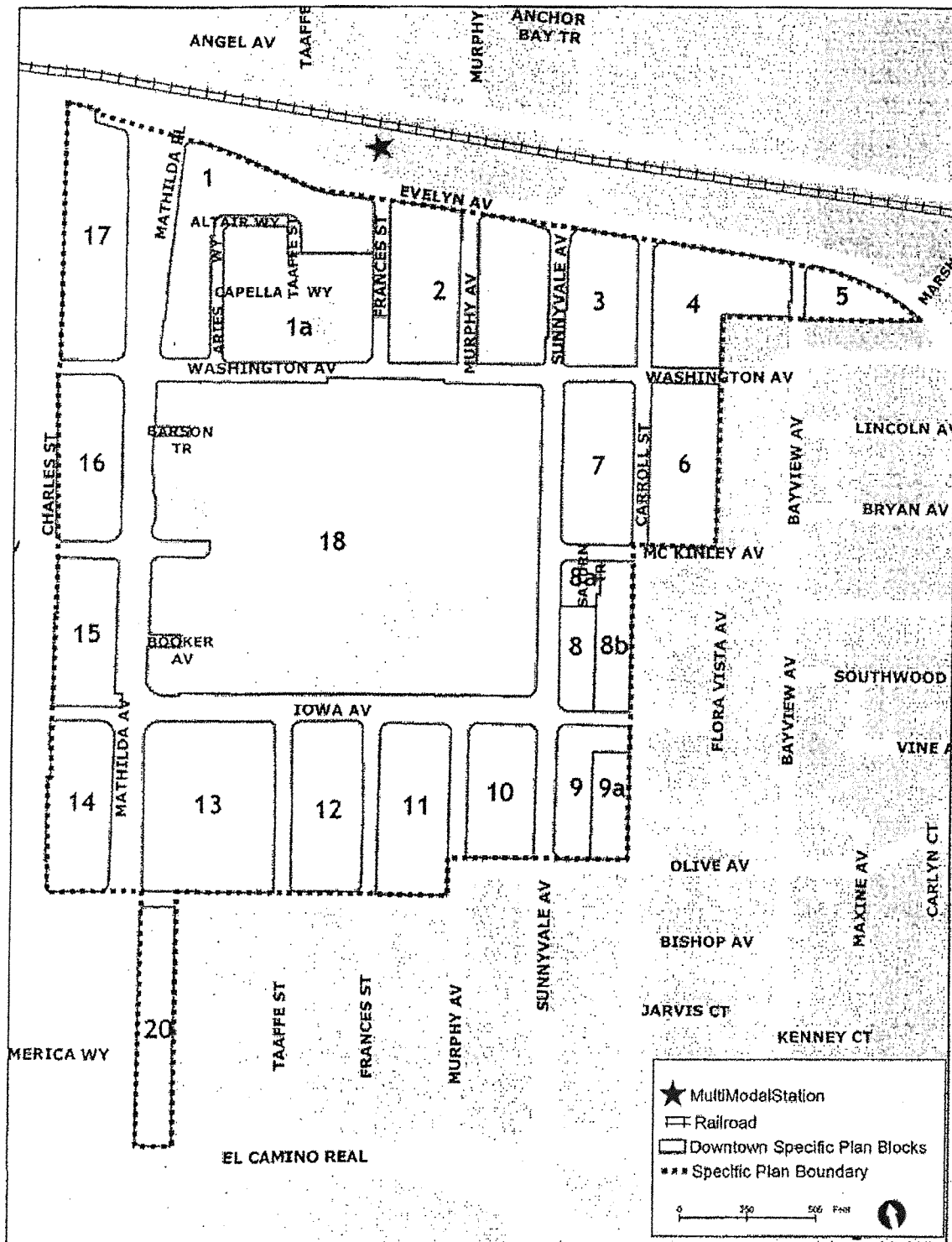
