

INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles, Health and Wellness Element of the General Plan

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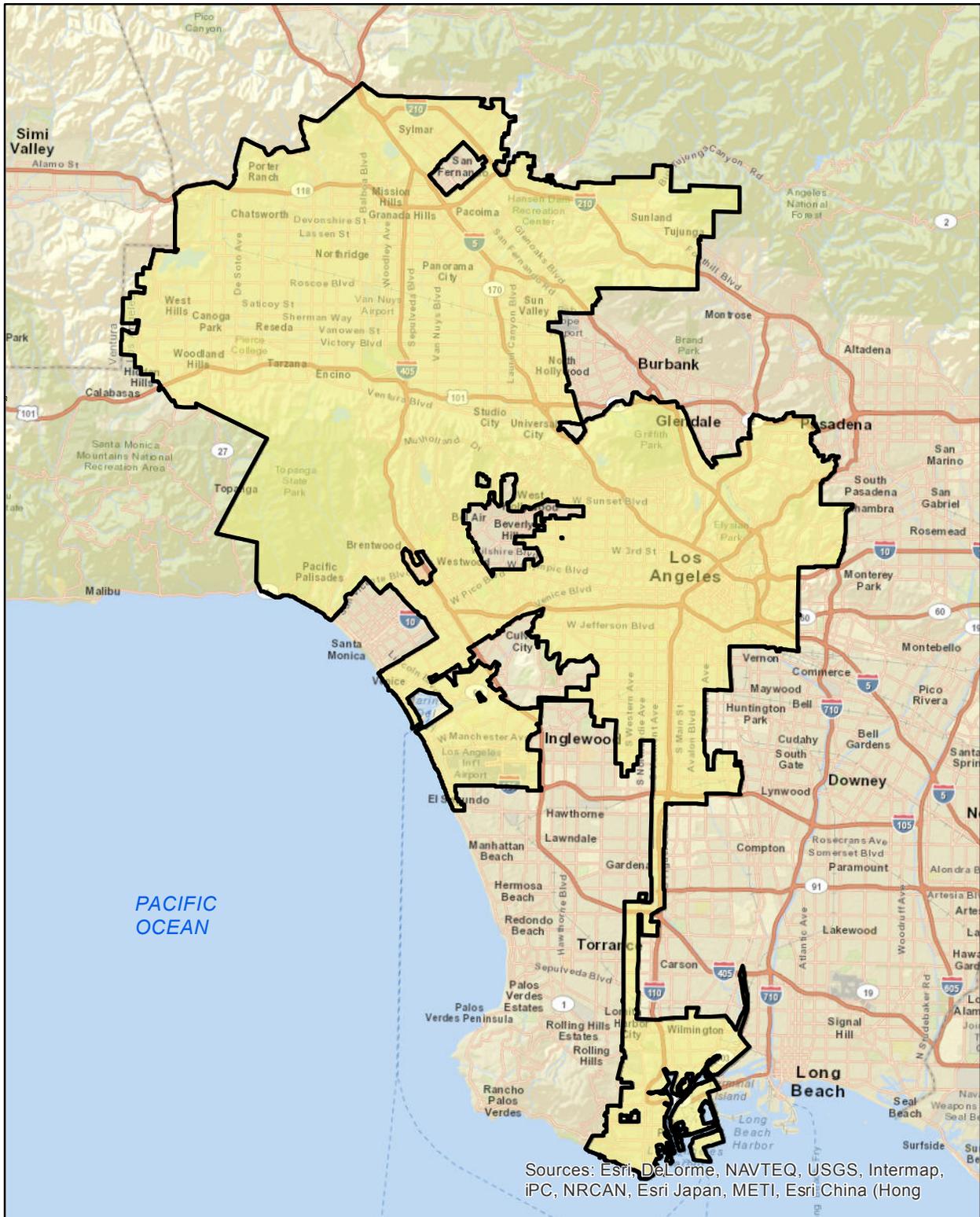
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The Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles, Health and Wellness Element of the General Plan (herein referred to as 'Health and Wellness Element' or 'Element') is a new element of the General Plan that lays the foundation to create healthier communities for all residents and builds on and complements current policies in the General Plan that address access to open space, healthy housing, active transportation, public safety, and clean air. The Element is designed to heighten awareness of the City's existing health-related policies and programs and create a roadmap for expanding the City's commitment to healthy communities. New policies created by the Health and Wellness Element focus on filling in policy gaps, particularly in instances where existing policies do not include health-driven goals or created unintended health inequities.

The Health and Wellness Element is a policy document. It does not propose any site-specific development, designs, or proposals, or grant any entitlements for development that would potentially alter the land use patterns or result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) has been prepared to assess the environmental impacts of adoption and implementation of the Element. CEQA requires





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 City of Los Angeles Boundaries

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City of Los Angeles Map

Figure 1

the analysis of physical impacts on the environment. As such, the impact analysis focuses on the policies and implementation programs identified in the Element and whether they would result in physical environmental impacts. The Element would not result in any environmental impacts. This Element does not require or permit any action that would have an impact on the environment.

An implementation program is a coordinated series of actions that the City hopes to take in the future that are broadly intended to advance, over the long term, the General Plan's goals, policies, and objectives. An implementation program is thus a follow-up measure and Chapter 8 is a menu of such programs the City may consider pursuing. Taken as a whole, these programs represent the City's best thinking today on what actions should be taken to make sure that the Plan's aspirations are achieved. Many of these programs can be pursued through initiatives already underway, such as the current effort to rewrite the City's zoning code. Other programs require the securing of additional resources. As such, the precise programs that the City may pursue, in which order, and when, will in part be opportunity-driven, dependent on the availability of funding, staffing, and other necessary resources.

It is important to emphasize that none of the programs described in Chapter 8 represent a mandatory duty or other official obligation on the part of the City. On the contrary, priorities and perspectives continually evolve. New techniques and superior methods to achieve the Plan's aspirations may be identified. As such, the program strategies the City may pursue are subject to change. The City thus retains the discretion to make adjustments and modifications in its approach, and may do so without formally amending the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles.

Health and Wellness Element Goals and Policies

As an element of the General Plan, the Health and Wellness Element provides high-level goals and policy vision along with objectives and implementation programs to elevate health as a priority for the City's future growth and development. The Health and Wellness Element includes the following seven goals:

1. Los Angeles, a Leader in Health and Equity
2. A City Built for Health
3. Bountiful Parks and Open Spaces
4. Food that Nourishes the Body, Soul, and Environment
5. An Environment Where Life Thrives
6. Lifelong Opportunities for Learning and Prosperity
7. Safe and Just Neighborhoods

The following sections provide an overview of each of these goals and list the corresponding policies. For brevity, the implementation programs have been summarized. Please refer to the Draft Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles, Health and Wellness Element of the General Plan for a complete list of implementation programs.



a. Los Angeles, a Leader in Health and Equity. Under this goal, the City, as a leader in health and equity, seeks to lead and collaborate with public, private, and nonprofit partners, with a focus on prevention and planning for health and will strive to respond to one of the most representative materializations of inequity in Los Angeles, poverty. The Element includes the following policies to assist in attainment of this goal:

- *1.1 Leadership: Position Los Angeles as a regional leader by collaborating across departments, agencies, sectors, and jurisdictions to incorporate health, equity, and sustainability considerations into policies, programs, and procedures.*
- *1.2 Collaboration: Develop intentional strategic partnerships with public, private, and nonprofit entities to improve health outcomes by leveraging capacity, resources, and programs around mutually beneficial initiatives that promote health, equity, and sustainability.*
- *1.3 Prevention: Promote healthy communities by focusing on prevention, interventions, and by addressing the root causes of health disparities and inequities in Los Angeles.*
- *1.4 Education: Work with public, private, and nonprofit partners to educate the public about health and wellness by supporting information and interventions that are readily available, culturally relevant, and linguistically accessible.*
- *1.5 Plan for health: Improve Angelenos' health and well-being by incorporating a health perspective into land use, design, policy, and zoning decisions through existing tools, practices and programs*
- *1.6 Poverty and health: Reduce the debilitating impact that poverty has on individual, familial, and community health and well-being by: promoting cross-cutting efforts and partnerships to increase access to income, safe, healthy, and stable affordable housing options, and attainable opportunities for social mobility.*
- *1.7 Displacement and health: Reduce the harmful health impacts of displacement on individuals, families, and communities by pursuing strategies to create opportunities for existing residents to benefit from local revitalization efforts by: creating local employment and economic opportunities for low-income residents and local small businesses; supporting the expansion and preservation of existing housing opportunities available to low-income residents; preserving cultural and social resources; and creating and implementing tools to evaluate and mitigate the potential displacement caused by large-scale investment and development.*

