

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE ASCENSION HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION PROJECT AS COMPLETE, CORRECT AND ADEQUATE AND PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines and the County CEQA Guidelines provide that the County must certify that a final environmental report, prepared for a project that may have significant environmental effects, has been completed in compliance with CEQA; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2013, the County prepared, published and circulated, pursuant to the requirements of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, a Notice of Preparation in order to obtain comments from interested persons and agencies on the proposed scope of the EIR; and

WHEREAS, a scoping session was held on October 10 2013, to solicit public comment on issues to be addressed in the Draft EIR (DEIR); and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2014, the County prepared an Initial Study of the Ascension Heights Subdivision Project which determined that it was a project subject to CEQA and concluded that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) should be prepared to address the potentially significant environmental impacts of the project; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2014, the County completed the Draft EIR (DEIR) and the DEIR was published and distributed to the State Clearinghouse, State and local

agencies and special districts, public libraries, other known interested parties, and was made available to the general public, thereby commencing a 45-day period for public review and comment on the adequacy and contents of the DEIR in accordance with the requirements of CEQA. A Notice of Completion of the DEIR specifying the public review and comment period and hearing date was posted and circulated in accordance with the requirements of CEQA; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2014, the San Mateo County Planning Commission, an appointed commission of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, held a public hearing on the Ascension Heights Subdivision Project and received written and verbal comments on the DEIR which were received by the County and were made part of the record of comments on the DEIR; and

WHEREAS, other written comments on the DEIR were received by the County during the public review period and were made a part of the record of comments on the DEIR; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2014, the 45-day public comment period on the DEIR terminated; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2014, the County completed and published the Final EIR (FEIR) containing all comments received by the County on the DEIR, responses to those comments raising environmental issues and revisions to the DEIR text made thereby, changes to mitigation measures in connection therewith, and additional environmental information with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, the FEIR was made available to the public and distributed in accordance with the requirements of CEQA, and was made available to those public agencies that had submitted comments on the DEIR; and

WHEREAS, the County received and the Board of Supervisors has heard, and has been presented with and is familiar with all of the information in the administrative record, has reviewed and considered the information in the DEIR and the FEIR for completeness and compliance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines and the County's CEQA Guidelines, and has independently reviewed and analyzed the FEIR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors that, based on the foregoing facts and circumstances, and the administrative record concerning the EIR, which includes the public written and oral testimony received on the DEIR and the FEIR, the Board of Supervisors finds and determines that:

1. The Ascension Heights Subdivision Project Final EIR (FEIR) is complete, correct and adequate and completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. The FEIR consists of the following documents:
 - a. The DEIR.
 - b. The FEIR, which includes (1) revisions to the DEIR made in response

to comments, (2) comments received from the public, written and oral, and written responses to public comments, and (3) the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

c. Supplemental responses to public comments.

3. All comments made on the DEIR that raised environmental issues were responded to adequately in the FEIR and in supplemental responses pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, and the FEIR does not contain significant new information requiring additional public review.
4. The FEIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County.
5. The FEIR has been completed in compliance with the requirements of CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and the County's CEQA Guidelines.
6. The FEIR was presented to the Board of Supervisors as the decision-making body of the County and the Board of Supervisors reviewed and considered the information contained in the FEIR prior to approving the project.

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