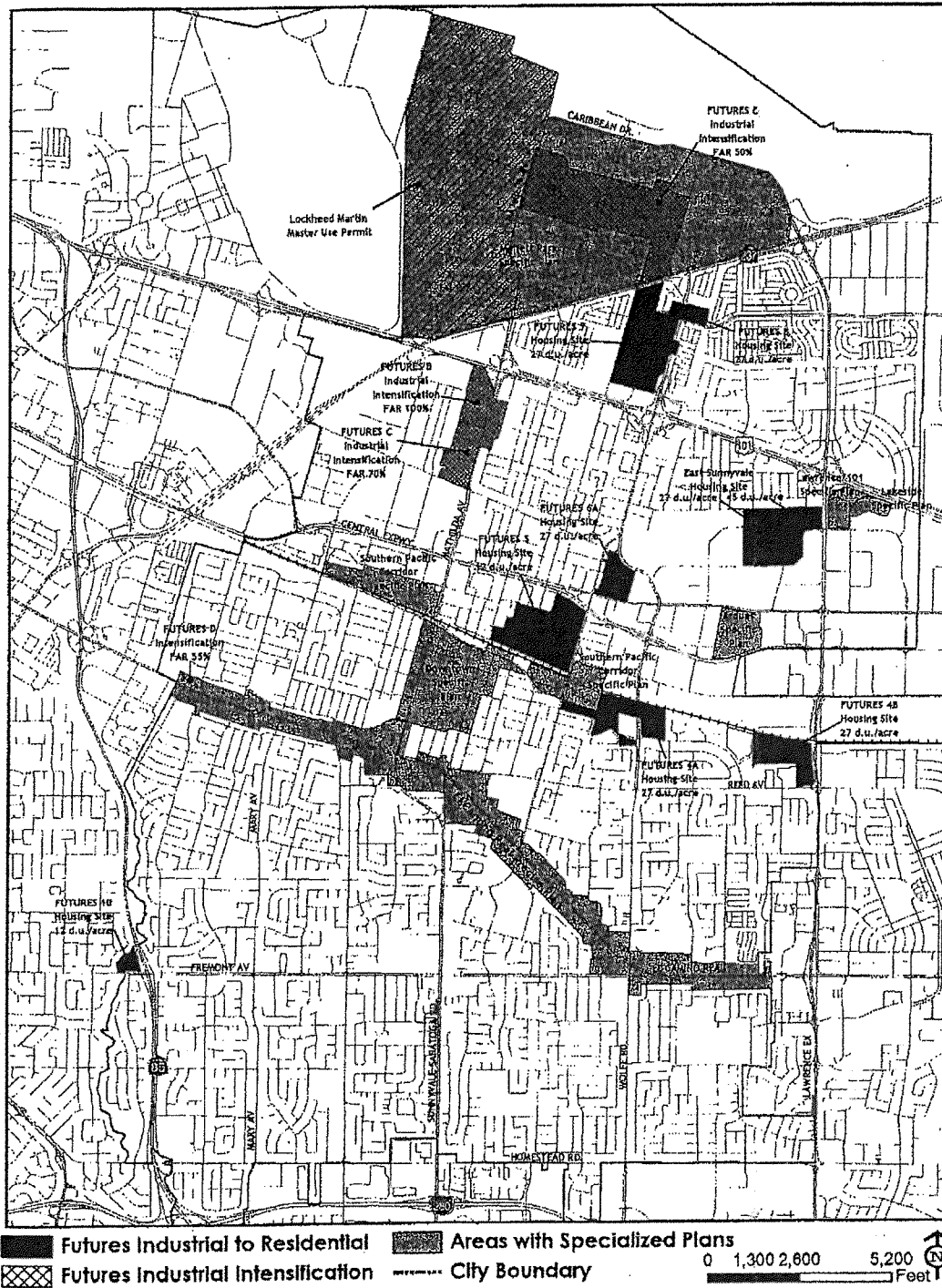