Implementation programs identified to achieve this goal include collaborating and developing strategic partnerships with public, private, and nonprofit partners and providing health-related education and outreach. As discussed above, the Health and Wellness Element includes a menu of possible implementation programs that the City will consider pursuing; however, none of the programs included in the Health and Wellness Element represent a mandatory duty or other official obligation on the part of the City. The City thus retains the discretion to make adjustments and modifications as deemed advisable, and may do so without formally amending the Element.

b. A City Built for Health. A city that is built for health is comprised of neighborhoods that support health and well-being, are designed to promote healthy living, offer accessible and safe multimodal corridors, and have a diverse housing stock



that provides safe habitable housing for all residents. To help achieve this goal, the Element includes the following policies:

- *2.1 Access to goods and services: Enhance opportunities for improved health and well-being for all Angelenos by increasing the availability of and access to affordable goods and services that promote health and healthy environments, with apriority on low-income neighborhoods.*
- *2.2 Healthy building design and construction: Promote a healthy built environment by encouraging the design and rehabilitation of buildings and sites for healthy living and working conditions, including promoting enhanced pedestrian-oriented circulation, lighting, attractive and open stairs, healthy building materials and universal accessibility using existing tools, practices and programs.*
- *2.3 Access for individuals with disabilities: Strive to eliminate barriers for individuals with permanent and temporary disabilities to access health care and health resources.*
- *2.4 Aging in place: Mobilize and support a life-long process of active aging by making Los Angeles an “age-friendly” city that strives to create a positive, socially inclusive, and supportive environment, encouraging barrier-free buildings and streets, enhanced mobility and independence of people with disabilities, safe neighborhoods, and opportunities for volunteer and paid work.*
- *2.5 Schools as centers of health and well-being: Support strategies that make schools centers of health and well-being by creating economic, environmental, social, and physical conditions in and around local schools that are safe, abundant in healthy goods and services, and offer opportunities for physical activity and recreation.*
- *2.6 Repurpose underutilized spaces for health: Work proactively with residents to identify and remove barriers to leverage and repurpose vacant and underutilized spaces as a strategy to improve community health.*
- *2.7 Access to health services: Encourage the equitable distribution of health service providers: including federally qualified health centers, hospitals, pharmacies, urgent care, and mental health services, to ensure that every Angeleno has access to preventive care and medical treatment.*
- *2.8 Basic amenities: Promote increased access to basic amenities, which include public restrooms and free drinking water in public spaces, to support active living and access to health-promoting resources.*
- *2.9 Community beautification: Proactively work with residents and public, private, and nonprofit partners to develop, execute, and maintain civic stewardship over community beautification efforts to promote neighborhoods that are clean, healthy, and safe.*
- *2.10 Social connectedness: Acknowledge the mental and physical health benefits of social connectedness by promoting and valuing public spaces, social interaction, relationship building, and resilience in community and urban design.*
- *2.11 Foundation for health: Lay the foundation for healthy communities and healthy living by promoting infrastructure improvements that support active transportation with safe, attractive, and comfortable facilities that meet community needs; prioritize implementation in communities with the greatest infrastructure deficiencies that threaten the health, safety, and well-being of the most vulnerable users.*

Implementation programs identified to achieve this goal include developing a business attraction incentive programs; creating and supporting healthy building design guidelines; supporting access to healthy activities, goods, and services; encouraging the



revitalization of underutilized space for health; promoting infrastructure that supports active transportation; evaluating and supporting equitable distribution of health services and health goods/services (e.g., neighborhood markets). As discussed above, none of the programs included in the Health and Wellness Element represent a mandatory duty or other official obligation on the part of the City. The City thus retains the flexibility to make adjustments and modifications in its approach, and may do so without formally amending the Element.

c. Bountiful Parks and Open Spaces. This goal focuses on accessible and abundant parks and open spaces that support opportunities for physical activity, offer safe places for families and children to congregate and exercise, and provide spaces for social interaction. This goal emphasizes improving access to existing parks and open spaces and prioritizing new parks in the most underserved neighborhoods. The Element includes the following policies to assist in attainment of this goal:

- *3.1 Park funding and allocation: Strive for the equitable distribution of park space in every Los Angeles neighborhood by focusing public funds and other resources on the most underserved areas.*
- *3.2 Expand parks: Improve Angelenos' mental and physical health by striving to equitably increase their access to parks, increasing both their number and type throughout the city; prioritize implementation in most park-poor areas of the city.*
- *3.3 Los Angeles River: Continue to support the implementation of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan to create a continuous greenway of interconnected parks and amenities to extend open space and recreational opportunities.*
- *3.4 Park quality and recreation programs: Promote opportunities for physical activity for users of all ages and abilities by continuing to improve the quality of existing park and open space facilities and creating recreation programs that reflect the city's rich diversity and local community needs.*
- *3.5 Park safety: Encourage greater community use of existing parks and open spaces by improving safety and access in and around parks and open spaces by encouraging land use, design, and infrastructure improvements that promote healthy and safe community environments and park design, programming, and staff-levels that meet local community safety-needs.*
- *3.6 Local partnerships: Engage communities and public, private, and nonprofit partners in park stewardship by working collectively to develop, program, and maintain parks and open spaces: target communities with the lowest combination of park access and park standard criteria.*
- *3.7 Water recreation: Encourage greater community access to pools, beaches and rivers for swimming, boating, fishing and other recreational uses.*
- *3.8 Active spaces: Support public, private, and nonprofit partners in the ongoing development of new and innovative active spaces and strategies to increase the number of Angelenos who engage in physical activity across ages and level of abilities.*

Implementation programs identified to achieve this goal include actions such as prioritizing public park funding and other resources in most underserved areas; encouraging land use, design, and infrastructure improvements that promote healthy and safe community environments and park design; supporting active spaces; developing a



strategic plan to refurbish existing parks; and continuing to implement existing plans and initiatives, such as the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan and 50 Parks Initiative. As discussed above, none of the programs included in the Health and Wellness Element represent a mandatory duty or other official obligation on the part of the City. The City thus retains the flexibility to make adjustments and modifications in its approach, and may do so without formally amending the Element.

d. Food That Nourishes the Body, Soul, and Environment. This goal aims to achieve equitable access to and increase the availability of healthy foods via community gardens, farmers markets, healthy food vendors, corner store, and healthy food retail options. The Element includes the following policies to assist in attainment of this goal:

- *4.1 Land for urban agriculture and healthy food: Encourage the identification of and the preservation of land for urban agriculture in the city to ensure a long-term supply of locally produced healthy food, promote resiliency, green spaces, and healthy food access; increase the number of urban agriculture sites including but not limited to: community gardens, parkway gardens, urban farms and rooftop gardens in low-income and underserved areas.*
- *4.2 Local food systems and connections: Promote the development of a local food system and industry that will increase access to affordable and fresh food in underserved communities, create jobs and economic opportunities, attract tourism, and reduce distribution costs and pollution associated with transporting foods over long distances.*
- *4.3 Farmers markets: Promote targeted efforts to increase access to farmers markets in neighborhoods that have reduced access to affordable, fresh, and healthy food.*
- *4.4 Equitable access to healthy food outlets: Pursue funding, public, private, and nonprofit partnerships, and develop financial, land use and similar incentives and programs to encourage the equitable availability of healthy, affordable food outlets within close proximity of all residences.*
- *4.5 Food security and assistance: Support policies and programs that create family-supporting, career-ladder jobs, eliminate hunger, promote food security, and support access to food assistance for all ages.*
- *4.6 Food cycle sustainability: Encourage the conservation of resources throughout the food cycle.*
- *4.7 Empower Angelenos to grow healthy food: Foster and promote local initiatives and partnerships that empower, educate, and train Angelenos to grow and eat healthy food.*
- *4.8 Food innovations: Proactively encourage and promote innovative food micro-enterprises in low-income neighborhoods, create economic development opportunities for entrepreneurs, and improve access to affordable, healthy food in the most underserved neighborhoods.*

Implementation programs identified to achieve this goal include actions such as providing incentives that would help implement already approved General Plan land uses, including new food retailers, corner store conversions, community gardens, and urban agriculture activities in the most underserved neighborhoods, and encouraging availability of affordable food outlets. As discussed above, none of the programs included in the Health and Wellness Element represent a mandatory duty or other official obligation on the part of the City. The City thus retains the flexibility to make adjustments



and modifications in its approach, and may do so without formally amending the Element.

