

**CITY OF RIDGECREST
NOTICE OF SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING
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 Planning Commission of the City of Ridgecrest, California, will conduct a Special Public Hearing on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. to review the Draft Housing Element and Fair Housing Analysis (HE & FHA), receive public comments, and forward the documents for review by the City Council.

A 30-day Notice of Availability and Public Review of the Draft HE &FHA and a Notice of Public Hearing on September 20, 2023 by the City Council will be published, separately.

The Planning Commission conducted a Scoping Session on February 28, 2023, at 6:00 P.M., and a Special Public Workshop on the matter on May 8, 2023, at 5:00 P.M., at city hall council chambers, during which time the housing and fair housing issues were discussed and public comments were received.

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.

The city (through its consultants) will present the drafts, 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.