Figure 4 - Industrial to Residential (ITR) Combining Districts Map (City of Sunnyvale)



EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

1. A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g. the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g. the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
2. All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
3. Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
4. "Negative Declaration: Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section 17, "Earlier Analysis," may be cross-referenced).
5. Earlier analysis may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063 (c) (3) (d). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
6. Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
7. Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
8. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project
9. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g. general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities/Service Systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology/Soils | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing | |

MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE (see checklist for further information):

Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

☐ Yes
☒ No

Mandatory Findings of Significance? Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of the past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

☐ Yes
☒ No

Mandatory Findings of Significance? Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

☐ Yes
☒ No

DETERMINATION:

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

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I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

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I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

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I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potential significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect (1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

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I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

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Checklist Prepared By: Amber El-Hajj
Title: Senior Planner, City of Sunnyvale

Signature:

Amber El-Hajj

Date:

5/14/14

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	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Source
I. AESTHETICS: Would the project:					
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2iv, 3, 4
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2v
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2v, 2iv, 3, 4
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

No state scenic highways are located within the City of Sunnyvale; therefore, the Housing Element will have no impact on a scenic vista.

The Project does not allow development not already allowed under the City's current zoning and land use designations, therefore no change to the physical environment is caused by the Project. The Land Use and Transportation and Community Development elements of the General Plan, in conjunction with adopted Design Guidelines require all new developments to be of high quality and compatible with their surroundings.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Source
II. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment Project; and the forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:					
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2v, 4
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2v, 4
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2v, 4

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d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2v, 4
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2v, 4

Currently there is no land zoned for agriculture within the City, nor any commercially-viable farmland, therefore the project will have no impact on agricultural resources.

Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Source
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III. AIR QUALITY: Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2i
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2i
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non- attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2i
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2i
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

The City of Sunnyvale is located in the San Francisco Air Basin, and is part of the nine-county Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD). Air quality goals and policies are noted in the City's Air Quality Element of the General Plan. The CEQA Guidelines prepared by BAAQMD are used to establish the significance criteria to judge the impacts caused by the Project.

Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Source
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IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Would the project:

a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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The Project does not impact Biological Resources as it does not involve any physical development that is not already permitted under current city land use designations and zoning. There are no federally protected wetlands, wildlife movement corridor or mitigation corridor impacted by existing areas zoned for residential use. Therefore, adoption of the Housing Element will not have any impact on biological resources.

Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Source
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V. CULTURAL RESOURCES: Would the project:

a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2iv
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b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2iv
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c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2iv
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d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2iv
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Sunnyvale has a number of local Landmarks and Cultural Resource structures as noted in the Heritage Preservation Element (1995), however, according to the City's *Cultural Resources Inventory*, there are no architecturally or historically significant structures, landmarks or points of interest that are known that would be affected by development of the housing sites inventoried in the Housing Element. There are no recorded archeological sites in Sunnyvale listed or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historic Places. Future development sites will be evaluated for archeological and cultural impacts if located in areas of the City near past sites or where geographical and soil studies indicate resources may be evident.

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VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS: Would the project:					
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:					
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2x
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2x, 15
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2x
iv) Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2x
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2x, 2xiv
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2x, 15
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2x, 15
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2x, 15

The City's Safety and Seismic Safety Element (2008), as part of the General Plan, includes information on the geological hazards that are present in Sunnyvale. While no Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Faults have been designated in the City, seismically, the City sits between two active earthquake fault systems, the San Andreas to the west, and the Hayward/Calaveras to the east. The Safety and Seismic Safety Element includes several policies and programs to address potential geologic hazards.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Source
VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS: Would the project:					
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

The Project does not include any physical modifications to land or any new designation of land for housing purposes; therefore, it will not cause any impacts associated with greenhouse gas emissions.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Source
VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Would the project:					
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2x
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2x
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12, 13
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3, 4
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3, 4
g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3, 4

As described in the 2008 Safety and Seismic Element and the 1997 Land Use and Transportation Element, the City has many programs and ordinances in place related to hazardous materials. In 2001, the California Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) certified the City as a "Unified Program" allowing for the local enforcement of State codes governing hazardous materials storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous wastes and emergency planning for releases at high hazard facilities. The City's Department of Public Safety implements comprehensive environmental regulatory programs which includes permitting, inspection, enforcement and educational elements.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Source
IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY: Would the project:					
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2xv
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2xvi
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2xvi, 3, 4
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2xvi, 3, 4
e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2xvi
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2xvi
g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15, 16
h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15, 16
i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15, 16
j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

