

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-304113

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

2228 REO DRIVE MAP WAIVER, PROJECT NO. 145758 - ENVIRONMENTAL APPEAL BY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COALITION OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY AND CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE EQUITABLE ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT, C/O CORY J. BRIGGS, BRIGGS LAW CORPORATION.

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2007, Eustacio Torres, submitted an application to the City of San Diego for approval to waive the requirements of (1) a tentative map, and (2) to underground existing overhead utilities on a site located at 2228 Reo Drive (hereinafter referred to as the 2228 Reo Drive Map Waiver Project); and

WHEREAS, said 2228 Reo Drive Map Waiver Project was assigned Project No. 145758 by the City of San Diego Development Services Department; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2008, the City of San Diego, through the Development Services Department, determined that the application for Project No. 145758 was complete, and therefore, was deemed complete on said date; and

WHEREAS on January 23, 2008, the City of San Diego, as Lead Agency, through the Development Services Department, made and issued an Environmental Determination that the 2228 Reo Drive Map Waiver Project is a Class I, Existing Facilities Project, Categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA] (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) under CEQA Guidelines section 15301(k) (California Code of Regulations sections 15000, 15301(k)); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with CEQA (Public Resources Code section 21151(c)), and Section 112.0520 of the San Diego Municipal Code, Affordable Housing Coalition of San Diego

County and Citizens for Responsible Equitable Environmental Development, c/o Cory J. Briggs, Briggs Law Corporation, [hereinafter, Appellant] appealed the Environmental Determination for the 2228 Reo Drive Map Waiver Project to the Council of the City of San Diego [hereinafter, City Council]; and

WHEREAS, the appeal was set for a public hearing to be conducted by the City Council on September 9, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the issues on appeal were heard, and evidence in the form of testimony and other evidence were accepted into the record, by the City Council on September 9, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered, in light of the whole record, the Environmental Determination to Categorically Exempt the 2228 Reo Drive Map Waiver Project, the potential environmental impacts associated with the 2228 Reo Drive Map Waiver Project, the issues raised on appeal, and the issues brought up at the hearing through testimony and public participation; and

WHEREAS, under Charter section 280(a)(2) this resolution is not subject to veto by the Mayor because this matter requires the City Council to act as a quasi-judicial body and where a public hearing was required by law implicating due process rights of individuals affected by the decision and where the Council was required by law to consider evidence at the hearing and to make legal findings based on the evidence presented; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, upon consideration of the whole record before it, that it is determined that the Environmental Determination has been completed in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, that the declaration reflects the independent judgment of the City of San Diego as Lead Agency, and that the information contained in the Development

Services Department staff report and testimony and comments received during the public testimony process have been reviewed and considered by this City Council in connection with the appeal of the Environmental Determination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council finds, based upon the representations of City staff, public testimony and the whole record before it, the following:

1. There is substantial evidence, in light of the whole record, supporting the Environmental Determinations to Categorical Exempt the 2228 Reo Drive Map Waiver Project under the provisions of CEQA Guidelines section 15301(k);
2. A fair argument, based upon evidence found in the whole record, has not been established demonstrating the exceptions to the Categorical Exemption, within the meaning of CEQA and CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations sections 15300.2), exist with respect to the 2228 Reo Drive Map Waiver Project; and
3. Based upon substantial evidence in light of the whole record, the 2228 Reo Drive Map Waiver Project would not result in any significant or potentially significant impacts or effects on the environment.
4. The information provided by the Appellant and his experts are to be excluded from the record.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Environmental Determination of the Development Services Department is sustained, and the appeal of Affordable Housing

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Coalition of San Diego County and Citizens for Responsible Equitable Environmental
Development, c/o Cory J. Briggs, Briggs Law Corporation is denied.

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