e. An Environment Where Life Thrives. This goal focuses on Los Angeles' commitment to green and sustainable growth that provides a healthy environment for all residents, as well as the need to environmental hazards and climate-related hazards in the most impacted communities. The Element includes the following policies to assist in attainment of this goal:

- *5.1 Air pollution and respiratory health: Reduce air pollution from stationary and mobile sources; protect human health and welfare and promote improved respiratory health.*
- *5.2 Proximity to people: Reduce negative health impacts for people who live and work in close proximity to industrial uses and freeways through health promoting land uses and design solutions.*
- *5.3 Smoke-free environments: Reduce exposure to second-hand smoke by promoting smoke-free environments and market and support public, private, and nonprofit cessation programs and services.*
- *5.4 Noxious activities: Protect communities' health and well-being from exposure to noxious activities (for example, oil and gas extraction) that emit odors, noise, toxic, hazardous, or contaminant substances, materials, vapors, and others.*
- *5.5 Brownfield remediation: In collaboration with residents and public, private, and nonprofit partners, explore opportunities to continue to remediate and redevelop brownfield sites in order to spur economic development, expand natural open spaces and parks, community gardens, and other similar health-promoting community revitalization activities particularly in the city's most underserved neighborhoods.*
- *5.6 Resilience: In collaboration with public, private, and nonprofit partners, increase the city's resilience to risks (increasing temperatures and heat related effects, wildfires, reduced water supply, poor air quality, and sea level rise) resulting from climate change, and target resilience in the most vulnerable communities.*
- *5.7 Land use planning for public health and GHG emission reduction: Promote land use policies that reduce per capita greenhouse gas emissions, result in improved air quality and decreased air pollution, especially for children, seniors and others susceptible to respiratory diseases.*

Implementation programs identified to achieve this goal include actions such as developing, funding, and implementing a Green Sustainable Business Program that incentivizes retrofitting existing buildings and operations to incorporate sustainable design, processes, and products with the goal of enhancing conservation and energy efficiencies and reducing environmental contamination, hazardous impacts, and pollution in the most impacted communities; continuing to implement the existing 2010 Clean Air Plan Update, Port of Los Angeles Technology Advancement Program (TAP), Zero Emission Roadmap, Port Community Mitigation Trust Fund, and other identified plans; exploring opportunities to continue to remediate and redevelop brownfield sites and developing an Urban Forest Healthy Environment Strategic Plan that will target increased tree plantings; evaluating smoke-free housing options. As discussed above, none of the programs included in the Health and Wellness Element represent a mandatory duty or other official obligation on the part of the City. The City thus retains the flexibility to make



adjustments and modifications in its approach, and may do so without formally amending the Element.

f. Lifelong Opportunities for Learning and Prosperity. This goal focuses on include improving educational attainment, enhancing opportunities for learning at all stages of life, and workforce development. The Element includes the following policies to assist in attainment of this goal:

- *6.1 Early childhood education: Strive to foster a system of opportunity for all Angelenos by supporting early childhood education programs that equip all children, especially those in low-income communities, with the tools, resources, and foundation needed to succeed.*
- *6.2 Higher education: Support initiatives and partnerships that create opportunities for youth, especially in low-income communities, to obtain the services and resources that will prepare them for college and 21st century careers by keeping them engaged and academically challenged.*
- *6.3 Lifelong learning: Create opportunities for education and growth at all stages of life to ensure that every Angeleno has access to the services and resources that will empower them to improve their quality of life and well-being.*
- *6.4 Arts, culture, and services that enhance well-being: Support arts and culture as a way of enhancing mental health, social connectedness and the overall well-being.*
- *6.5 Public libraries: Continue a public library system that provides cultural, health, social, and lifelong learning services that open the doors of empowerment and opportunity for all.*
- *6.6 Workforce training: Develop and implement workforce training and placement programs for residents who have barriers to employment and target programming to leverage major capital, infrastructure, transportation, and similar catalytic investments.*
- *6.7 Youth employment: Expand participation in the City of Los Angeles's youth employment programs as a strategy to improve educational attainment, spark professional aspirations and lay the foundation for personal success.*

Implementation programs identified to achieve this goal include actions such as supporting initiatives and partnerships that create opportunities for young people, supporting arts and culture, continuing the support of public libraries, developing and implementing workforce training programs for residents with barriers to employment, training youth in the field of Smart Irrigation Water Conservation, and pursuing participation in the City of Los Angeles Summer Youth Employment Program. As discussed above, none of the programs included in the Health and Wellness Element represent a mandatory duty or other official obligation on the part of the City. The City thus retains the flexibility to make adjustments and modifications in its approach, and may do so without formally amending the Element.

g. Safe and Just Neighborhoods. This goal aims to extend opportunity, prosperity, and equitable treatment to all residents to create safe neighborhoods that are free from violence and crime. The Element includes the following policies to assist in attainment of this goal:

- *7.1 Gang prevention programs: Support and enhance the capacity of public, private, and nonprofit programs and organizations that increase economic opportunities, reduce gang*



activity, and reduce recidivism through job training, education, and community empowerment in the communities with the greatest need.

- *7.2 Safe passages: Continue to promote the development and implementation of comprehensive strategies that foster safe passages in neighborhoods with high crime and gang activity to ensure that all Angelenos can travel with confidence and without fear.*
- *7.3 Innovative policing and public safety: Support the Los Angeles Police Department's ongoing efforts and encourage the development of new programs that go beyond traditional policing models to reduce gang violence by working with intervention workers, evaluating and implementing innovative policing and public safety models, and working with local organizations to develop and implement community-based non-law enforcement safety programs.*
- *7.4 Community policing: Continue to promote trust and partnerships between the Los Angeles Police Department and local stakeholders to improve real and perceived health and safety concerns in the communities most impacted by crime, and violence through strategies like community policing and neighborhood watch programs.*
- *7.5 Reintegration of the formerly-incarcerated: Support programs for previously incarcerated persons that provide job training, secondary education opportunities, substance abuse, mental health, tattoo removal, housing services, etcetera to foster healthy community reintegration.*
- *7.6 Diversion: Proactively collaborate with public, private, and nonprofit partners to divert vulnerable populations such as homeless individuals, veterans, individuals with mental health issues, at-risk youth and young adults, and other nonviolent offenders from conviction and incarceration to supportive services that promote access to economic, education, housing, and health resources within their communities.*

Implementation programs identified to achieve this goal include actions such as supporting ongoing implementation of the Gang Reduction and Youth Development program; fostering safe passages in high-crime neighborhoods, supporting Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) efforts to reduce gang violence, promoting community policing and neighborhood watch programs, and supporting programs that provide job training, educational opportunities, and related services that foster community regeneration. As discussed above, none of the programs included in the Health and Wellness Element represent a mandatory duty or other official obligation on the part of the City. The City thus retains the flexibility to make adjustments and modifications as deemed advisable, and may do so without formally amending the Element.

9. Surrounding land uses and setting:

The City of Los Angeles encompasses approximately 467 square miles and is located in the southern part of California. Geographically, it extends more than 40 miles from the mountains to the Pacific Ocean. The City is urban in context and contains a variety of existing land uses. Of these uses, residential land uses are predominant with open space/public/institutional/other land representing the second largest land use.

10. Other public agencies whose approval is required:

No other agency approvals are required.



ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS AFFECTED

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is “Potentially Significant” or “Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated” as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Forest Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology/Soils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities/Service Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |



DETERMINATION

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a “potentially significant impact” or “potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect (1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potential significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Signature

Date

Printed Name



ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
I. <u>AESTHETICS</u> – Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Significance Thresholds:

a) A significant impact may occur if the proposed Health and Wellness Element (the “project”) introduces incompatible visual elements within a field of view containing a scenic vista or substantially blocks views of a scenic vista. Scenic vistas are generally described in two ways: panoramic views (visual access to a large geographic area, for which the field of view can be wide and extend into the distance) and focal views (visual access to a particular object, scene, or feature of interest). Based on the City of Los Angeles *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* (2006) (*L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*), the determination of whether a project results in a significant impact on a scenic vista shall be made considering the following factors:

- The nature and quality of recognized or valued views (such as natural topography, settings, man-made or natural features of visual interest, and resources such as mountains or ocean);
- Whether a project affects views from a designated scenic highway, corridor, or parkway;
- The extent of obstruction (e.g., total blockage, partial interruption, or minor diminishment);
- Whether a project propose standards for height and bulk of structures and other; and
- The extent to which a project affects recognized views available from a length of a public roadway, bike path, or trail, as opposed to a single, fixed vantage point.

b) According to the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a significant impact would occur only if scenic resources would be damaged and/or removed by development of a project.

c) According to the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a significant impact would occur if the proposed project would result in the removal of one or more features that contribute to the



valued aesthetic character or image of the neighborhood, community, or localized area or if the proposed project were to introduce incompatible visual elements on the project site or visual elements that would be incompatible with the character of the area surrounding the project site.

d) A significant impact may occur if the proposed project introduces new sources of light or glare on or from the project site which would be incompatible with the areas surrounding the project site, or which pose a safety hazard to motorists utilizing adjacent streets or freeways. Based on the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, the determination of whether the proposed project results in a significant nighttime illumination impact shall be made considering the following factors:

- The change in ambient illumination levels as a result of project sources; and
- The extent to which project lighting would spill off the project site and effect adjacent light-sensitive areas.

