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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 314499

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE DEC 09 2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DETERMINING THAT APPROVAL OF A TREE PLANTING PROGRAM IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15304 (MINOR ALTERATIONS TO LAND)

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego (City) desires to implement a Citywide Tree Planting Program (Project) in an amount not to exceed \$4,690,000 in which trees will be planted on City property and within any public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the trees will first be planted on City property in the following areas: Barrio Logan, Logan Heights, Sherman Heights, Grant Hill, Stockton San Ysidro, and Southeastern San Diego; and

WHEREAS, if Project funds remain after tree planting is exhausted in these areas, the City will identify tree planting locations in areas determined by the State EnviroScreen 4.0 census tracts within the 70th percentile or higher, followed by the City's Historically Underserved Community census tracts as identified in the City's Climate Equity Index 2021 update; and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.), states that the CEQA Guidelines thereto (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq.) shall list those classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall be exempt from CEQA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that authority, CEQA Guidelines sections 15300-15333 list the categorical exemptions promulgated by the California Office of Planning and Research and

adopted by the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency for those classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15304(b) (Minor Alterations to Land) and that no exception to the exemption, as set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2, applies to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of San Diego (Council) has considered the potential environmental effect of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Council held a duly noticed public meeting and considered the written record for the Project as well as public comment; and

WHEREAS, the Council, using its independent judgment, has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15304(b) (Minor Alterations to Land) which allows for minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, specifically, new landscaping; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney has drafted this resolution based on the information provided by City staff, with the understanding that this information is complete, true, and accurate; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of San Diego determines that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15304 and that an exception to the exemption as set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 does not apply.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By /s/ Laura M. DePoister
Laura M. DePoister
Deputy City Attorney

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November 2, 2022
Or.Dept: Planning
Doc. No. 3133474

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of DEC 06 2022

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By Kristell Medina
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 12/9/22
(date)

Todd Gloria
TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on DEC 06 2022, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monica Montgomery Steppe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Cate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage DEC 09 2022.

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Kristell Medina, Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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