

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FRESNO )  
COUNTY GENERAL PLAN )  
AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. 576 )  
RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE )  
ADDENDUM TO THE PROGRAM )  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT )  
NO. 2018031066; APPROVING )  
GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT )  
APPLICATION NO. 576 UPDATING THE )  
HOUSING ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL )  
PLAN AS THE FIRST GENERAL PLAN )  
AMENDMENT 2025 AMENDING THE )  
COUNTY SIXTH CYCLE HOUSING )  
ELEMENT )

WHEREAS, California law requires counties and cities to prepare and adopt a Housing Element for the General Plan, and to review and update the Housing Element as prescribed by Housing Element Law; and

WHEREAS, the County of Fresno has prepared an updated Housing Element for the Sixth Cycle planning period (2023-2031) in conformance with the requirements of California Government Code Section 65580-65589.5 and to meet the County's share of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) as identified by the Fresno Council of Governments for the sixth cycle period; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Element contains goals, policies and programs to address the existing and future housing needs as required by the State Housing Law; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Element is consistent with all other elements of the Fresno County General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the update to the County-adopted Housing Element, consists of a Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element for the Sixth Cycle Planning Period (2023-2031), to meet the County's obligation for Regional Housing Needs Allocation; and

WHEREAS, the Amendment to Text consists of changing the Zoning Ordinance related to Article 2, Chapter 810.2, Section 810.2.020 (A.3 and Table 2-5) and Article 7 under Residential Zones as listed under Residential Zone Land Uses and Permit Requirements to include definitions for Discretionary, Ministerial, and By-right uses; and

1        WHEREAS, an Addendum to the Fresno County Final Program Environmental Impact Report No.  
2 2018031066, certified on February 20, 2024 (certified EIR) with the adoption of the General Plan Review  
3 and Zoning Ordinance Update was prepared for the project by Department staff in conformance with the  
4 provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Information provided in the Addendum  
5 provides the basis for the determination that a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report is not required  
6 and that the Board of Supervisors can rely on the original EIR and the Addendum. On the basis of the  
7 whole record before the Board of Supervisors, including any comments received, and pursuant to CEQA  
8 Guidelines section 15164 and Public Resources Code section 21166, there is no substantial evidence  
9 that these updates to the County-adopted Housing Element, and the associated AT 391 would result in  
10 new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified  
11 significant effects that were previously disclosed in the certified EIR and therefore, no subsequent EIR or  
12 MND is required; and

13        WHEREAS, the Fresno County Planning Commission on July 24, 2025, held a duly noticed public  
14 hearing and considered Addendum to the certified EIR, the General Plan Amendment (GPA) Application  
15 No. 576 and the associated Amendment to Text (AT) No. 391; and

16        WHEREAS, all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard, and at the conclusion of the  
17 public hearing, the Fresno County Planning Commission recommended adoption of the Addendum to  
18 the certified EIR and approval of GPA No. 576 and AT No. 391 and recommended that the Board of  
19 Supervisors approve and authorize the submittal of the draft Sixth Cycle Housing Element to the  
20 California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD); and

21        WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors duly fixed August 19, 2025, for a public  
22 hearing on the Addendum to the certified EIR and GPA 576 for the update of the County's Housing  
23 Element and the associated AT No. 391 and the public hearing was held thereon in the manner  
24 prescribed by law; and

25        WHEREAS, the Board considered the Agenda Item with attachments including the Planning  
26 Commission Staff Report, the Addendum to the certified EIR, the proposed update to the County-adopted  
27 Housing Element, the proposed AT, and the Planning Commission's resolution; and

28        ///

1        WHEREAS, the Board heard and considered verbal and/or written public testimony on the  
2 Addendum to the certified EIR, the proposed update to the County-adopted Housing Element, and the  
3 associated AT; and

4        WHEREAS, upon consideration, the Board of Supervisors has determined that the proposed  
5 amendment is essential to addressing the State mandates related to the required adoption of the Sixth  
6 Cycle Housing Element.

7        WHEREAS, this will be the first amendment cycle to the Fresno County General Plan 2025  
8 calendar year.

9        NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors  
10 has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Addendum to the certified EIR and other  
11 documents contained in the administrative record. Based on the Board's independent review and analysis  
12 it finds that the Addendum to the certified EIR and administrative record contain a complete and accurate  
13 reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the updates to the County-adopted Housing  
14 Element, and the associated AT 391; that the proposed modifications are within the scope of the certified  
15 EIR, do not require subsequent action under CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 and, in conjunction with  
16 the certified EIR, adequately analyzes potential environmental impacts; and that the Addendum to the  
17 certified EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. As such  
18 the Board hereby adopts Addendum to the certified EIR; and

19        BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts a  
20 Resolution approving the General Plan Amendment Application No. 576 updating the Housing Element  
21 of the General Plan, a Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element for the Sixth Cycle Planning Period (2023-  
22 2031) as the County's First General Plan Amendment for 2025; and

23        BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all elements of the General Plan previously adopted shall  
24 remain in full force and effect, except as amended by this resolution; and

25        BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Fresno County Board of Supervisors authorizes the submittal  
26 of the Multi-Jurisdictional Sixth Cycle Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and  
27 Community Development and authorizes the Director of Public Works and Planning or authorized  
28 designee subject to review and approval as to legal from by County Counsel to make non-substantive

1 changes to the document to ensure approval by HCD; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the documents and materials associated with the updates to  
3 the County-adopted Housing Element, and the associated AT 391, the Addendum to the certified EIR,  
4 and the certified EIR that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings are based are  
5 located at 2220 Tulare Street, Sixth Floor, Fresno, California 93721-2104. The Custodian of Record is  
6 the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning.

7 THE FOREGOING was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of  
8 the County of Fresno the 19th day of August, 2025, to wit:

9  
10 AYES: Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco

11 NOES: None

12 ABSENT: None

13 ABSTAINED: None

14  
15   
16 Ernest "Buddy" Mendes, Chairman of the Board of  
17 Supervisors of the County of Fresno

18 **ATTEST:**

19 Bernice E. Seidel  
20 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
21 County of Fresno, State of California

22 By Alexandrin Vier  
23 Deputy

24  
25  
26  
27  
28