The Environmental Management Element of the City's General Plan addresses hydrology and water quality, specifically the Water Resources Element, the Wastewater Management Element and the Surface Runoff Element. The City has adopted specific thresholds to analyze potential storm water and erosion impacts and requires construction activities to comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), as described in the Surface Runoff Element. The City is not located within a groundwater storage or recharge area, and due to its mostly inland location, with just a very small strip of waterfront on the southern interior of the Bay, is not subject to seiches or tsunamis. The Surface Runoff Element analyses the impacts of development in areas which are located within a 100-year flood hazard area.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Source
X. LAND USE AND PLANNING: Would the project:					
a) Physically divide an established community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3, 4
b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2v, 3, 4
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

The City of Sunnyvale is essentially built out. The City's land use pattern was established primarily during the post-way era (1950's), with virtually all of the remaining orchards developed into housing by the late 1980's. The City consists of large neighborhoods of single-family and multi-family housing, primarily in the southern part of town, as well as large commercial and industrial zones, primarily in the northern part of the City, along the Bay and Moffett Air Field. Several major highways and expressways, as well as the Caltrain railroad right-of-way, divide the City into various segments, such as Highway 101, 280, 85, 237, 82 (El Camino Real), Lawrence and Central Expressways. Sunnyvale does not have any habitat conservation plans or natural community conservation plans.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Source
XI. MINERAL RESOURCES: Would the project:					
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

The City does not have any sites of known mineral resources of value to the region or the state, or identified on any local land use plans. No sites used for the production of mineral resources would be impacted by the Project; therefore, it will not have a negative impact on mineral resources.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Source
XII. NOISE: Would the project result in:					
a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2viii

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b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2viii
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2viii
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2viii
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2viii, 3, 4
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2viii, 3, 4

Sunnyvale has a Noise Element (1997) that provides acceptable ranges of noise levels, and guidelines, regulations and policies designed to limit noise exposure at noise sensitive land uses. Sources of high noise currently impacting the City are the transportation hubs and corridors: highways, the Moffett Federal Airfield, the Caltrain Corridor and San Jose International Airport. High noise exposure areas are those that are impacted by noise above levels of 75 dBA Ldn. Noise-sensitive land uses, including residences and schools, are considered incompatible with high noise exposure areas, and are discouraged. Any new residences in these high noise areas must be designed to prevent the intrusion of exterior noises and must also be compatible with the County of Santa Clara's Comprehensive Land Use Plan for Moffett Federal Airfield.

The Noise Element determines that acceptable interior noise levels for single family homes close to major roadways is 60-75 dBA Ldn. As per the Noise Element, current and forecasted noise levels for Moffett Federal Airfield and San Jose International Airport are below state limits, and none of the opportunity sites identified in the Housing Element are located within the high exposure area.

The opportunity sites identified in the Downtown Specific Plan are closest to the Caltrain Station. The Noise Element as well as the Downtown Improvement Program EIR and the Future Study EIR have done previous analyses on acceptable noise levels, and their corresponding mitigations for the community.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Source
XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING: Would the project:					
a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2v, 3, 4
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2v, 3, 4
c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2v, 3, 4

The Project consists of adoption of a policy document that identifies and assesses projected housing needs and provides an inventory of currently available sites. It does not include any land use changes, rezoning or development approvals. The intent of the Project is to show how the City can accommodate the very modest population growth rate of 1.1 percent per year projected by the ABAG to occur due to regional demographic trends (i.e. with or without the Project).

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Source
XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES:					
a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2ii, 2vi, 2vii, 2ix
Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2iii
Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2vi
Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2ix
Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

The General Plan and Municipal Code set forth a mechanism for developers of residential and various commercial and industrial projects to pay development impact fees to fund public services and/or facilities, such as parks, and other infrastructure. The public school system is funded primarily with school impact fees and property taxes, which are collected at the time of construction, and upon annual payment of property taxes.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Source
XV. RECREATION:					
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2ix
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2ix

The City's municipal parks and recreational facilities are distributed throughout the City. Projected future requirements for parks and recreation facilities and open space in the City have been described in the Land Use and Transportation Element and the Open Space and Recreation Element. These elements provide standards and processes for provision of the open space and recreational facilities to be for the community as future development allowed under the General Plan occurs. The City collects park in-lieu fees as part of a new residential development unless park land is dedicated.

