RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 314550

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DENYING THE APPEAL AND APPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION SS4400 THAT THE AS-NEEDED TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR STREETS RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15301 (EXISTING FACILITIES) AND SECTION 15304 (MINOR ALTERATION TO LAND).

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2022, a Notice of Right to Appeal (NORA) for the As-Needed Tree Maintenance Services for Streets Right-of-Way Agreement (Project) was prepared and posted pursuant to San Diego Municipal Code section 112.0310; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2022, an environmental appeal was filed by Margaret McCann; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Policy Section of the Planning Department conducted a preliminary review consistent with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15060, to determine if approval of the Project would result in any impacts to the environment and to identify required mitigation, if necessary.

WHEREAS, the Environmental Policy section of the Planning Department, upon completion of the City of San Diego staff review, determined that the Project would not result in a significant physical effect on the environment and that the Project was categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and section 15304 (Minor Alteration to Land), and also determined no exceptions to the exemptions applied; and

(R-2023-337)

WHEREAS, under San Diego 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 City Council was required by law to consider evidence at

the hearing and to make legal findings based on the evidence presented; 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, by the City Council of the City of San Diego, that the appeal of the

environmental determination of the Project is denied, based on the substantial evidence provided

in the record to support the exemptions and the determination that no substantial evidence has

been provided to support a fair argument that one of the exceptions to the categorical exemption

applies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Environmental Exemption No. SS4400 for the

Project is approved and the Project is exempt from CEQA, pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines

section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and section 15304 (Minor Alteration to Land).

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By

/s/ Cassandra E. Mougin

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Deputy City Attorney

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December 14, 2022

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