Impact Analysis:

a, c) The Health and Wellness Element is a policy document that does not include any zoning changes or site-specific development, designs, or proposals, or grant any entitlements for development that would directly affect scenic vistas or the visual character or quality of the area. Implementation of the Element's policies and programs would generally be associated with activities such as promoting active transportation (i.e., pedestrian and bicycle) infrastructure and healthy built environment; encouraging and incentivizing new food retailers, corner store conversions, community gardens, and urban agriculture activities in the most underserved neighborhoods; developing a strategic plan to refurbish existing parks; prioritizing public park funding and other resources in most underserved areas; and encouraging the revitalization of underutilized space for health. Implementation of the Element's policies and programs would not result in substantial effects on scenic vistas or substantially degrade visual character or quality because implementation of Element policies and programs would not affect the height, bulk, or scale of development or otherwise result in the development of large structures that could block or highly modify the visual environment.

The Element includes a program that calls for the future development of Healthy Building Design Guidelines and identifies the following principles for inclusion in the guidelines:

- Improving health, well-being, and quality of life.
- On-site activities that promote healthy living such as edible landscaping and edible gardening, and amenities for active transportation such as bicycle racks and work-place showers for employees;
- Calming environments that allow for mental respite through interior building design that enhances connections with the natural environment and natural light;
- Pronounced, attractive staircases
- Discourage building materials, carpets and flooring, paints and wall coverings that are known to be toxic and hazardous; accompany with a list of recommended alternatives;
- Incorporate mitigations such as air filtration systems in a to-be defined proximity to freeways and other similar polluting uses;



- Exterior building design that promotes ‘eyes on the street’ and a pedestrian-oriented environment;
- Energy efficiencies, weatherization and proper positioning of trees to shade buildings;
- As appropriate, developing post-occupancy plans to assess energy efficiencies over time;
- Site planning that promotes enhanced and safe pedestrian circulation; and
- Sufficient green spaces for active and passive activity.

These principles would not involve imposing any design features or making any other requirements that would adversely affect the aesthetic quality of the environment. The proposed Health and Wellness Element program does not recommend specific densities, building heights/massing, or design of any projects. Further, precise project-level analysis would be speculative at this time. Therefore, no impact would occur. Any specific proposed project in the City would need to be reviewed on its own merits and ability to meet City requirements. Future discretionary projects will continue to be subject to project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

The Element also includes policies and programs that support active transportation infrastructure (e.g., bicycle racks, benches, covered transit stops), consistent with the adopted General Plan and Municipal Code requirements. Future projects would continue to be subject to City policies and regulations related to the protection of visual resources, as well as project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA for discretionary projects.

The Element also includes policies and programs to incentivize parks, new food retailers, corner store conversions, community gardens, and urban agriculture activities in the most underserved neighborhoods, consistent with the adopted General Plan land uses. Projects incentivized by implementation of the Element would be located in and near existing urbanized areas, consistent with the City’s General Plan and Municipal Code. Implementation of the Element would not alter development densities, building heights/massing, or design of projects from what is currently allowed under the General Plan and Municipal Code. Future projects would continue to be subject to City policies and regulations related to the protection of visual resources, as well as project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA for discretionary projects.

The Health and Wellness Element would not facilitate development of a nature or scale that would substantially affect a scenic vista or the existing visual character or quality of the area. Therefore, no impact would occur. Future projects would continue to be subject to the standards for the interface of differing uses set forth in the City’s Municipal Code, as well as project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA for discretionary projects.

b, d) The Health and Wellness Element is a policy document that does not include any specific development, designs, or proposals, or grant any entitlements for development that would potentially damage and/or remove scenic resources or introduce new sources of light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area. No impact would occur. Future projects would continue to be subject to City Municipal Code lighting requirements, which limit light source intensity and reflective glare, as well as project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA for discretionary projects.



	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
II. <u>AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES</u>				
<p>RESOURCES – In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state’s inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment Project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. – Would the project:</p>				
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code Section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g))?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Significance Thresholds:

a, b, e) Although not specified in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a significant impact may occur if the project were to convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance; conflicted with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract; or otherwise converted agriculture.

c, d) Although not specified in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a significant impact may occur if the proposed project conflicts with existing zoning or rezoning or resulted in the loss or conversion of forest land or timberland.

Impact Analysis:

a-e) The Health and Wellness Element is a policy document that does not propose any land use or zone changes, nor does it include any site-specific development. While policies and programs included in the Health and Wellness Element encourage health-promoting land uses, such as parks and open space, affordable food outlets, urban agriculture, and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, the Element would not facilitate growth or otherwise alter the land use pattern from what is allowed under the City’s General Plan and Municipal Code. Consequently, implementation of Health and Wellness Element policies and programs would not degrade agricultural resources or convert agricultural or forest land to non-agricultural or non-forest uses, nor would it conflict with existing zoning. No impact to agricultural or forest land would occur.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
III. AIR QUALITY – Would the project:				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Significance Thresholds:

a) Based on the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a significant air quality impact may occur if the proposed project is not consistent with the applicable Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) or would in some way represent a substantial hindrance to employing the policies or obtaining the goals of the AQMP. According to South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Guidelines, to be consistent with the AQMP, a project must conform to the local General Plan and must not result in or contribute to an exceedance of the City's projected population growth forecast.

b-d) Based on the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a project may have a significant impact where:

- Project-related emissions would exceed federal, State, or regional standards or thresholds, or where project-related emissions would substantially contribute to an existing or projected air quality violation.
- A project would add a considerable cumulative contribution to federal or state non-attainment pollutant.
- A project would generate pollutant concentrations to a degree that would significantly affect sensitive receptors.

e) Although not specified in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a project-related significant adverse effect could occur if construction or operation of the project would result in generation of odors that would be perceptible in adjacent sensitive areas. Odors are typically associated with industrial projects involving the use of chemicals, solvents, petroleum products, and other strong-smelling elements used in manufacturing processes, as well as sewage treatment facilities and landfills.

Impact Analysis:

a) The Health and Wellness Element is a policy document that does not propose any zoning changes or site-specific development, designs, or proposals, or grant any entitlements for development. As such, implementation of the proposed Element would not result in population growth or create an exceedance of the City's projected population growth forecast in other elements of the General Plan. As this Element neither requires nor permits any activity or development that could impact air quality, no impact would occur. Future discretionary development proposals in the City would continue to be subject to project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

b-e) The Health and Wellness Element is a policy document that does not involve any development or any entitlements for development that would directly or indirectly impact air quality. Implementation of policies and programs included in the Health and Wellness Element would encourage the development of health-promoting land uses (e.g., parks and open space, affordable food outlets, community gardens and urban agriculture) that are consistent with the adopted General Plan in underserved areas. The Element would not facilitate growth or development. Any growth or development in the City would be what is allowed under the adopted General Plan. The adoption of this Element would not generate air pollution or otherwise adversely affect local or regional air quality. Further, a number of policies and programs contained in the Health and Wellness Element aim to promote healthy building



design and construction (Policy 2.2), reduced vehicle use (policies 2.11, 3.8 and 5.1), an increase in the number of trees and parks (policies 3.1 through 3.3), improved energy efficiency (Policy 2.2), and a reduction in noxious activities (policy 5.4), which would have a beneficial impact on air quality within the city. In addition, Policy 5.1, *Air Pollution and Respiratory Health*, aims to promote a reduction in air pollution by supporting efforts to: reduce vehicle use and congestion through implementation of mixed land use patterns, expanding public transit and active transportation modes; limit truck idling in residential neighborhoods; use low- and zero-emission vehicles; and retrofit existing structures to lower pollution from power plants, refineries, and commercial and industrial businesses. Policy 5.2, *People*, also aims to promote a reduction of toxic hot spots, which would further have a beneficial impact on air quality within the City. Future discretionary projects would continue to be subject to project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
IV. <u>BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES</u> – Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
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IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES – Would the project:

policy or ordinance?