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XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC: Would the project:					
a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2v
b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2v
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2v
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2iii, 2v, 18
f) Conflict with adopted policies, plans or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2v

The City's Land Use and Transportation Element describes the linkages between the different land uses in the City through its transportation network, and includes policies requiring new development to pay for the cost of transportation infrastructure improvements. The potential traffic and transportation impacts of new development accommodated by the current General Plan have been analyzed, and system mitigations identified by the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Land Use and Transportation Element, the EIR's for the Downtown Specific Plan Area and the Future ITS Sites areas.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Source
XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS: Would the project:					
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2xv
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2xv

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c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2xvi
e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2xv
f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2xii
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2xii

The Santa Clara Valley Water District, Pacific Gas and Electric and the Sunnyvale Department of Public Works provide utility services to the City. In planning for future growth these departments and districts have utilized the effective residential build out of the City described in the existing Land Use and Transportation Element.

Public utility capacities are also analyzed in the Wastewater Management Element, Solid Waste Management Element and the Water Resources Element and these documents confirm that there is sufficient capacity in these systems to service the amount of new development allowed under the General Plan. The Land Use and Transportation Element requires new development to be consistent with the capacities of the utility systems.

Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Source
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XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

As described throughout this document, the Project consists of an update to the Housing Element of the City of Sunnyvale General Plan for the 2015 - 2023 planning period, pursuant to California Government Code Section 65588. The Housing Element is a policy document that describes the City's share of regional housing needs, as projected by the State, and provides an inventory of existing residential sites and other resources currently available to meet these needs.

ABAG has determined the City of Sunnyvale's share of regional housing need (RHNA) to be 5,452 housing units for the 2015 - 2023 planning period. The Housing Element describes how the City's current zoning and land use designations have existing capacity to accommodate these units on underutilized or vacant sites in various zones which currently allow residential and/or mixed use development.

The Housing Element does not change the City's current land use designations or zoning, and does not allow or require any additional residential development beyond that currently allowed. It simply describes the sites that are currently available for development. Any potential site-specific environmental impacts of particular development proposals mentioned or anticipated in the Element are evaluated when those projects are proposed and reviewed for permitting purposes, and mitigation measures are required when needed. Therefore, adoption of the Housing Element will not degrade the quality of the environment, result in cumulatively considerable impacts or cause substantial adverse effects on human beings.

Initial Study Sources: These documents are available at the City of Sunnyvale Planning Division

1. The City of Sunnyvale General Plan, "Draft 2015-2023 Housing Element" prepared for HCD review.
2. City of Sunnyvale General Plan Elements:
 - i. Air Quality
 - ii. Community Design
 - iii. Fire Services
 - iv. Heritage Preservation
 - v. Land Use and Transportation
 - vi. Law Enforcement
 - vii. Library
 - viii. Noise
 - ix. Open Space and Recreation
 - x. Safety and Seismic Safety
 - xi. Socio-Economic
 - xii. Solid Waste Management
 - xiii. Support Services
 - xiv. Surface Runoff
 - xv. Wastewater Management
 - xvi. Water Resources
3. City of Sunnyvale "General Plan Land Use Map," Sunnyvale, CA
4. City of Sunnyvale "Zoning Map," Sunnyvale, CA
5. City of Sunnyvale "Downtown Specific Plan"
6. City of Sunnyvale, Final Environmental Impact Report for the Downtown Improvement Program
7. City of Sunnyvale, Final Environmental Impact Report for Sunnyvale Future Study
8. City of Sunnyvale, East Sunnyvale ITR Project Environmental Impact Report
9. City of Sunnyvale, Cultural Resources Inventory List
10. City of Sunnyvale, Heritage Landmark Designation List
11. City of Sunnyvale, Santa Clara County Heritage Resource Inventory
12. City of Sunnyvale, Hazardous Waste & Substances Sites List (State of California)
13. City of Sunnyvale, List of Known Contaminants in Sunnyvale
14. State of California, Department of Conservation California Geological Survey, Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone website: www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/rghm/ap/Pages/Index.aspx
15. California Building Code
16. FEMA Maps
17. Title 19 Sunnyvale Municipal Code Zoning
18. Title 16 Sunnyvale Municipal Code Buildings and Construction