



County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 2003-2008 HOUSING ELEMENT FOCUSED REZONE PROGRAM

Project Description: The Santa Barbara County Planning and Development Department, Office of Long Range Planning, serving as Lead Agency, has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed 2003-2008 Housing Element Focused Rezone Program. The 2003-2008 Housing Element Focused Rezone Program proposes to amend the existing zoning for two sites to accommodate a minimum of 370 units of multifamily housing. Portions of two sites identified in the Orcutt Community Plan as Key Site 3 and 30 can accommodate 372 units of affordable multifamily housing on a combined 18.6 acres. Five sites located in Orcutt and Vandenberg Village/Mission Hills will be analyzed as alternatives. This program is being proposed in order to comply with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (State HCD) requirements to demonstrate the capacity to provide additional affordable housing opportunities and is necessary to maintain certification of the 2003-2008 Housing Element.

PROJECT LOCATION: Santa Barbara County, Unincorporated Orcutt and Lompoc Areas.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT: Santa Barbara County Planning and Development, Office of Long Range Planning, is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis and proposed mitigation measures described in the 2003-2008 Housing Element Focused Rezone Program DEIR. You may comment by providing testimony at the **public hearing on September 3, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room at 511 Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria** and/or submitting written comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on **September 19, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.**

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: The Office of Long Range Planning has prepared an EIR for the proposed project due to the potential for unavoidable, significant adverse effects resulting from project implementation. Significant effects on the environment are anticipated in the following areas: **Land Use, Public Services, Traffic and Circulation, Biological Resources, Air Quality, Fire Hazards, Noise, Water, Cultural Resources, Visual and Aesthetic Resources.**

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The document may be obtained at the Planning & Development office located at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, the Lompoc Public Library at 501 E. North Avenue in Lompoc, and the Santa Maria Public Library located at 420 South Broadway Avenue in Santa Maria. Copies of the Housing Element Focused Rezone Program Draft EIR are also available for review at our website:

<http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/programs/housing/housing2003.php>

HOW TO COMMENT: Written comments should be sent to: Office of Long Range Planning, Attn: Joy Hufschmid, 30 E. Figueroa St. 2nd Floor, Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2010, Email: Jhufsch@co.santa-barbara.ca.us FAX: (805) 568-2076. For more information or to receive a copy of the document, please contact Joy Hufschmid at (805) 568-3373.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact Hearing Support Staff (805) 568-2000. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable Hearing Support Staff to make reasonable arrangements.

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