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A black and white photograph of a courtyard. In the foreground, there is a large, circular stone planter with a cactus and other plants. To the right, there is a multi-tiered stone fountain. In the background, there is a building with a double door and a wooden bench. The text "Piedmont Housing Element Implementation Project Draft EIR" is overlaid in white on a dark, semi-transparent background at the bottom of the image.

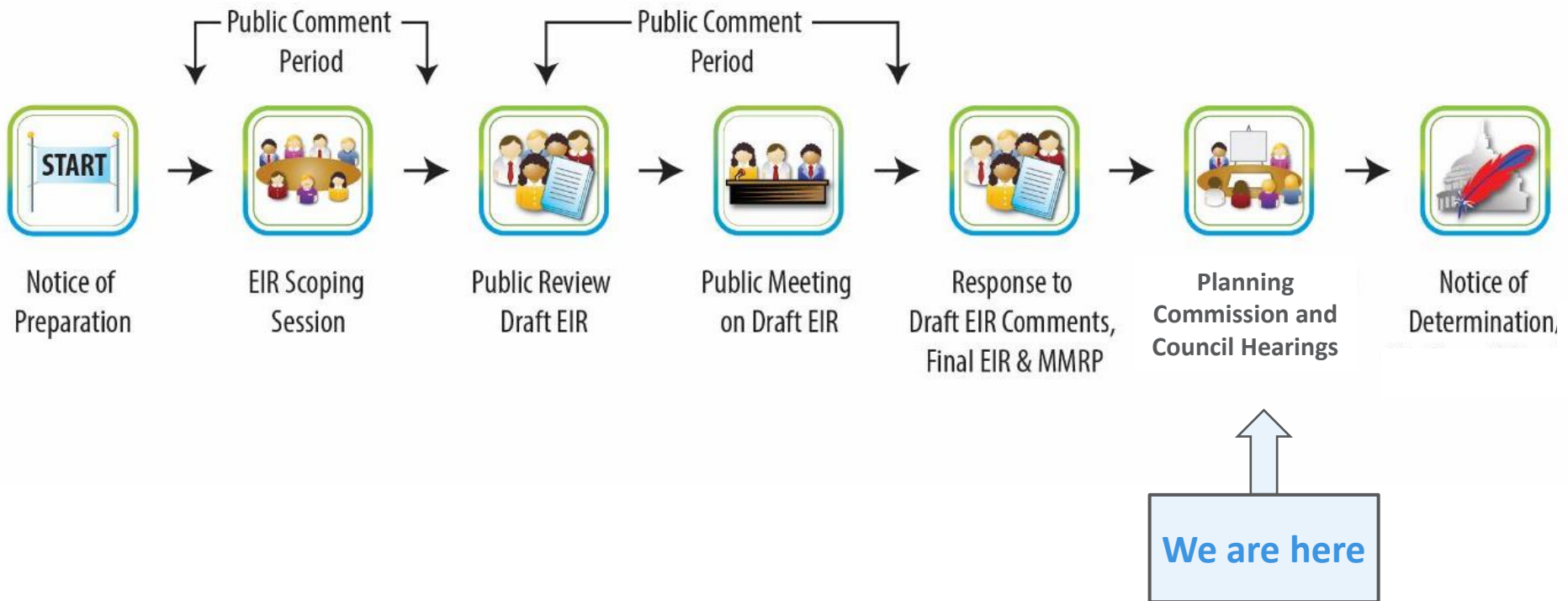
## Piedmont Housing Element Implementation Project Draft EIR

# California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

## Purpose of CEQA:

- Disclose the potential significant environmental effects of proposed actions
- Identify ways to avoid or reduce adverse environmental effects
- Consider feasible alternatives to proposed actions
- Foster interagency coordination in the review of projects
- Enhance public participation in the planning process

# Environment Impact Report (EIR) Process



# CEQA Timeline



Notice of Preparation (NOP) was released February 16, 2022

- 13 written comments
- Verbal comments at Scoping Meeting held by PC on March 1, 2022

45-day Draft EIR comment period:  
November 3 – December 18, 2023

- 15 written comments
- No public verbal comments at PC on December 11, 2023 or CC hearing on December 18

Final EIR – January 2024

# Impacts and Mitigation in the Draft EIR

- Impacts that were found to be Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated
  - Geology and Soils
    - Mitigation Measure MCSP-GEO-1 Geotechnical Assessment for Moraga Canyon Specific Plan Area
  - Hazards and Hazardous Materials
    - Mitigation Measure MCSP-HAZ-1 Property Assessment - Phase I and II ESAs
    - Mitigation Measure MCSP-HAZ-2 Soil Management Plan
- Impacts that were found to be Significant and Unavoidable
  - Historic Resources
  - Greenhouse Gas Emissions
  - Construction Noise
  - Transportation (vehicle miles traveled)
  - Wildfire
  - Utilities and Service Systems

# Final EIR

- 15 comment letters received
  - 4 public agencies (EMBUD, Caltrans, California Geological Survey, Alameda County Transportation Commission)
  - 11 individuals/residents
- EIR comments mostly pertained to geology and soils, noise, transportation, and impacts specific to the Moraga Canyon Specific Plan Area
- Some corrections, revisions, and additional information was added in the Final EIR
- None of the EIR revisions resulted in new or more severe significant environmental impacts than found in Draft EIR