

RESOLUTION NO. 6676

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA CERTIFYING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CITY OF GARDENA GENERAL PLAN, ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, in late 2019 SCAG adopted a methodology for its 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment which allocated over 5,776 units to Gardena. In March 2021 SCAG adopted the 6th Cycle Housing Regional Housing Needs Assessment which allocated a total of 5,735 units to Gardena;

WHEREAS, in October 2020, the City hired De Novo Planning Group to assist the City in updating its General Plan, including preparing an environmental impact report (EIR) for the City's proposed General Plan Amendment to the Land Use Plan and zoning amendments relating to the implementation of the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element which include an environmental analysis of the impacts relating to changes in land use designations and zoning for the Inventory Sites identified in the Housing Element consisting of 468 parcels, as well as an additional 802 Non-Inventory Sites, as well as making text changes to the Land Use Plan and zoning code (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the Project also includes the changes to the zoning ordinance of the City;

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2024, the Planning Commission of the City of Gardena held a duly, noticed public hearing on the Project at which time it considered all evidence presented, both written and oral, after which it adopted PC Resolution No. 14-24, recommending that the City Council certify the Environmental Impact Report and adopt a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and also recommended that the City Council adopt Alternative 2 of the EIR with minor modifications; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2024, the City Council of the City of Gardena held a duly noticed hearing on the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. CEQA Procedures. The City Council of the City of Gardena does hereby find as follows:

A. In October 2020, the City entered into a consultant agreement with De Novo Planning Group to prepare an EIR for the Project, among other items.

B. A Notice of Preparation (“NOP”) for the Draft EIR was timely distributed and the public comment period on the NOP was from April 13, 2023 through May 19, 2023.

C. On April 27, 2023, the City held a scoping meeting in accordance with Public Resources Code section 21083.9 and CEQA Guidelines section 15082(c) and the same information was presented to the City Council on May 9, 2023.

D. The Draft EIR was made available for a public review period from January 16, 2024 through February 29, 2024. The Notice of Availability (“NOA”) was sent to a list of interested persons, agencies and organizations, adjacent property owners, and to anyone who had requested notice. The Notice of Completion was filed with the State Clearinghouse in Sacramento for distribution to public agencies. The DEIR and all the appendices were made available on the City’s website with directions to contact staff if help was needed in accessing the document.

E. Prior to the release of the DEIR and in accordance with SB 18 and AB 52, the City sent notices to the list of Native American Tribes provided by the Native American Heritage Council. No Tribe requested consultation; the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation responded that they would like to request consultation for future projects in the City.

F. The City received and reviewed six comments on the Draft EIR and prepared responses to those comments which are incorporated into the Final EIR. The Final EIR consists of the Draft EIR and all Appendices thereto and that separate document dated May 2024, incorporating the written comments and responses thereto, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

G. Responses were sent to the public agencies that commented on the DEIR and the Final EIR was made available for public review on May 28, 2024.

H. None of the comments received or the changes submitted resulted in any changes to the DEIR.

SECTION 2. Certification. Based on the above, the City Council hereby certifies the Final Environmental Impact Report for the City of Gardena General Plan, Zoning Code and Zoning Map Amendment Project which consists of the Draft EIR dated January 2024 and the Final EIR dated May 2024. In making this certification, the City Council specifically finds as follows:

A. The EIR complies with CEQA and contains all necessary elements as required by CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.

B. The EIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City Council.

C. The EIR was presented to the City Council which reviewed and considered the information in the EIR before taking any action on the Project.

SECTION 3. Custodian of Record. Each and every one of the findings and determinations in this Resolution are based on the competent and substantial evidence, both oral and written, contained in the entire record relating to the Project. All summaries of information in the findings which precede this section are based on the entire record. The absence of any particular fact from any such summary is not an indication that a particular finding is not based in part on that fact. The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings and approval are based are located in the Community Development Department at City Hall, 1700 W. 162nd Street, Gardena, California 90247. The Custodian of Records is Greg Tsujiuchi, Community Development Director who can be reached at 310/217-9546 or gtsujiuchi@cityofgardena.org.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify the passage of this resolution.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 23 day of July, 2024.

Tasha Cerda, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Mina Semenza

MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CARMEN VASQUEZ, City Attorney

Exhibit A – Draft Environmental Impact Report dated January 2024

Exhibit B – Final Environmental Impact Report dated May 2024