FRESNO CITY PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 13871

The Fresno City Planning Commission at its regular meeting on November 20, 2024, adopted the following resolution relating to the South Central Specific Plan, Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) SCH No. 2019079022, and related Plan Amendment and Rezone Applications.

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno Planning and Development Department Director has requested that the Fresno City Planning Commission consider and make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the South Central Specific Plan and FEIR SCH No. 2019079022, including Plan Amendment Application No. P24-03961 to repeal the North Avenue Industrial Triangle Specific Plan, P24-03962 to repeal the overlapping portion of the Roosevelt Community Plan, Plan Amendment Application No. P24-03963 to adopt the South Central Specific Plan, Plan Amendment Application No. P24-03965 to amend the Fresno General Plan, and Rezone Application No. P24-03970 to rezone property consistent with the proposed plans for the South Central Specific Plan; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an EIR was prepared by the City to consider potential impacts associated with implementation of the project, and to provide mitigation measures that would reduce impacts to less than significant levels; the Draft EIR was released for a 60-day public review period beginning on May 31, 2024, and ending on July 30, 2024; a Final EIR was released on November 13, 2024, which includes all comments received during the public review period, City responses to issues raised regarding adequacy of the Draft EIR, and edits to the Draft EIR as depicted in the Final EIR; and

WHEREAS, FEIR SCH No. 2019079022 is being processed with related Plan Amendment Application Nos. P24-03961 to repeal the North Avenue Industrial Triangle Specific Plan, P24-03962 to repeal the overlapping portion of the Roosevelt Community Plan, P24-03963 to adopt the South Central Specific Plan, P24-03965 to amend the Fresno General Plan, and Rezone Application No. P24-03970 to rezone property consistent with the proposed plans; and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2024, the Fresno City Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing to consider Plan Amendment Application No. P24-03961, and related Plan Amendment Applications Nos. P24-03962, P24-03963, P24-03965, Rezone Application No. P24-03970, and the associated Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) SCH No. 2019079022; and

WHEREAS, 23 persons spoke in opposition and no one spoke in support of the South Central Specific Plan and related actions, citing concerns related to job creation, new regulations, and insufficient environmental protections; and

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WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the subject applications in accordance with the land use policies of the Fresno General Plan and reviewed the FEIR in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fresno City Planning Commission, based upon the testimony and information presented at the hearing and upon review and consideration of the environmental documentation provided, hereby recommends that the City Council deny Plan Amendment Application Nos. P24-03961 to repeal the North Avenue Industrial Triangle Specific Plan, P24-03962 to repeal the overlapping portion of the Roosevelt Community Plan, P24-03963 to adopt the South Central Specific Plan, P24-03965 to amend the Fresno General Plan, and deny Rezone Application No. P24-03970 to rezone property consistent with the proposed plans, and to not certify FEIR SCH No. 2019079022.

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The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Fresno City Planning Commission upon a motion from Commissioner Bray (Vice Chair) seconded by Commissioner Calandra.

VOTING: Ayes - Bray (Vice Chair), Calandra, Criner, Diaz, Lyday, Shergill and

Vang (Chair)

Noes - None

Not Voting - None Absent - None

Dated: November 20, 2024

JENNIFER K. CLARK, Secretary Fresno City Planning Commission

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Plan Amendment Ap. No. P24-03961 Plan Amendment Ap. No. P24-03962

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Rezone Ap. No. P24-03970

Certify FEIR for the South Central

Specific Plan

Initiated by the Fresno City Council

Action: Recommend Denial