

# 1 Introduction

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In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15088, the City of Pleasant Hill has evaluated the comments received on the Pleasant Hill General Plan Update Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The responses to the comments and errata, which are included in this document – together with the Draft EIR, the Draft EIR appendices, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program – form the Final EIR for use by the City of Pleasant Hill in its review.

This document is organized into three chapters:

- **Chapter 1 – Introduction.**
- **Chapter 2 – Responses to Comments.** Provides a list of the agencies, organizations, and individuals who provided written comments on the Draft EIR. Copies of all of the letters received regarding the Draft EIR and responses thereto are included in this section.
- **Chapter 3 – Errata.** Lists refinements to and clarifications on the Draft EIR.

The Final EIR includes the following contents:

- Draft EIR (provided under separate cover)
- Draft EIR appendices (provided under separate cover)
- Responses to Comments on the Draft EIR and Errata (Chapters 2 and 3 of this document)
- Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (provided under separate cover)

## 1.1 Environmental Review Process

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), lead agencies are required to consult with public agencies having jurisdiction over a proposed project and to provide the general public with an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIR.

The City of Pleasant Hill distributed a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of the Program EIR for a 31-day agency and public review period commencing July 7, 2022 and public comment closed on August 8, 2022. In addition, the City held a virtual Scoping Meeting on July 26, 2022. The meeting was aimed at providing information about the proposed project to members of public agencies, interested stakeholders and residents/community members, and at receiving comments on the scope and content of the EIR. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held virtually, through an online meeting platform and a call-in number.

The Draft EIR was made available for public review for a 45-day comment period that began on January 30, 2023, and ended on March 15, 2023. The Notice of Availability of a Draft EIR was posted with the County Clerk, sent to the State Clearinghouse, and posted on the City's website.

The City received written comment letters on the Draft EIR from four agencies, one organization, and five individual commenters. Copies of written comments are included in Chapter 2 of this document.

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