

RESOLUTION NO. NS-xx,xxx

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR AMENDMENTS TO DOWNTOWN RECOVERY PLAN, (A SPECIFIC PLAN); AMENDMENT TO GENERAL PLAN 2030 TO MODIFY FLOOR AREA RATIO FOR REGIONAL VISITOR COMMERCIAL LAND USE DESIGNATION; AMENDMENT TO LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM LAND USE PLAN TEXT TO MODIFY SAN LORENZO URBAN RIVER PLAN LAND USE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES; AND AMENDMENT TO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 24.10, PART 24, CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD) OF THE ZONING CODE, AN IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY'S LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM, TO MODIFY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND MODIFY OUTDOOR EXTENSION AREA REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, a Notice of Preparation ("NOP") of an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") for the amendments to the Downtown Recovery Plan, General Plan, Local Coastal Plan, and Chapter 24.10 of the Santa Cruz Municipal Code (the "Project") was issued by the Planning and Community Development Department of the City of Santa Cruz on February 15, 2017; and

WHEREAS, an EIR Scoping Meeting was held on June 15, 2017 to receive comments regarding the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIR; and

WHEREAS, a Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR" or "Draft EIR") was prepared and issued for agency and public review and comment on July 26, 2017, for a 45-day review period that ended on September 8, 2017; and

WHEREAS, nineteen (19) comment letters were received on the Draft EIR from private individuals as well as private and public entities; and

WHEREAS, a Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR" or "Final EIR"), incorporating all comments received on the DEIR and responses to comments was issued on October 5, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the complete Final EIR consists of the July 2017 Draft EIR, comments received on the document, and responses to comments contained in the October 2017 FEIR, modifications made to the text of the Draft EIR that are also included in the FEIR, appendices to the Draft and Final EIRs, and all documents and resources referenced and incorporated by reference in the EIR; and

WHEREAS, the FEIR has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq, the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15000 et seq.) (the "State CEQA Guidelines") and local procedures adopted pursuant thereto; and

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WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Project and the FEIR on October 12, 2017 and issued recommendations to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered the FEIR at a public meeting on November 14, 2017;

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

- The City Council certifies that the Final EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines and local procedures adopted pursuant thereto.
- The City Council hereby finds that the Final EIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City Council, as required by Public Resources Code Section 21082.1.
- The City Council has independently reviewed and analyzed the Final EIR and considered the information contained therein and all comments, written and oral, received prior to approving this resolution.
- The City Council therefore hereby certifies the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of ____, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk Administrator