- f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

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Significance Thresholds:

a-c) Based upon criteria established in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a project would normally have a significant impact on biological resources if it could result in:

- The loss of individuals, or the reduction of existing habitat, of a state or federal listed endangered, threatened, rare, protected, candidate, or sensitive species or a Species of Special Concern;
- The loss of individuals or the reduction of existing habitat of a locally designated species or a reduction in a locally designated natural habitat or plant community;
- The alternation of an existing wetland habitat; or
- Interference with habitat such that normal species behaviors are disturbed (e.g., from the introduction of noise, light) to a degree that may diminish the chances for long-term survival of a sensitive species.

d) Based upon criteria established in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a project would normally have a significant impact on biological resources if it could result in:

- Interference with wildlife movement/migration corridors that may diminish the chances for long-term survival of a sensitive species.

e) A project-related significant adverse effect could occur if the project would cause an impact that is inconsistent with local regulations pertaining to biological resources (e.g., the City of Los Angeles Protected Tree Ordinance No. 177,404). In addition to the Protected Tree Ordinance, it is the City’s policy that all mature trees (at least eight-inches in diameter at breast height) that are removed at development sites as part of project implementation be replaced at a 1:1 ratio and the removal of any trees in the public right-of-way be approved by the Board of Public Works.

f) Although not specified in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a significant impact would occur if the project would be inconsistent with mapping or policies in any conservation plans of the types cited.



Impact Analysis:

a-d) The Health and Wellness Element is a policy document. It would not facilitate growth and does not propose any specific development, designs, or proposals, or grant any entitlements for development that would result in ground disturbing activities or direct physical changes to the environment that would result in impacts to biological resources. Implementation of the Element would not have an adverse effect, either directly or indirectly through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, special status species or wildlife movement, nor would it conflict with conflict with any applicable plans or regulations pertaining to biological resources. In addition, the Element would not have an impact on any riparian habitat or sensitive natural community.

The Health and Wellness Element would not result in growth or development and, consequently, would not alter the intensity or distribution of land uses in the City. Any future projects would need to be consistent with the adopted General Plan. As a result, the Health and Wellness Element would not result in impacts to biological resources. Future discretionary projects would continue to be subject to project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

Further, implementation of the Bountiful Parks and Open Space policies and Policy 5.5, *Brownfield Remediation*, support the protection and expansion of open space, and the Urban Forest program would support tree planting. The Element would not itself have an impact on biological resources.

e-f) The Health and Wellness Element is a policy document that would not facilitate growth or alter the land use pattern from what is allowed under the City’s General Plan and Municipal Code. In addition, it does not propose any specific development, designs, or proposals, or grant any entitlements for development. As, such implementation of the policies and programs would not conflict with mapping or policies in any conservation plans, or local ordinances pertaining to biological resources. No impact would occur.

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V. <u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u> –				
Would the project:				
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource as defined in §15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Significance Thresholds:

a) Based upon criteria established in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a significant impact may occur if a project would disturb historic resources which presently exist within the project site. Pursuant to Section 15064.5 of the *State CEQA Guidelines*, a historical resource is presumed significant if it is listed on the California Register of Historic Resources (California Register) or has been determined to be eligible for listing by the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC). A historical resource may also be considered significant if the lead agency determines, based on substantial evidence, that the resource meets the criteria for inclusion in the California Register. CEQA also contains the following additional guidelines for defining a historical resource:

- California properties formally determined eligible for, or listed in the National Register of Historic Places (Section 5024.1.d.1);
- Those resources included in a local register of historical resources, as defined in Section 5020.1(k) of the Public Resources Code, or identified as significant in a historical resources survey meeting the requirements of Section 5024.1(g) of the Public Resources Code;
- Those resources that a lead agency determines to be historically significant (generally, if it meets criteria for listing on the California Register), provided the determination is supported by substantial evidence; or
- Those resources a local agency believes are historical for more broadly defined reasons than identified in the preceding criteria.

The *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* further states that a project would normally have a significant impact on historical resources if it would result in a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource. A substantial adverse change in significance occurs if the project involves:

- Demolition of a significant resource;
- Relocation that does not maintain the integrity and significance of a significant resource; Conversion, rehabilitation, or alteration of a significant resource which does not conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for
- Rehabilitating Historic Buildings; or
- Construction that reduces the integrity or significance of important resources on the site or in the vicinity.

b-d) Based upon the criteria established in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a significant impact may occur if grading or excavation activities associated with a project would:

- Disturb archaeological resources which presently exist within the Project Site.
- Disturb paleontological resources or geologic features which presently exist within the project site.
- Previously interred human remains.



Impact Analysis:

a-d) The Health and Wellness Element is a policy document that does not propose any site-specific development, designs, or proposals, or grant any entitlements for development that would result in ground disturbing activities or direct physical changes to the environment. In addition, the Health and Wellness Element would not alter the land use patterns in the adopted General Plan. Consequently, the Element would not result in impacts to cultural, historical, or paleontological resources, or human remains. Rather, Element Policy 6.4, *Arts, Culture, and Services that Enhance Well-being*, calls for the support of arts and culture as a way of enhancing mental health, social connectedness and the overall well-being, as well as the equitable distribution of art resources across the City so that all Angelenos benefit from artistic and cultural events, history, resources, and programming, which may have a beneficial impact on cultural and historical resources. As such, no adverse impacts to cultural resources would occur. Future discretionary projects would continue to be subject to project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
VI. <u>GEOLOGY AND SOILS</u> –				
Would the project:				
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable as a result of the project, and	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?

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| g) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| h) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Significance Thresholds:

a-c) Based upon the criteria established in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a project would normally have a significant geologic hazard impact if it would cause or accelerate geologic hazards which would result in substantial damage to structures or infrastructure, or expose people to substantial risk of injury. For the purpose of these specific issues, a significant impact may occur if:

- A project site is located within a state-designated Alquist-Priolo Zone or other designated fault zone, and appropriate building practices are not employed; or
- A proposed project represents an increased risk to public safety or destruction of property by exposing people, property or infrastructure to seismically induced ground shaking or ground failure hazards that are greater than the average risk associated with locations in the southern California region.

d-f) Based upon the criteria established in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a project would normally have a significant geologic hazard impact if:

- It would cause or accelerate geologic hazards which would result in substantial damage to structures or infrastructure, or expose people to substantial risk of injury.
- The project is built in an unstable area without proper site preparation or design features to provide adequate foundations for proposed buildings, thus posing a hazard to life and property; or
- The project is built on expansive soils without proper site preparation or design features to provide adequate foundations for project buildings, thus, posing a hazard to life and property.

g) A significant impact may occur if a project exposes large areas to the erosional effects of wind or water for a protracted period of time.

h) Although not specified in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, this question would apply to the project only if it was located in an area not served by an existing sewer system.



Impact Analysis:

a-h) As stated in previous sections, the Health and Wellness Element is a policy document and does not propose any site-specific development, designs, or proposals, or grant any entitlements for development that would result in ground disturbing activities or direct physical changes to the environment. The Element would not result in growth or change the intensity or distribution of land uses in the City. Consequently, it would not increase exposure to geologic or seismic hazards. New buildings would continue to be required to comply with existing building codes at the time of construction, thus minimizing potential for impacts related to geologic hazards. This Element would not create any impacts with respect to geologic and soil hazards. Future discretionary projects would be subject to project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
VII. <u>GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS</u> –				
Would the project:				
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Significance Thresholds:

a) The *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* does not establish significance criteria pertaining to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Because the proposed Health and Wellness Element does not involve development, land use changes, or other physical development that would directly or indirectly generate GHG emissions, the analysis of GHG impacts focuses on consistency of the Element with applicable plans and policies aimed at GHG reduction (see item b).

b) The *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* does not establish significance criteria pertaining to GHG emissions. For the purpose of this IS/ND, the project would result in a significant impact if it conflicts with policies set forth in the City’s *Green LA: An Action Plan to Lead the Nation in Fighting Global Warming* and *Climate LA* documents, and the Southern California Association of Government’s (SCAG) *2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)* adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of GHGs.

