

**CITY OF RIDGECREST
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
& 30-DAY NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE
2023-2031 DRAFT GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT & FAIR HOUSING ANALYSIS**

**Location: City Council Chambers
100 West California Avenue, Ridgecrest, CA 93555**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest, California, will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at **6:00 P.M.** to review the Draft Housing Element and Fair Housing Analysis (HE & FHA), receive public comments, and forward the HE & FHA for review by the State Housing and Community Development Department. This Notice of Availability also provides the required 30-day Notice for public review of the HE & FHA.

The Housing Element, a part of the City's General Plan, is required to identify and analyze existing and projected housing needs in order to preserve, improve and develop housing for all economic segments of the community, thereby affirmatively furthering fair housing policies and programs.

The Draft Housing Element contains the City's housing policies, goals, and objectives for the planning period ending in 2031. In addition, the Housing Element also contains a fair housing analysis of fair housing enforcement, integration and segregation patterns and trends, racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty, disparities in access to opportunity, disproportionate housing needs in the city, and displacement risks. The Housing Element and the Fair Housing Analysis are available at the Planning Department, Public Library, and published on the City's website.

Public Participation in the preparation of the Housing Element is a very important component of the planning process. The 30-day notice of availability of the draft Housing Element and the Fair Housing Analysis provides the participants an opportunity to provide additional comments and participate in the plan-making process. The city (through its consultants) will answer any questions and record the public comments received at the meeting. A Spanish translator will be present at the meeting.

Any person with impairment pursuant to the American Disabilities Act ("ADA") who needs special accommodation for the Public Hearing or needs further information, please call the City Clerk at the number noted above. Any person unable to attend the meeting may submit written comments to the City of Ridgecrest, 100 West California Avenue, Ridgecrest, CA 93555, or by email at hspurlock@ridgecrest-ca.gov.