

EXHIBIT PC-1

Planning Commission Resolution

County-Initiated Amendment to the Ventura
County General Plan – Public Facilities, Services
and Infrastructure Element, and Proposed
Ordinance Amending Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 of
the Ventura County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance
to create a new Open Space- Parks and Recreation
Zone

Case No. PL22-0057

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RESOLUTION 23-06 FOR PL22-0057 REGARDING PROPOSED COUNTY-INITIATED AMENDMENT TO THE VENTURA COUNTY GENERAL PLAN – PUBLIC FACILITIES, SERVICES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENT, AND PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLES 3, 4, 5, 6, AND 9 OF THE VENTURA COUNTY NON-COASTAL ZONING ORDINANCE TO CREATE A NEW OPEN SPACE – PARKS AND RECREATION ZONE; AND RELATED FINDING THAT ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2023, the Ventura County Planning Commission ("Commission") held a legally noticed public hearing to consider a county-initiated amendment to the Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure Element of the General Plan, and an ordinance amending Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 of the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance to create a new Open Space – Parks and Recreation (OS-REC) zone (collectively, "Proposed Amendments"); and to consider a finding that adoption of the proposed amendments is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);

WHEREAS, the Commission considered all written and oral testimony from County staff and the public on this matter;

WHEREAS, after the close of the public hearing, Commissioner McPhail made a motion to approve staff's recommended actions, seconded by Commissioner Sandlin;

WHEREAS, the motion carried 4-0 with one absent, Commissioner Kestly; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission recommends that the following actions be taken by the Board of Supervisors with respect to the Proposed Amendments:

1. **CERTIFY** that the Board has reviewed and considered the Board letter and all exhibits thereto, the Planning Commission staff report and all exhibits thereto, and has considered all other materials and public comments received during the public comment and hearing processes;
2. **FIND**, on the basis of the entire record and as set forth in Section B of the Planning Commission staff report that the adoption of the proposed amendments to the General Plan and Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance (NCZO) (Exhibits 4 and 6) is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the project may cause a significant effect on the

environment; **FIND** that because the project consists of regulations for the benefit and protection of natural resources and the environment, it is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15307 and 15308; and **FIND** that no substantial evidence exists precluding the use of the above categorical exemptions based on the presence of unusual circumstances or any other exception set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2;

3. **FIND**, on the basis of the entire record and as set forth in Sections A, B, C and D of the Planning Commission staff report, that the proposed amendments to the General Plan and NCZO (Exhibits 4 and 6) are consistent with the goals, policies and programs of the General Plan and good planning practices and in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare;
4. **ADOPT** a resolution approving the proposed amendments to the General Plan (Exhibit 4);
5. **ADOPT** the proposed ordinance amending Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 of the Ventura County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Exhibit 6);
6. **SPECIFY** that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is the custodian, and 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009 is the location, of the documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings upon which these decisions are based.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission's reasons for the above-stated recommendations to the Board, and the relationship between the Proposed Amendments and the General Plan, are specified in Sections A, B, and C of the Planning Commission staff report and exhibits thereto. As a general summary, the Proposed Amendments would create a new OS-REC zone. The Planning Commission finds that the Proposed Amendments recognize that lands for public parks and recreation are integral to healthy communities and environmental preservation, while also allowing reasonable development and enjoyment of property. The Proposed Amendments are consistent with the General Plan and help further various policy objectives that seek to provide public recreational areas and conserve open space. The Proposed Amendments also allow fewer high-intensive uses compared to other zones and therefore promote open space preservation.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution reflecting the actions taken by the Ventura County Planning Commission at a public hearing regarding the above-described matter on October 5, 2023.



Dave Ward, AICP, Secretary to the
Ventura County Planning Commission