

NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF GLENDALE

GENERAL PLAN SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE

Case No. PGPA2119840

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council regarding proposed amendments to the Glendale General Plan Safety Element. In compliance with recent State legislation (SB 1035, SB 1241, SB 99, AB 747, and AB 1409), the City is revising its 2003 Safety Element to include updated information on natural hazards such as wildfires and floods, as well as evacuation and emergency preparedness and response. The Draft 2025 Safety Element Update also addresses recent State Law (SB 379) requiring the Safety Element to identify how these and other hazards in Glendale are exacerbated by climate change, and what populations, locations, and community features are particularly vulnerable to climate hazards and changing climate conditions. The Draft 2025 Update includes two new appendices: a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment (Appendix B) and an Evacuation Analysis (Appendix C).

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), staff has determined, and will recommend that the Planning Commission and the City Council find, that these proposed amendments contained in the subject Ordinance are exempt from CEQA.

In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, the proposed General Plan Safety Element update has been determined to be an exempt project pursuant to Section 15060(c)(2) in that the proposed amendments, which are primarily limited to policy modifications and updates in compliance with Government Code Section 65302(g)(1) through (g)(9) related to climate change, evacuations and wildfire risks, are not anticipated to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, nor will the proposed changes have the potential for causing significant effect on the environment.

Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (b) and (f), the proposed amendments involve minor alterations to "Existing Facilities", specifically, publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utilities. The actions also involve minor alterations to "Existing Facilities" for the addition of safety or health protection devices, either during construction or in conjunction with existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, including navigational devices.

The 2025 Safety Element Update is further anticipated to result in the reduction of potential short-and long-term community risks resulting from fires, floods, droughts, earthquakes, landslides, climate change, and other related hazards. The Project is exempt from CEQA for the reasons outlined in the State CEQA Guideline sections cited above.

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION: The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing in the Municipal Services Building, Hearing Room, 633 East Broadway, Room 105, Glendale, on **MARCH 5, 2025**, at or after the hour of 5:00 p.m. The Planning Commission will be asked to make a recommendation to the City Council concerning the 2025 Safety Element Update.

The meeting can be viewed on Charter Cable Channel 6 or streamed online at: <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/management-services/gtv6/live-video-stream>

For public comments and questions during the meeting call 818-937-8100. City staff will be submitting these questions and comments in real time to the appropriate person during the City Council meeting.

Information on the 2025 Safety Element Update can be obtained on the City's websites at <https://www.glendaleplan.com/safety-element> and <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/community-development/planning/city-wide-plans/safety-element>.

Copies of the materials will also be available for review prior to the scheduled Planning Commission hearing in the Community Development Department office, Room 103 of the Municipal Services Building, 633 East Broadway.

Staff reports are accessible prior to the meeting through hyperlinks in the 'Current and Upcoming Meetings' section. Website Address: www.GlendaleCA.gov/agendas

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: If you desire more information, please contact Vilija Zemaitaitis, Deputy Director of Long Range Planning, in the Community Development Department at 818-548-2140 or via email at vzemaitaitis@glendaleca.gov.

Any person having an interest in the subject project may participate in the hearing, by phone as outlined above, and may be heard in support of his/her opinion. Any person protesting may file a duly signed and acknowledged written protest with the Director of Community Development not later than the hour set for public hearing before the Planning Commission. "Acknowledged" shall mean a declaration of property ownership (or occupant if not owner) under penalty of perjury. If you challenge the decision of this 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 City of Glendale, at or prior to the public hearing. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, please notify the Community Development Department at least 48 hours (or two business days) for requests regarding sign language translation and Braille transcription services.

Dr. Suzie Abajian, The City Clerk of the City of Glendale