



**Town of Portola Valley  
Notice of Intent to Adopt a  
Mitigated Negative Declaration  
(Town of Portola Valley Housing Element, Safety  
Element and Conforming General Plan and Zoning  
Amendments)**

**Purpose of Notice:**

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration has been recommended for this project. Approval of a Mitigated Negative Declaration does not constitute approval of the project under consideration. The decision to approve or deny the project is a separate action.

**Project Title:** Town of Portola Valley Housing Element Update, Safety Element Update, and amendments to the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance

**Contact Person:** Laura Russell, AICP  
Planning & Building Director

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**Contact Address:** 765 Portola Road  
Portola Valley, CA 94028

**Project Location:** Affects all of Portola Valley

**Project Description:**

The Housing Element Update is proposed to comply with California Government Code Sections 65580-65589.8, which requires local jurisdictions to update the Housing Element of their General Plans every eight years to adequately plan for the regional housing needs of residents of all income groups, as well as Government Code Section 65103 requiring jurisdictions to periodically revise their General Plans. Associated General Plan and Zoning Amendments are proposed to implement the Housing Element.

The Safety Element Update comprehensively updates the Town's previous Safety Element adopted in 2010. An update of the Safety Element is needed given the land use and regulatory changes that have taken place over the last 12 years, and in response to new State law requiring jurisdictions update their safety element in conjunction with their housing element update, which occurs on an eight-year cycle.

**Address where document may be reviewed:**

Portola Valley Town Hall, 765 Portola Rd., Portola Valley, California or online at:  
<https://www.portolavalley.net/housingelement>

**Public Review Period** Begins: October 28, 2022 Ends: November 29, 2022

Written comments on the Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration should be sent to the attention of Laura Russell, Planning & Building Director by 5:00 PM on November 29, 2022. Comments may also be submitted to [housing@portolavalley.net](mailto:housing@portolavalley.net).

**Scheduled Public Hearing (date, time, place):**

- Planning Commission on November 16, 2022, 7 pm, Hybrid Meeting via Zoom or in person at the Historic Schoolhouse, Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028. *Additional meeting instructions will be provided ten days prior to this meeting.*

