

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **315731**

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE AUG 01 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DETERMINING THAT THE HILLCREST FOCUSED PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE UPTOWN COMMUNITY PLAN IS CONSISTENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SCH. NO. 2021070359 PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21166 AND CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15162.

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego undertook the Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment to the Uptown Community Plan, amendments to the Land Development Code, and associated actions (Project) for 380 acres of the Hillcrest and Medical Complex neighborhoods within the Uptown Community; and

WHEREAS, the matter was set for a public hearing to be conducted by the Council of the City of San Diego (Council); and

WHEREAS, the matter was heard by the Council on July 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2024, the Council certified a Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Report) for the Blueprint SD Initiative, Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment, and University Community Plan Update (SCH. No. 2021070359) and adopted Findings, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program for the Project by City Attorney Resolution R-2025-8 (San Diego Resolution R- **315701**); 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 Council of the City of San Diego, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15162 and in compliance with Public

Resources Code section 21166, that the Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment is consistent with the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Blueprint SD Initiative, Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment, and University Community Plan Update (SCH. No. 2021070359) (Report) certified by City Attorney Resolution R-2025-8 (San Diego Resolution R-315701) on July 23, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Report and other documents constituting the record of proceedings upon which the approval is based are available to the public at the Office of the City Clerk at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to file a Notice of Determination in accordance with CEQA with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for the County of San Diego and the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research regarding the Project following adoption of City Attorney Resolution R-2025-3 (San Diego Resolution R-315709), and final passage of City Attorney Ordinance O-2025-3 (San Diego Ordinance O-21866) and City Attorney Ordinance O-2025- 6 (San Diego Ordinance O-21867).

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

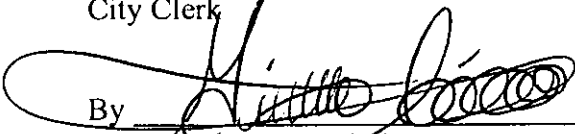
By 
Jeanne L. MacKinnon
Deputy City Attorney

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July 16, 2024
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Attachment: Exhibit A, Consistency Memo

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of JUL 30 2024.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 8/1/24
(date)


TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 24, 2024
TO: Heidi Vonblum, Director, City Planning Department
FROM: Rebecca Malone, AICP, Program Manager, City Planning Department
SUBJECT: CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 Evaluation – Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment

The Environmental Review Section of the City Planning Department has completed a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15162 consistency evaluation in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21166 for the Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment to the Uptown Community Plan.

Previously Certified CEQA Documents

This evaluation was performed to determine if conditions specified in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 would require preparation of a subsequent environmental document. The City Planning Department has determined that the adoption of the Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment would not result in new significant impacts over and above those disclosed in the previously certified Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Blueprint SD Initiative, Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment, and University Community Plan Update (SCH No. 2021070359), certified by the City Council on July 23, 2024, City Attorney Resolution R-2025-8 (San Diego Resolution No. R-xxxxxx).

A PEIR is defined in Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines. A PEIR is prepared for a series of actions that are characterized as one large project through reasons of geography; as logical parts in the chain of contemplated actions; in connection with issuance of rules, regulations, plans, or other general criteria to govern the conduct of a continuing program; or where individual activities will occur under the same regulatory process and having generally similar environmental impacts that can be mitigated in similar ways. A PEIR was appropriate because the Final PEIR for the Blueprint SD Initiative, Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment, and University Community Plan Update is intended to be used for the adoption of future Community Plan Updates (CPUs), Specific Plans, and/or Focused Plan Amendments (FPAs) that are consistent with the General Plan.

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168, a PEIR may serve as the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for subsequent activities or implementing actions, provided it contemplates and adequately analyzes the potential environmental impacts of those subsequent projects. If, in examining future actions for development within the project areas, the City finds no new effects could occur or no new mitigation measures would be required other than those analyzed and/or required in this PEIR, the City can approve the activity as being within the scope covered by this PEIR and no new environmental documentation would be required.

Background and Scope of the Proposed Action

The purpose of the Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment is to provide a comprehensive policy framework for growth and development over the next 30 years in the Hillcrest Focused Plan area of the Uptown Community Plan area. Consistent with the General Plan City of Villages Strategy and the Climate Action Plan, the proposed Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment balances employment, commercial, and residential uses within urban villages supported by a multi-modal transportation system, public spaces, and facilities. Environmental analysis of the Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment was included in the Final PEIR for the Blueprint SD Initiative, Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment, and University Community Plan Update, and thus, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2), no additional environmental document is required.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 Criteria

When an EIR has been certified or a negative declaration adopted for a project, no subsequent EIR shall be prepared for that project unless the lead agency determines, based on substantial evidence in light of the whole record, one or more of the following:

- (1) Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
- (2) Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or
- (3) New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the negative declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:

- A. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or negative declaration;
- B. Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;
- C. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or
- D. Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

None of the three criteria listed above has occurred, therefore the Environmental Review Section of the City Planning Department determined there is no need to prepare subsequent or supplemental environmental documents for the proposed Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 Consistency Evaluation

The Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment was described and analyzed in the Final PEIR for the Blueprint SD Initiative, Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment, and University Community Plan Update. The adoption of the Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment would not result in new significant environmental effects or substantially increase the severity of significant effects beyond those identified in the Final PEIR and there are no new feasible mitigation measures or alternatives that would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project. The Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program (MMRP) from the Final PEIR for the Blueprint SD Initiative, Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment, and University Community Plan Update would apply to the Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment.



Rebecca Malone, AICP, Program Manager
City Planning Department

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Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on JUL 30 2024, 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry L. Foster III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Lee	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 AUG 01 2024.

(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) DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By , Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California
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