

## ATTACHMENT 7: ADDENDUM TO INITIAL STUDY FOR ALBANY 2015-2023 HOUSING ELEMENT

*The following changes are incorporated in the Initial Study for the 2015-2023 Albany Housing Element:*

Page 2 The signature of the City Planner, along with printed name (Anne Hersch), date (November 29, 2014), and title (City Planner) has been added.

Page 10 In the discussion of potential aesthetic impacts, in the second paragraph under lettered item “a” (effects on scenic vistas), the second and third sentences are edited as follows:

“The best view opportunities are on the waterfront, as views from publicly accessible locations on Albany Hill and in other parts of the City are ~~From the crest of Albany Hill, these views are largely unobstructed. From Albany’s flatlands, public viewpoints are partially or completely~~ obscured ~~blocked~~ by existing development and vegetation.”

Page 11 In the discussion of potential aesthetic impacts, in the third paragraph under lettered item “c” (existing visual character or quality), the third and fourth sentences are edited as follows:

“Development of Housing Opportunity Sites on San Pablo Avenue would intensify the level of development by adding taller and bulkier buildings on as many as 12 sites over time ~~be consistent with the existing visual character of San Pablo Avenue, which includes multi-family residential mixed use development.~~ Existing zoning standards would ensure that potential development permitted under the proposed Housing Element would be consistent with the existing visual character of multi-family and mixed use projects on San Pablo Avenue and Solano Avenue.”

Page 11 In the discussion of potential aesthetic impacts, the fifth (final) paragraph under lettered item “c” (existing visual character or quality) is edited as follows:

“Overall, the proposed Housing Element would not substantially degrade the visual character of the city or ~~have a less than significant impact on the existing visual character and quality of the housing sites and their surroundings~~ and would have a less than significant aesthetic impact.”

Page 26 Under lettered item “g” (Emergency Operations Plan), the first part of the fifth sentence is deleted as follows:

~~“Policy CHS-2.3 calls for the development of an emergency operations center at the Library/Community Center on Marin Avenue, and Policies CHS-2.4 and 2.5 work to ensure that police and fire departments maintain current levels of service throughout Albany.”~~

Page 34 In the first full paragraph on the page, the second sentence is edited to delete the word “increased” as follows:

However, noise levels from ~~increased~~ vehicle traffic could be mitigated to acceptable levels through project-level design improvements such as double paned windows, soft floor coverings, and sound transmission reduction materials for walls, which would diffuse interior noise levels from street traffic.