Impact Analysis:

a-b) The Health and Wellness Element is a policy document that would not facilitate growth and does not propose any development projects that would conflict with the City’s adopted *Green LA: An Action Plan to Lead the Nation in Fighting Global Warming (2007)* or *Climate LA. Green LA* establishes a target to reduce GHG emissions by 35 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 (from



54.1 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions to 35.2 million metric tons). *Climate LA* which establishes an implementation program to meet the target. The plans account for growth and development in the City as envisioned under the General Plan. In addition, by supporting efforts to reduce GHGs, the Element would also support SCAG’s *RTP/SCS*, which integrates land use, housing, and transportation strategies to achieve an eight percent reduction in GHGs from transportation sources by 2020 and a 13 percent reduction in GHGs from transportation sources by 2035. SCAG’s *RTP/SCS* also accounts for planned growth and development in the City.

The Health and Wellness Element would not facilitate growth or otherwise alter the intensity or distribution of land uses in the City. Development of health-promoting land uses supported by the Health and Wellness Element would be consistent with what is allowed under the General Plan as well as with applicable policies adopted for the purpose of reducing GHG emissions. For example, policies and programs contained in the Health and Wellness Element support: reduced vehicle use and idling (Policies 2.11, 3.8 and 5.1); increasing the number of trees and parks (Policies 3.1 through 3.3); improving energy efficiency (Policy 2.2 and 4.6); reducing noxious activities (Policy 5.4); promoting land uses that reduce per capita GHG emissions (Policy 5.7); and increasing the City’s resilience to risks resulting from climate change (Policy 5.6). These policies would aid in implementing Green LA and Climate LA, and would aid in reducing overall citywide GHG emissions. The RTP/SCS is primarily aimed at reducing regional GHG emissions through land use planning. Because the Health and Wellness Element would not alter the intensity or distribution of land uses permitted in the adopted General Plan and Municipal Code, it would not conflict with the RTP/SCS. Therefore, no impact would occur. Future proposals for discretionary development would continue to be subject to project-level environmental review under CEQA.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
VIII. <u>HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS</u> – Would the project:				
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within ¼ mile of an existing or proposed school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous material sites compiled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

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| e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Significance Thresholds:

a-b) Based upon criteria established in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a project would normally have a significant impact related to hazards and hazardous materials if:

- The project involved a risk of accidental explosion or release of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to oil, pesticides, chemicals or radiation); or
- The project involved the creation of any health hazard or potential health hazard.

c) Based upon criteria established in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a project would normally have a significant impact related to hazards and hazardous materials if:

- A project involved a risk of accidental explosion or release of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to oil, pesticides, chemicals or radiation); or
- A project involved the creation of any health hazard or potential health hazard.

d) California Government Code Section 65962.5 requires various State agencies to compile lists of hazardous waste disposal facilities, unauthorized releases from underground storage tanks, contaminated drinking water wells and solid waste facilities where there is known migration of hazardous waste and submit such information to the Secretary for Environmental Protection on at least an annual basis. A significant impact may occur if a project site is included on any of the above lists and poses an environmental hazard to surrounding sensitive uses.

e-f) A significant impact may occur if a project:



- Is located within a public airport land use plan area, or within two miles of a public airport, and subject to a safety hazard.
- Were in the vicinity of a private airstrip and would subject area residents and workers to a safety hazard.

g) Based upon criteria established in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a project would normally have a significant impact to hazards and hazardous materials if a project involved possible interference with an emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan.

h) Although not specified in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a significant impact would occur if the project site is located in proximity to wildland areas and poses a significant fire hazard, which could affect persons or structures in the areas in the event of a fire.

Impact Analysis:

a-f, h) The Health and Wellness Element is a policy document that does not include any General Plan land use or zone changes, or specific development, designs, or proposals. It would not grant any entitlements for development that would result in hazardous conditions or expose people to safety hazards or hazardous materials. Several policies and programs contained in the Health and Wellness Element promote the reduction of negative impacts on people who live and work in close proximity to industrial uses and freeways (Policy 5.2); reduction of negative impacts to the health and well-being of surrounding communities from oil drilling, acidization, fracking, the emission of noxious odors, noise, or toxic, hazardous, or contaminant substances, materials, vapors, and other negative impacts (Policy 5.4); and exploration of opportunities to continue to remediate and redevelop brownfield sites (Policy 5.5). These policies would help reduce impacts related to exposure to hazardous materials. Consequently, the Element creates no impacts with respect to hazards and hazardous materials. Future development proposals would continue to be subject to project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

g) As stated in previous sections, the Health and Wellness Element is a policy document and does not propose any site-specific development, designs, or proposals, or grant any entitlements for development that would result in ground disturbing activities or direct physical changes to the environment. The Element would not result in growth or a change in intensity or distribution of land uses in the City. Consequently, the Element would not conflict with an adopted emergency response plan or evacuation plan. No impact would occur.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
IX. <u>HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY</u>				
– Would the project:				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially deplete groundwater	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?

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| c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Significance Thresholds:

a) Based upon criteria established in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a project would normally have a significant impact on surface water quality if discharges associated with a project would create pollution, contamination, or nuisance as defined in Section 13050 of the California Water Code (CWC) or that cause regulatory standards to be violated, as defined in the applicable



National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permit or Water Quality Control Plan for the receiving water body. For the purpose of this specific issue, a significant impact may occur if a project would discharge water which does not meet the quality standards of agencies which regulate surface water quality and water discharge into stormwater drainage systems. Significant impacts would also occur if a project does not comply with all applicable regulations with regard to surface water quality as governed by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). These regulations include compliance with the Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) requirements to reduce potential water quality impacts.

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB) issued a Municipal Storm Water NPDES Permit (No. CAS004001) in December 2001 that requires new development and redevelopment projects to incorporate storm water mitigation measures. Under the Municipal Storm Water NPDES Permit, redevelopment is defined as any land-disturbing activity that “results in the creation, addition, or replacement of 5,000 sf or more of impervious surface area on an already developed site”¹

b) Based upon criteria established in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a project would normally have a significant impact on groundwater level if it would:

- Change potable water levels sufficiently to:
 - Reduce the ability of a water utility to use the groundwater basin for public water supplies, conjunctive use purposes, storage of imported water, summer/winter peaking, or respond to emergencies and drought;
 - Reduce yields of adjacent wells or well fields (public or private); or
 - Adversely change the rate or direction of flow of groundwater; or
- Result in demonstrable and sustained reduction in groundwater recharge capacity

c) A significant impact may occur if a project would substantially alter drainage patterns resulting in a significant increase in erosion or siltation during construction or operation of a project.

d) Based upon criteria established in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a project would normally have a significant impact on surface water hydrology if it would:

- Result in a permanent, adverse change to the movement of surface water sufficient to produce a substantial change in the current or direction of water flow.

e) Based upon criteria established in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a project would normally have a significant impact on surface water quality if discharges associated with a project would create pollution, contamination, or nuisance as defined in Section 13050 of the California Water Code (CWC) or that cause regulatory standards to be violated, as defined in the applicable NPDES stormwater permit or Water Quality Control Plan for the receiving water body. For the purpose of this specific issue, a significant impact may occur if the volume of storm water runoff from the project site were to increase to a level which exceeds the capacity of the storm

¹ Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. Development Planning for Storm Water Management: A Manual for the Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP). September 2002 website: http://dpw.lacounty.gov/wmd/npdes/SUSMP_MANUAL.pdf



drain system serving the project site. A project-related significant adverse effect would also occur if the project would substantially increase the probability that polluted runoff would reach the storm drain system.

f) Although not specified in the City of Los Angeles *LA CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a significant impact may occur if a project includes potential sources of water pollutants that would have the potential to substantially degrade water quality.

g-h) Although not specified in the *LA CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a significant impact may occur if:

- The project was to place housing in a 100-year flood zone; or
- The project was located within a 100-year flood zone, which would impede or redirect flood flows.

i) Although not specified in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a significant impact may occur if a project exposes people or structures to a significant risk of loss or death caused by the failure of a levee or dam, including but not limited to a seismically-induced seiche, which is a surface wave created when a body of water is shaken, which could result in a water storage facility failure.

j) Although not specified in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a significant impact may occur if a project site is sufficiently close to the ocean or other water body to be potentially at risk of the effects of seismically-induced tidal phenomena (i.e., seiche and tsunami), or if the project site is located adjacent to a hillside area with soil characteristics that would indicate potential susceptibility to mudslides or mudflows.

