

FRESNO CITY PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 13370

The Fresno City Planning Commission at its regular meeting on March 30, 2016, adopted the following resolution relating to Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-001.

WHEREAS, Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-001 has been filed by the City of Fresno Development and Resource Management Director to amend the text of the Fresno General Plan; and

WHEREAS, Plan Amendment Application A-16-001 proposes to amend the text of Chapter 11 of the Fresno General Plan, the Housing Element Consistency Chapter, with an updated Housing Element that would be valid until 2023; amend the text of Fresno General Plan Chapter 3, Urban Form, Land Use, and Design, to incorporate an analysis of Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities within or adjacent to the Sphere of Influence, and amend the text of Chapter 9, the Noise and Safety Element, to comply with Government Code requirements related to floodplain management; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2016, the Fresno City Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to review the proposed plan amendment, received public testimony and considered the Development and Resource Management Department's report recommending approval of the proposed plan amendment; and,

WHEREAS, at the hearing one member of the public spoke in favor of the plan amendment, six members of the public spoke in opposition, and one spoke neutrally; and.

WHEREAS, on January 19 and March 15, 2016 the District 1 Plan Implementation Committee met to review the plan amendment and did not take action to recommend approval or denial due to lack of a quorum; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2016 the District 2 Plan Implementation Committee reviewed the plan amendment and recommended approval; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2016 the District 3 Plan Implementation Committee reviewed the plan amendment and did not take action to recommend approval or denial, but requested additional information; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2016 the District 4 Plan Implementation Committee reviewed the plan amendment and recommended approval; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2016 the District 5 Plan Implementation Committee reviewed the plan amendment and recommended approval; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2016 the District 6 Plan Implementation Committee reviewed the plan amendment and recommended approval; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2016, the Fulton-Lowell Design Review Committee reviewed the plan amendment and recommended approval; and

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WHEREAS, on March 18, 2016, the Tower District Design Review Committee reviewed the plan amendment and recommended approval; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2016 the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) reviewed the plan amendment, including the January 2016 public draft of the Housing Element, and found it to be consistent with the ALUC's Sierra Sky Park Land Use Policy Plan, ALUC's Fresno-Chandler Downtown Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan and the ALUC's Fresno Yosemite International Land Use Compatibility Plan by a unanimous vote with a condition that any density added by tiny houses or second units remain consistent with airport plans; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2016 the Fresno City Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-001 and the associated Finding of Conformity to the General Plan Master Environmental Impact Report and Addendum prepared for Environmental Assessment No. A-16-001; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the subject plan amendment application in accordance with the Government Code Sections 65000, et seq; and,

WHEREAS, the Fresno City Planning Commission reviewed the environmental assessment prepared for this plan amendment, Environmental Assessment No. A-16-001, a Finding of Conformity to the Fresno General Plan Final Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 2012111015 (MEIR) certified by the Fresno City Council on December 18, 2014 pursuant to Section 21157.1 of the California Public Resource Code (California Environmental Quality Act) and an Addendum to the Finding of Conformity pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 and 15164; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fresno City Planning Commission finds in accordance with its own independent judgment that Environmental Assessment No. A-16-001, a Finding of Conformity to the Fresno General Plan Final Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 2012111015 (MEIR) certified by the Fresno City Council on December 18, 2014 pursuant to Section 21157.1 of the California Public Resource Code (California Environmental Quality Act) and an Addendum to the Finding of Conformity pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 and 15164 is appropriate for Plan Amendment A-16-001. Accordingly, the Planning Commission recommends that the Council adopt Environmental Assessment No. A-16-001 dated January 29, 2016 (Finding of Conformity) and March 23, 2016 (Addendum), respectively.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fresno City Planning Commission hereby recommends to the City Council that Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-001, which proposes to amend the Fresno General Plan as described within the staff report to the Planning Commission dated March 30, 2016, be approved.

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The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Fresno City Planning Commission upon a motion by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez.

VOTING:

Ayes - Garcia, Vasquez, Catalano, Torossian

Noes - Medina, Not Voting - None

Absent - Holt, Reed

DATED: March 30, 2016

Jennifer K. Clark, Secretary

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Filed by City of Fresno Development and Resource Management Department

Director

Action: Recommend Approval