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To: Interested Parties

**SUBJECT: Public Notice of Availability
Draft Negative Declaration No. 12-007 (General Plan Amendment No. 12-001 2013-2021 Housing Element Update)**

Notice is hereby given by the Department of Planning and Building of the City of Huntington Beach that the following Draft Negative Declaration has been prepared:

Draft Negative Declaration No. 12-007 analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with the 2013-2021 Housing Element Update. The Housing Element is one of the seven State-mandated elements of the City's General Plan and must be updated pursuant to California Government Code Section 65588 for the 2013-2021 planning period. The Housing Element identifies and assesses projected housing needs and provides an inventory of constraints and resources relevant to meeting these needs. Components of the housing element include: a housing needs assessment with population and household characteristics; identification of constraints to providing housing; an inventory of available sites for the provision of housing for all economic segments of the community; and a statement of goals, policies and programs for meeting the City's housing needs.

The City of Huntington Beach is the lead agency for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

The Draft Negative Declaration will be available for public review and comment for 30 days commencing Thursday, July 18, 2013 and ending Friday, August 16, 2013.

A copy of the Draft Negative Declaration is on file with the Department of Planning and Building, City of Huntington Beach City Hall, 2000 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Huntington Beach, California, 92648; at the Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, California; the City Clerk's Office, 2000 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Huntington Beach, California; and on the internet at <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/major/index.cfm>.

Any person wishing to comment on the Draft Negative Declaration may do so in writing within the 30 day comment period by providing written comments to Jennifer Villasenor, Senior Planner, City of Huntington Beach Department of Planning and Building, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. Public hearings on the Housing Element Update are scheduled for August 2013 (Planning Commission) and September 2013 (City Council).

The Housing Element is a policy document applicable Citywide. Parcels within the City are identified on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.