

Resolution 10-20-2025-C

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA

ADOPTING THE 2024-2029 CITY OF SONORA HOUSING ELEMENT OF THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN AND AN INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

WHEREAS, the City's 2019-2024 Housing Element was adopted in 2019, and State housing law requires the City to update the Housing Element every 5 years; and,

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2024, the City Council convened a Housing Element Update Open House meeting to introduce the public to the Housing Element update process and to initiate the public outreach process to assist in the identification of housing issues in the City; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the City conducted additional stakeholder meetings. The additional engagement included a number of targeted stakeholder interviews focusing on lower-income households, special needs housing, and service providers; and

WHEREAS, The City of Sonora Community Development Department submitted the draft 2024-2029 Housing Element to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for its 60-day review; and

WHEREAS, The City received comments on the draft element from the State Department of Housing and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, the City revised the draft element, made the document available for public review and provided the modified Housing Element to HCD responding to their comments; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2025, the State Department of Housing and Community Development determined the City of Sonora's 2024-2029 Housing Element met the statutory requirements of State housing element law subject to rezoning and final adoption by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined, based upon the Initial Study/Negative Declaration prepared for the 2024-2029 Housing Element that the Housing Element will not result in the need to change any land use designations in the City, or create new policies, programs or objectives that may result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment, and that the Initial Study and Negative Declaration is the appropriate level of environmental review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Guidelines; and,

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2025, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the final Housing Element, and by a 5-0 vote, recommended the City Council adopt the Initial Study and Negative Declaration as the appropriate level of environmental review and adopt the Final Draft 2024-2029 Housing Element; and,

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2025, the City Council conducted a public hearing on the final 2024-2029, Housing Element; and

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WHEREAS, the final 2024-2029 Housing Element was prepared in compliance with California Government Code Section 65580 et. seq., and is consistent with the City’s General Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SONORA CITY COUNCIL HEREBY ADOPTS the 2024-2029 Housing Element attached herewith and incorporated by reference.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED as a Resolution by the Sonora City Council at a meeting held by the City Council on the 20th day of October, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAINING: _____

Dated: _____

Ann Segerstrom, Mayor, City of Sonora

ATTEST: _____
Tracy Skelly, City Clerk, City of Sonora