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RESOLUTION NUMBER R-315995

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JAN 2 9 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DETERMINING THAT THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE LEVY, COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS, AND RELATED ACTIONS FOR THE DOWNTOWN PROPERTY AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2035 IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15301.

RECITALS

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

- A. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.), section 21084, 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.
- B. Pursuant to that authority, CEQA Guidelines sections 15301-15333 list the categorical exemptions promulgated by the California Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation 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.
- C. The City of San Diego (City)'s Economic Development Department currently oversees the administration of the Downtown Property and Business Improvement District located in Downtown San Diego (District), which will expire on June 30, 2025.
- D. The Council desires to renew the District for an additional 10 years, expiring on June 30, 2035.

- E. The action of renewing the District will authorize the levy, collection, and expenditure of funds for proposed maintenance, activities, and improvements described in the Management District Plan (District Plan), a copy of which is on file with the City Clerk as Document No. RR
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 and incorporated herein by reference.
- F. The District Plan describes expenditures in the following categories: Cleaning & Maintenance, Safety & Hospitality, Program Management, Business Attraction & Retention, Beautification & Placemaking, and Administrative Services.
- G. The City desires to approve the renewal of the District and associated levy, collection, and expenditures (collectively, Project).
 - H. The Council has considered the potential environmental effects of the Project.
- I. The Council held a duly noticed public meeting and considered the written record for the Project as well as public comment.
- J. The Council, using its independent judgment, has determined that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment because certain aspects are non-physical in nature, and the maintenance, improvements, and activities in the District involve care and cleaning of existing facilities, minor repairs and alterations, and regular maintenance tasks and related functions with negligible or no expansion of existing uses.
- K. The Office of the City Attorney prepared this Resolution based on the information provided by Civitas Advisors, Inc., Downtown San Diego Partnership, Inc., and City staff (including information provided by affected third parties and verified by City staff), with the understanding that this information is complete and accurate.

ACTION ITEMS

Be it resolved, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

- 1. The Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines
- section 15301.
 - 2. The Council has determined that an exception to the exemption as set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 does not apply.
 - 3. The City Clerk, or designee, is directed to file a Notice of Exemption 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 Land Use and Climate Innovation regarding the Project.

APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorney

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Deputy City Attorney

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January 22, 2025

Or.Dept:Econ. Dev.

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I certify that the Coun JAN 2 7		go adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on
		DIANA J.S. FUENTES City Clerk By Deputy City Clerk
Approved:	25/25 (date)	GODD GLORIA, Mayor
Vetoed:	(date)	TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of Th	ne City of San Diego.or	n JAN 2 7 2025	, by the following vote:		
Councilmembers Joe LaCava Jennifer Campbell Stephen Whitburn Henry L. Foster III Marni von Wilpert Kent Lee Raul A. Campillo Vivian Moreno Sean Elo-Rivera	Yeas	Nays Not Preser	nt Recused		
Date of final passage JAN 2 9 2025 (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 TICATED BY: Mayor of The City of San Diego, Co				
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