

Exhibit B: Initiation Resolution No. 2017-61



RESOLUTION NO. 2017-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO CALIFORNIA TO INITIATE AN AMENDMENT TO FRESNO GENERAL PLAN POLICY RC-9-C PURSUANT TO FRESNO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 15-4902-B AND 15-5803-C

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2014, by Resolution No. 2014-226, the Council of the City of Fresno (Council) updated the 2025 Fresno General Plan by adopting the Fresno General Plan; and

WHEREAS, Fresno General Plan Policy RC-9-c states, "In coordination with regional partners, or independently, establish a Farmland Preservation Program. When Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance is converted to urban uses outside City limits, this program would require the developer of such a project permanently protect an equal amount of similar farmland elsewhere through easement"; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to initiate an amendment to the Fresno General Plan to remove the specific requirement for permanent easements from Policy RC-9-c; and

WHEREAS, Sections 15-4902-B and 15-5803-C of the Fresno Municipal Code provide that an amendment to a plan may be initiated by the adoption of a resolution of initiation by the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

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Date Adopted: 03/02/2017
Date Approved: 03/02/2017
Effective Date: 03/02/2017

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1. The Council, pursuant to Fresno Municipal Code Sections 15-4902-B and 15-5803-C, hereby initiates an amendment to Fresno General Plan Policy RC-9-c to remove the requirement that a developer of a project that converts Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance to non-agricultural uses permanently protect an equal amount of similar farmland elsewhere through easement.

2. The Council further directs staff to bring the Plan Amendment before the Airport Land Use Commission for review within thirty-one days (or as soon thereafter as environmental review under CEQA may be legally completed) of the effective date of this Resolution, before the Planning Commission for review within thirty days of it being reviewed by the Airport Land Use Commission, and back before the Council for consideration within thirty days of the Planning Commission's review. Staff shall return to Council thirty days from the effective date of this Resolution to update the Council on the status of the proposed Plan Amendment and shall return to Council every thirty days thereafter until it returns to Council for final consideration.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the 2nd day of March, 2017.

AYES : Brandau, Bredefeld, Chavez, Olivier
NOES : Baines, Caprioglio, Soria
ABSENT : None
ABSTAIN : None

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

By: Yvonne Spence
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: [Signature]
Talía Kolluri-Barbick Date 5/24/2017
Supervising Deputy City Attorney

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