PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION # 2022-35

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EAST LONE TREE SPECIFIC PLAN TO ALLOW CANNABIS BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, §§ 9-5.3801 and 9-5.3845 of the Antioch Municipal Code ("AMC") establish the regulatory requirements for cannabis businesses in the City of Antioch;

WHEREAS, cannabis businesses are an important part of the local economy, offer employment while eliminating commuting and its associated environmental impacts, pay fees and taxes, and make contributions to local non-profit organizations through social equity programs that are required for all cannabis businesses in the City;

WHEREAS, the zoning code amendments establish three additional areas (Cannabis Business ("CB") districts) where limited types of cannabis businesses may be allowed (§9-5.3801), thus protecting against a concentration of cannabis businesses within any single community;

WHEREAS, the ordinance amendment establishes the "CB 5 Slatten Ranch Business Park" and "CB 6 "Slatten Ranch/Empire Center" districts which conditionally allow cannabis businesses (CB 5) and cannabis retail (CB 6);

WHEREAS, the East Lone Tree Specific Plan was adopted in 1996 and does not include cannabis businesses a permitted use;

WHEREAS, an amendment to the East Lone Tree Specific Plan is required to allow cannabis businesses;

WHEREAS, the ordinance is not considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act under the common sense exemption (CEQA Guidelines 150361(b)(3)) because it will not have a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change or effect on the environment. The ordinance does not change the existing zoning in the affected areas; rather, the ordinance is an overlay on the existing zoning, already approved and adopted by the City;

WHEREAS, a public hearing notice was published in the East County Times and posted in three public places pursuant to California Government Code Section 65090 on November 4, 2022 for the public hearing held on November 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and considered all public comments received, the presentation by City staff, the staff report, and all other pertinent documents regarding the proposed request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission of the City of Antioch does hereby **RECOMMEND** that the City Council adopt an ordinance amending the East Lone Tree Specific Plan, attached as Exhibit A.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Antioch at a regular meeting thereof held on the 16th day of November 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Gutilla, Hills, Martin, Lutz, Motts, Schneiderman

NOES:

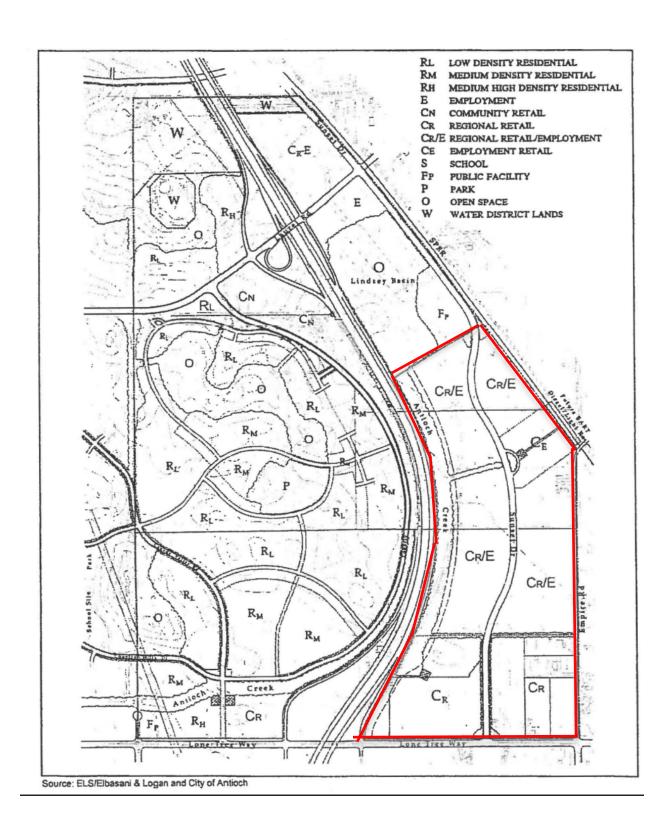
ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Riley

est Ebbs (Nov 17, 2022 10:25 PST)

FORREST EBBS Secretary to the Planning Commission

EXHIBIT A DRAFT SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT (SEPARATE PAGE)



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