



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The City of Benicia proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed project:

**Project:** Housing Element Update 2015-2023, Public Hearing Draft

**Location:** Citywide

**Lead Agency:** City of Benicia

**Description:** The project is to update the Housing Element of the City of Benicia General Plan as required by Government Code Sections 65580-65589.8 for the 2015-2023 Housing Element cycle. The Housing Element is a comprehensive statement by the City describing the housing needs of Benicia and how the City's plans, policies, programs and regulations facilitate the development, improvement and preservation of housing for all economic segments of the community.

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the *Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970* (hereinafter referred to as CEQA), as amended to date, this is to advise you that the City of Benicia has prepared an Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the Public Draft Housing Element Update, 2015-2023. The proposed project could not have a significant effect on the environment.

**Comment Period:** The comment period begins Friday, August 29, 2014. Written comments on the proposed Negative Declaration will be accepted until 5 p.m. Monday, September 29, 2014.

**Scheduled Public Hearings:** The Planning Commission will consider the proposed negative declaration before making its recommendation to the City Council on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 7:00 PM inside Council Chambers. The City Council will consider the proposed negative declaration before considering adoption of the Draft Housing Element, 2015-2023 on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM inside Council Chambers located at 250 East L Street in Benicia.

**Direct comments to:** City of Benicia Community Development Department  
Attn: Amy Million  
250 East L Street  
Benicia, CA 94510

**Project Application Review:** Two copies of the Public Hearing Draft Housing Element Update 2015-2023, and the Initial Study and Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review at the Community Development Department located at 250 East L Street. Two copies are also available for review at the Benicia Public Library located at 150 East L Street. Electronic copies available on the City's website, [www.ci.benicia.ca.us](http://www.ci.benicia.ca.us). The Community Development Department is open Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), 8:30 AM – Noon and from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Technical staff is available from 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM and from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM. The phone number for the Planning Division is (707) 746-4280.

Dated: August 27, 2014