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CITY OF GARDENA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission of the City of Gardena will conduct a public hearing **at 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, CA, in the City Hall Council Chambers**, to consider the following:

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT #1-25
AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT #11-26

The City of Gardena is updating its Community Resources Element, which includes the Open Space and Conservation components of the City's General Plan.

This update will guide how Gardena protects natural resources, enhances parks and recreation, improves environmental quality, and strengthens climate resilience over the next 20–30 years. The proposed updates include revised goals, policies, and actions addressing parks, recreational opportunities, equitable access to open space, natural resource conservation, and environmental sustainability.

The document is available for review on the City's Website at https://cityofgardena.org. Community Members are encouraged to review the documents and submit comments.

Environmental Consideration: The project is being considered for an exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the common-sense exemption set forth in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). The updates consist of policy-level revisions and would not modify land use designations, increase development intensity or capacity, authorize construction or other physical improvements, or commit the City to a specific future action. Therefore, the updates would not significantly affect the environment. The updates also qualify for the Class 8 categorical exemption under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 because they constitute an action taken by a regulatory agency for the protection of the environment.

LOCATION: City Wide

The related materials will be on file and open for public inspection by October 30, 2026, on the City's website at https://www.cityofgardena.org/community-development/planning-projects/. You will have the opportunity to comment during the hearing. Comments may also be submitted via email to publiccomment@cityofgardena.org or by mail to the Commission at 1700 W 162nd Street, Gardena, CA 90247.

If you challenge the action(s) taken on the request(s) in court, you will be limited to raising only those issues which you (or someone else) raised orally at the public hearing or in written correspondence received by the Gardena Planning

and Environmental Quality Commission during or prior to the public hearing. For further information, please contact the Planning Division at (310) 217-9524.

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