Impact Analysis:

a-f) The Element is a policy document that does not include any site-specific development, designs, or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. As a result, implementation of the Element would not violate water quality standards or waste discharge requirements. In addition, because of the lack of physical changes to the environment resulting from the Element, no adverse impacts related to groundwater or surface water quality, groundwater resources, runoff, or sensitive areas would occur. No impact would occur. Future development proposals would continue to be subject to City Building Code standards, as well as project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

g-j) The Element is a policy-level document that does not propose any land use or zoning changes, or include any site-specific development. As such, implementation of the policies and programs would neither directly nor indirectly expose people or structures to potential flood, seiche, tsunami, mudslide or mudflow hazards or impede or redirect flood flows. No impact would occur. Future development proposals would continue to be subject to City Building Code standards, as well as project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA.



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X. <u>LAND USE AND PLANNING</u> –				
Would the proposal:				
a) Physically divide an established community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Conflict with an applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Significance Thresholds:

a) A significant impact may occur if the project would be sufficiently large enough or otherwise configured in such a way as to create a physical barrier within an established community. According to the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, the determination of significance shall be made on a case-by-case basis considering the following factors:

- The extent of the area that would be impacted, the nature and degree of impacts, and the types of land uses within that area;
- The extent to which existing neighborhoods, communities, or land uses would be disrupted, divided or isolated, and the duration of the disruptions; and
- The number, degree, and type of secondary impacts to surrounding land uses that could result from implementation of the proposed project.

b) A significant impact may occur if the project is inconsistent with the General Plan or zoning designations currently applicable to the project site and would cause adverse environmental effects, which the General Plan and zoning ordinance are designed to avoid or mitigate.

According to the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, the determination of significance shall be made on a case-by-case basis considering the following factors:

- Whether the proposal is inconsistent with the adopted land use/ density designation in the Community Plan, redevelopment plan or specific plan for the site;
- Whether the proposal is inconsistent with the General Plan or adopted environmental goals or policies contained in other applicable plans;



c) Although not specified in the *LA CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a project-related significant adverse effect could occur if the project site were located within an area governed by a habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan.

Impact Analysis:

a) The Health and Wellness Element does not include any policies, programs or specific development projects that would divide an established community. The Element includes several policies and programs that would support pedestrian and bicycle circulation and improved transportation alternatives and access various facilities, which would improve connectivity throughout the City. No impact would occur.

b) The Element is a policy-level document that does not propose any land use or zone changes, nor does it include any specific development; therefore it would not conflict with the City’s General Plan or Municipal Code. The Element includes policies and programs that support current City policies and regulations, as well as development of land uses consistent with the General Plan and Municipal Code. No impact would occur.

c) The Element does not include any specific development, designs, or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development that would potentially conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan. No impact would occur.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
XI. <u>MINERAL RESOURCES</u> – Would the project:				
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Significance Thresholds:

a-b) Although not specified in the *LA CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a significant impact may occur if the project site is located in an area used or available for extraction of a regionally-important or locally-important mineral resource, or if the project development would convert an existing or future regionally-important or locally-important mineral extraction use to another use, or if the project development would affect access to a site used or potentially available for regionally-important or locally-important mineral resource extraction. According to the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, the determination of significance shall be made on a case-by-case basis considering the following factors:



- Whether, or the degree to which, the project might result in the permanent loss of, or loss of access to, a mineral resource that is located in a State Mining and Geology Board Mineral Resource Zone MRZ-2 zone or other known or potential mineral resource area, and
- Whether the mineral resource is of regional or statewide significance, or is noted in the Conservation Element as being of local importance

Impact Analysis:

a-b) The Element would not directly nor indirectly facilitate any specific development projects that could result in the loss of mineral resources. No impact would occur. Future development proposals would continue to be subject to project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
XII. <u>NOISE</u> – Would the project result in:				
a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Significance Thresholds:

a, d) Although not specified in the *LA CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a significant impact may occur where a project would not comply with the City of Los Angeles General Plan Land Use Compatibility Standards for Noise or the City of Los Angeles Noise Ordinance (Municipal Code Ordinance No. 144,331).

Additionally, a significant impact may occur if the project were to result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels above existing ambient noise levels without the project.

b) The City of Los Angeles has not adopted any thresholds for groundborne vibration impacts. A significant impact would occur if it conflicted with the City of Los Angeles General Plan Land Use Compatibility Standards for Noise or the City of Los Angeles Noise Ordinance (Municipal Code Ordinance No. 144,331).

c) A significant impact may occur if the project were to result in a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels above existing ambient noise levels without the project. Based upon the criteria established in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a project would typically have a significant impact on noise levels from project operations if the project would increase the ambient noise levels by 3 dBA CNEL at the property line of homes where the resulting noise level would be at least 70 dBA CNEL or at the property line of commercial buildings where the resulting noise level is at least 75 dBA CNEL. In addition, any long-term increase of 5 dBA CNEL or more is considered to cause a significant impact.

e, f) Based upon the criteria established in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a significant impact on ambient noise levels would normally occur if noise levels at a noise sensitive use attributable to airport operations exceed 65 dBA CNEL and the project increases ambient noise levels by 1.5 dBA CNEL or greater.

Impact Analysis:

a-d) Implementation of the Element policies and programs would not generate growth or alter the intensity or distribution of land uses allowed under the General Plan. Consequently, it would not result in exposure of persons to noise in excess of established standards or groundborne vibration or noise, nor would it result in a temporary, periodic, or permanent increase in ambient noise levels above existing levels. Several Element policies and programs are designed to promote a shift from single occupancy vehicles to walking and bicycling or from conventional fuels to electric vehicles. For example, Policy 5.1 supports efforts to reduce vehicle use through implementation of: smart growth mixed land use patterns; expanding public transit and active transportation modes; limiting truck idling in residential neighborhoods; and working with residents and relevant public agencies on regulations and complaint processes. Such policies and programs support reducing vehicular travel and associated noise. Therefore, the Element creates no impacts related to noise. Future development proposals would continue to be subject to City noise standards set forth in the Municipal Code. All discretionary projects would continue to be subject to project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA.



e-f) The Element does not propose any land use or zoning changes, nor does it include any site-specific development that would expose people to excessive noise levels. Therefore, the Element would have no impact. Future development proposals would continue to be subject to City noise standards set forth in the Municipal Code. All discretionary projects would continue to be subject to project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
XIII. <u>POPULATION AND HOUSING</u> –				
Would the project:				
a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Significance Thresholds:

a) A significant impact may occur if a project were to locate new development such as homes, businesses, or infrastructure, with the effect of substantially inducing population growth that would otherwise not have occurred as rapidly or in as great a magnitude.

b-c) A significant impact may occur if a project would result in the displacement of existing housing and/or residents, necessitating construction of replacement housing elsewhere.

Impact Analysis:

a-c) The Element would not directly or indirectly result in an increase in population and would not facilitate or induce population growth. Because the Element would not facilitate growth or alter land use patterns, implementation of the policies and programs would not displace existing housing or people. Therefore, no impact related to population and housing would result.



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XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES –

Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, or the need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

a) Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Significance Thresholds:

a) Based on the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a project would normally have a significant impact on fire protection if it requires the addition of a new fire station or the expansion, consolidation or relocation of an existing facility to maintain service.

b) For the purpose of this IS/ND, a significant impact may occur if the City of Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) could not adequately serve a project, necessitating a new or physically altered station. Based on the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* the determination of whether the project results in a significant impact on police protection shall be made considering the following factors:

- The population increase resulting from the proposed project, based on the net increase of residential units or square footage of non-residential floor area; or
- The demand for police services anticipated at the time of project buildout compared to the expected level of service available. Consider, as applicable, scheduled improvements to LAPD services (facilities, equipment, and officers) and the project’s proportional contribution to the demand; and

c) A significant impact may occur if a project includes substantial employment or population growth, which could generate demand for school facilities that exceeds the capacity of the schools serving the project site.



d) A significant impact to parks may occur if implementation of a project includes a new or physically altered park or creates the need for a new or physically altered park, the construction of which could cause substantial adverse physical impacts.

