



**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING CLOSED SESSION
AGENDA**

**Tuesday, March 4, 2025
4:00 PM**

**City Council Conference Room
200 Old Bernal Avenue
Pleasanton, CA 94566**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 54956 of the California Government Code, that a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Pleasanton is hereby called.

CALL TO ORDER

- Roll Call

PUBLIC COMMENT - comments are limited to 3 minutes and to only those items listed on the agenda.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2)(d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One potential case: See November 27, 2023 letter from Thomas B. Mayhew and Charles J. Higley (attached)

ADJOURNMENT

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November 27, 2023

Via Hand Delivery to City Clerk

City of Pleasanton
123 Main Street
P.O. Box 520
Pleasanton CA 94566

Re: Sixty-Day Notice Regarding Housing Element Adopted September 19, 2023

To the City of Pleasanton:

On behalf of the Housing Action Coalition (“HAC”), notice is hereby given and filed, pursuant to Government Code section 65009, concerning the September 19, 2023 adoption of the Housing Element for 2023-2031.

HAC plans to bring an action to attack, review, set aside, void or annul the adoption of the Housing Element for 2023-2031 and the findings and other determinations made in support of the adoption of the Housing Element, and to seek a writ of mandate requiring the City to adopt a new Housing Element that complies with state law. The action will also seek declaratory relief that the Housing Element does not substantially comply with the law, and that the City is not entitled to use certain sites to count towards its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (“RHNA”) for purposes of the No Net Loss statute. The action will also request an award of costs and attorney’s fees.

This action will be based on the grounds that the Housing Element for 2023-2031, as adopted and revised on September 19, 2023, violates Government Code sections 65583 and 65583.2. This includes, without limitation, that the site inventory lists sites with existing uses that create an obstacle to residential development. The City’s methodology did not take these impediments into account and did not engage in a proper consideration of other required statutory factors. With respect to sites claimed to accommodate the lower income categories of the RHNA, the City Council’s findings were not supported by substantial evidence that the existing use was likely to discontinue during the planning period.¹ In addition, the City failed to

¹ To be clear, HAC is in favor of residential development at the challenged sites generally, including the BART parking lot parcels on Owens Drive in particular. The problem is that,

estimate or adjust the capacity of sites based on an evaluation of typical densities at similar levels of affordability, or to analyze existing leases or other contracts that impede construction of housing. Without limiting the foregoing, the prior letters sent on behalf of HAC to the City, dated November 30, 2022, December 11, 2022, January 17, 2023, February 6, 2023, March 13, 2023, and June 1, 2023 are also hereby incorporated by reference as further describing the grounds.

Please contact us if the City is willing to voluntarily correct these issues and adopt a compliant Housing Element.

Sincerely,



Thomas B. Mayhew



Charles J. Higley

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without substantial evidence that the BART parking lot is likely to be redeveloped before January 31, 2031, it should not have been included as satisfying the RHNA for the lower income categories; Pleasanton was instead required to rezone additional sites to accommodate its RHNA for the lower income categories.