

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement has reviewed the proposed project described below to determine whether it could have a significant effect on the environment as a result of project completion. "Significant effect on the environment" means a substantial or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance.

NAME OF PROJECT: Bridge Housing Communities Project

PROJECT FILE NUMBER: PP18-081

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A State of California legislative initiated program to adopt by ordinance reasonable local standards for the design, site development, and operation of emergency Bridge Housing Communities (BHC) and the structures and facilities therein, to the extent that it is determined at the time of adoption that strict compliance with State and local standards or laws in existence at the time of that adoption would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the shelter crisis. In addition, by State law, BHC sites are not required to be consistent with the City's land use regulations (i.e., General Plan and zoning designations). AB 2176 sunsets on January 1, 2022.

The City proposes to adopt a new ordinance for BHC (BHC Ordinance). The proposed project is the BHC Ordinance and two potential BHC sites. The conditions and mitigation measures that are typically used to mitigate environmental impacts to a less than significant impact are included in the Conditions and Provisions of the BHC Ordinance.

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide, San José; BHC sites at (1) Santa Clara Valley Transportation

Authority (VTA) Staging Site, located across from the San José Flea Market on Mabury Road, and (2) Felipe Site, located at the southwest quadrant of the I-280/I-680/HW 101 interchange

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION: Director of Housing, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San José, (408) 535-3860

FINDING

The Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement finds the project described above will not have a significant effect on the environment in that the attached initial study identifies one or more potentially significant effects on the environment for which the project applicant, before public release of this draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, has made or agrees to make project revisions that clearly reduce the effects to a less than significant level.

NO MITIGATION MEASURES ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT TO REDUCE POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS TO A LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT LEVEL

The conditions and mitigation measures that are typically used to mitigate environmental impacts to a less than significant impact are included in the Conditions and Provisions of the BHC Ordinance.

- A. **AESTHETICS** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- B. **AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- C. **AIR QUALITY** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- D. **BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- E. **CULTURAL RESOURCES** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- F. **GEOLOGY AND SOILS** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- G. **GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- H. **HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- I. **HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- J. **LAND USE AND PLANNING** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- K. **MINERAL RESOURCES** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- L. **NOISE** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- M. **POPULATION AND HOUSING** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- N. **PUBLIC SERVICES** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- O. **RECREATION** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- P. **TRANSPORTATION / TRAFFIC** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- Q. **UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.

R. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The project will not substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, be cumulatively considerable, or have a substantial adverse effect on human beings, therefore no mitigation is required. Standard measures included in the proposed BHC Ordinance will reduce any potential impacts to a less than significant level.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

Before 5:00 p.m. on **November 8, 2018** any person may:

1. Review the Draft Negative Declaration (ND) as an informational document only; or
2. Submit written comments regarding the information and analysis in the Draft ND. Before the ND is adopted, Planning staff will prepare written responses to any comments, and revise the Draft ND, if necessary, to reflect any concerns raised during the public review period. All written comments will be included as part of the Final ND.

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