

Resolution No.

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING AN ADDENDUM TO THE STOCKTON GENERAL PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP, CITYWIDE ZONING MAP, AND TITLE 16 OF THE STOCKTON MUNICIPAL CODE TO COMPLY WITH THE STOCKTON 2040 GENERAL PLAN AND CHANGES TO STATE LAW

In 2016, the Stockton City Council directed City staff to overhaul the 2035 General Plan to better align the community vision with expected growth patterns for the next twenty years. After years of community outreach and analysis, the City Council adopted the Envision Stockton 2040 General Plan ("General Plan") on December 4, 2018; and

On December 4, 2018, the City Council certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Envision Stockton 2040 General Plan Update; and

As required by State Law (Gov. Code § 65860), the City must amend its Zoning Code (Title 16 Development Code), development standards, and Zoning Map to be consistent with the General Plan; and

In 2020, City staff identified thousands of properties with inconsistencies between the General Plan or Zoning. Due to the significant level of analysis and outreach necessary to make informed recommendations on the inconsistency, Staff proposed a series of amendments to correct these Inconsistencies; and

The City Council approved the first Series ("Series 1") on March 9, 2021, and the second series ("Series 2") on November 16, 2021; and

There are 2,144 properties included within the "Series 3" proposed amendments, which is approximately 2.6% of all properties currently within Stockton city limits (83,326 properties). Series 3 changes encourage distancing of industrial uses from residential areas, the creation of walkable, mixed-use areas in existing neighborhoods, and the creation of housing throughout the City; and

Series 3 proposed amendments will help meet policies and goals of the 2040 General Plan, the Housing Element, environmental justice goals, and other policy objectives through amendments to General Plan Land Uses, Zoning, and the Development Code; and

The proposed amendments are consistent with the General Plan because they are needed to align the General Plan Land Use (GPLU) Map, Zoning Map, and Development Code with the General Plan policies, community vision, and Housing Element. Future development will need to comply with all applicable Zoning and development standards

and all building and fire regulations for health and safety. Therefore, the proposed amendments are consistent with the General Plan and will not endanger, jeopardize, or otherwise constitute a hazard to the public health and safety; and

On January 27, 2022, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing, pursuant to Stockton Municipal Code (SMC) Section 16.116.040(D), to consider the proposed Amendments and addendum, at which all times all interested parties had the opportunity to be heard. The Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing, pursuant to Stockton Municipal Code (SMC) Section 16.116.040(D), to consider the proposed Amendments, at which all times all interested parties had the opportunity to be heard. The Stockton Planning Commission voted to recommend the Stockton City Council adopt a Resolution to approve a General Plan Land Use Map amendment from Institutional to Industrial for a 14-acre parcel located at 3401 W State Route 4 (APN 162-130-05) at the northwest corner of State Route 4 and S Roberts Road; and

After the Planning Commission Hearing, the Property Owner for the subject site (APN 162-130-05) requested to remove his parcel from City Council's ("Series 3") consideration, to avoid additional delay in analyzing the potential environmental effects of the request. City staff continues to support the amendment and will continue to work with the Property Owner to bring the item before the City Council for consideration, either as a property owner initiated General Plan amendment or through a future City initiated General Plan update; and

On April 5, 2022, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing, to consider the proposed Amendments and certify the Addendum to the General Plan EIR. After discussion, the Council voiced concerns on the proposed amendments, directed staff to conduct additional outreach, and then voted to continue the item to a date uncertain; and

On July 12, 2022, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing, pursuant to Stockton Municipal Code (SMC) Section 16.116.040(D), to consider the proposed Amendments and certify the Addendum to the General Plan EIR, at which all times all interested parties had the opportunity to be heard; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. An Addendum to the EIR for the Envision Stockton 2040 General Plan (certified by the City of Stockton on December 3, 2018, Resolution No. 2018-12-04-1503-01) was prepared and considered all potential environmental effects associated with the proposed General Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Update project. The City determined that only minor technical changes are necessary, there are no facts triggering a Subsequent EIR, Negative Declaration, or Supplemental EIR, there is no need for new or more effective mitigation measures other than those described in the certified EIR and Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Program and the project is otherwise in compliance with CEQA Guidelines section 15164 Therefore, the proposed Addendum is approved as described in Exhibit 1.

2. The City Manager is authorized to take all necessary and appropriate steps to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED July 12, 2022.

KEVIN J. LINCOLN II
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

ELIZA R. GARZA, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Stockton