Impact Analysis:

a-e) The Health and Wellness Element is a policy document that does not include site-specific development, designs, or proposals, or grant any entitlements for development. Implementation of the Element would not facilitate growth or alter the land use patterns set forth in the General Plan. Therefore, it would not increase demand for public services or facilities or generate a need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objective for any of the public services. The Element includes policies and programs that support increasing parks and health care facilities in underserved areas, which would have beneficial effects with respect to access to recreational facilities, but the Element does not create any physical impacts on the environment. Future discretionary development proposals would continue to be subject to project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

The Element contains several policies and programs that would promote public safety through community-based public safety initiatives, including school safety (Policy 2.5); park safety (Policy 3.5); gang prevention programming (Policy 7.1); safe passages in neighborhoods with high crime (Policy 7.2); innovative policing and public safety (Policy 7.3); community policing (Policy 7.4); and reintegration of the formerly incarcerated (Policy 7.5). These policies would be implemented by existing programs and staff provided by the LAPD, community-based organizations, and local stakeholders, and would not require additional police capacity. Public safety initiatives supported through the Health and Wellness Element would help reduce crime within the City and reduce demand on the LAPD. No impact would occur.

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XV. RECREATION –				
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Significance Thresholds:

a-b) A significant impact may occur if a project:



- Would include substantial employment or population growth which could generate an increased demand for park or recreational facilities that would exceed the capacity of existing parks and causes premature deterioration of the park facilities; or
- Includes the construction or expansion of park facilities, the construction of which would have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

Impact Analysis:

a-b) The Health and Wellness Element would not facilitate growth that would result in an increase in demand for park facilities or cause physical deterioration of facilities. Rather, the Element includes policies and programs under the Bountiful Parks and Open Spaces goal that promote increasing park availability and accessibility in underserved areas, along with improvements to existing parks, but do not create any physical impacts. Therefore, no impact would occur. Future discretionary development proposals would continue to be subject to project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

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XVI. <u>TRANSPORTATION / TRAFFIC</u> –				
Would the project:				
a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing a measure of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation, including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways, and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible use (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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| e) Result in inadequate emergency access? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bikeways, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise substantially decrease the performance or safety of such facilities? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Significance Thresholds:

a-b) A significant impact would occur if project-generated traffic or circulation system modifications result in exceedance of performance criteria for the circulation system or conflict with a congestion management program by adding additional population beyond General Plan buildout.

c) A significant impact would occur if the proposed project resulted in a change in air traffic patterns that results in safety risks.

d-e) A significant impact may occur if the proposed project:

- Includes new roadway design or introduces a new land use or features into an area with specific transportation requirements and characteristics that have not been previously experienced in that area;
- Includes site access or other features designed in such a way as to create hazard conditions; or
- Would not provide emergency access meeting the requirements of the Los Angeles Fire Department or in any other way threatened the ability of emergency vehicles to access and serve the project site or adjacent uses.

f) For the purpose of this IS/ND, a significant impact may occur if the project would conflict with adopted policies or involve modification of existing alternative transportation facilities located on- or off-site.

Impact Analysis:

a-b) The Health and Wellness Element is a policy document that does not propose any site-specific development, designs, or proposals, or grant any entitlements for development that would result in ground disturbing activities or direct physical changes to the environment. In addition, the Health and Wellness Element would not facilitate growth or alter the land use patterns set forth in the General Plan. As such, the Health and Wellness Element would not generate additional vehicle trips that would cause congestion on local roadways, conflict with an establish circulation plan, adversely affect the level of service of a roadway or intersection, or conflict with a congestion management program. Further, the Element includes several policies and programs that would support pedestrian and bicycle circulation and improved transportation alternatives and access to various facilities. Implementation of these policies may aid in reducing congestion and improving levels of service throughout the City. No adverse effect would occur. Future discretionary development proposals would continue to be subject to project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA.



c) The Health and Wellness Element is a policy document that does not propose any site-specific development, designs, or proposals, or grant any entitlements for development that would result in physical changes to the environment. In addition, the Element would not facilitate growth or alter the land use patterns set forth in the General Plan. As such, the Element would not result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks. No impact would occur.

d-e) The Health and Wellness Element is a policy document that does not propose any site-specific development, designs, or proposals, or grant any entitlements for development that would result in physical changes to the environment. In addition, the Element would not facilitate growth or alter the land use patterns set forth in the General Plan. As such, the Element would not directly result in hazards due to a design feature or inadequate emergency access. Rather, the Element includes several policies and programs that would support pedestrian and bicycle circulation and improved transportation alternatives and access to various facilities, which may have a beneficial impact on emergency access. Therefore, no adverse effect would occur. Future development proposals would continue to be subject to City roadway design standards in the Municipal Code and discretionary development proposals would be subject to project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

f) The Element would not facilitate population growth and, as such, would not increase the burden on the pedestrian, bicycle or transit system. Several policies and programs would support the expansion of these networks, which would have a beneficial effect on their performance. These policies include those that: support efforts to reduce vehicle use expand transit and active transportation modes and reduce congestion (Policy 5.1); and promote a healthy built environment by designing buildings and sites for enhanced pedestrian-oriented circulation (Policy 2.2). The Element creates no conflicts with adopted policies and would not involve modification of existing alternative transportation facilities. Future discretionary development proposals would continue to be subject to project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

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XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS –				
Would the project:				
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Require or result in the construction of	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

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| d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Significance Thresholds:

a-b, e) For the purpose of this IS/ND, a significant impact may occur if the project would:

- Discharge wastewater, whose content exceeds the regulatory limits established by the governing agency;
- Increase water consumption or wastewater generation to such a degree that the capacity of facilities currently serving the project site would be exceeded; or
- Increase wastewater flows as such that a sewer or treatment plant is constrained or would become constrained.

c) A significant impact may occur if the volume of storm water runoff would increase to a level exceeding the capacity of the storm drain system serving a project site, resulting in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities.

d) For the purpose of this IS/ND, a significant impact may occur if a project would increase water consumption to such a degree that new water sources would need to be identified.

f-g) For the purpose of this IS/ND, a significant impact may occur if a project were to increase solid waste generation to a degree such that the existing and projected landfill capacity would be insufficient to accommodate the additional solid waste or if a project would generate solid waste that was not disposed of in accordance with applicable regulations.

Impact Analysis:

a-e) The Health and Wellness Element would not facilitate growth and does not propose any specific development projects that would increase wastewater generation, water demand, or stormwater runoff. Policy 4.6 supports water conservation, including use of graywater and



rainwater capture. Thus, no impact would occur. Future development proposals would continue to be subject to project-level environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

f-g) The Element would not facilitate growth and does not propose any specific development projects that would increase solid waste generation. The Element includes various programs and policies that support reducing community-wide solid waste generation and disposal. For example, Policy 4.6 promotes elimination of food waste from landfills by participating in source-separation of waste and food waste recycling programs that compost or derive additional beneficial uses (such as livestock feed or renewable energy) from food waste. Implementation of policies supporting waste reduction would be beneficial and would aid in implementing state level waste regulations aimed at solid waste reduction.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE –				
a) Does the project have the potential to substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Significance Thresholds:

a) For the purpose of this IS/ND, a significant impact may occur only if the project would have an identified potentially significant impact for any of the issues analyzed in Sections IV, *Biological Resources*, and V, *Cultural Resources*.



- b) For the purpose of this IS/ND, a significant impact may occur if the project, in conjunction with other related projects in the area of the project site, would result in impacts that would be less than significant when viewed separately, but would be significant when viewed together.
- c) For the purpose of this IS/ND, a significant impact may occur if the project has the potential to result in significant impacts, as discussed in the preceding sections. In general, impacts to human beings are associated with such issues as air quality, hazards and hazardous materials, and noise impacts.

Impact Analysis:

- a) The Health and Wellness Element would not facilitate any development plans or projects or involve programs that would diminish wildlife habitats or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory. As discussed in Sections IV, *Biological Resources*, and V, *Cultural Resources*, there would be no impact.
- b) The Health and Wellness Element is a citywide plan that supports creation of healthier communities for all residents by complementing adopted General Plan policies and programs. Adoption and implementation of the Health and Wellness Element would not facilitate growth or otherwise alter the intensity or distribution of land uses in the City. It makes no physical changes to the environment and requires no changes be made. Consequently, it would not contribute to any cumulative impacts that may result from growth and development that could be facilitated by the adopted General Plan.
- c) The Health and Wellness Element is aimed specifically at improving public health and wellness. It would not cause any direct or indirect adverse effects on human beings. Rather, implementation of the Element would support improvements to public health and would support a range of positive environmental effects, including: reduction in air pollution and GHG emissions, reduction in transportation congestion, reduction in landfilled solid waste, reduction in exposure to hazardous materials, energy efficiency, and water conservation. The Element would not create any physical impacts on humans.



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