

EXHIBIT B

STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

June 5, 2018

Statement of Overriding Considerations for Project Approval and Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the County Government Center Campus Development Project (the Project).

As described in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the County Government Center Campus Development Project, the EIR finds that all potential impacts from adoption of the Project and from physical changes that could potentially occur due to adoption of the Project can be feasibly mitigated to a level that is less than significant, with the following exception of Impact TRA-2, the Main Street and Woodside Road Westbound Ramps intersection would operate at an unacceptable LOS F under existing, background, and cumulative no project conditions during the PM peak hour.

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15903, the Board of Supervisors has, in determining whether or not to approve the Project, balanced the economic, legal, social, technological, and other benefits of the Project against the potentially unavoidable environmental impacts, and has found that the benefits of the Project outweigh the potentially unavoidable environmental effects, for the reasons set forth below. The following statements specify the reasons why, in the Board of Supervisors' judgment, the benefits of the project outweigh any of the significant and unavoidable consequences described in the EIR. The Board of Supervisors also finds that any one of the following reasons for approval cited below is sufficient to justify approval of the Project. Thus, even if were to be determined that not every reason cited below is supported by substantial evidence, the Board of Supervisors stands by the determination that

each individual reason is sufficient justification of approval of the Project. The substantial evidence supporting the Board of Supervisors' findings and the benefits described below can be found in the record of proceedings.

1. The Project, when completed, will provide a strong public identity and improved access for the County Seat and core County government functions;
2. The Project will provide office infrastructure that is right-sized in terms of office space and parking for the County workforce in the downtown area;
3. The Project will consolidate select government facilities located throughout the County to provide better efficiency and financial benefits to County operations;
4. The Project will create flexible state-of-the-art government and workplace environments for the next 50 plus years;
5. The Project will consolidate dispersed, related department functions located in aged and leased spaces into a single location to improve operational efficiency and service delivery, and provide financial benefits;
6. The Project will increase department office space in the Government Center Campus to meet department requirements based on current staffing needs;
7. The Project will increase parking supply in the downtown core area to meet both County employee and visitor demands;
8. The Project will utilize design features to visually distinguish and identify the County Government Center Campus and create a sense of identity and arrival, and create a vibrant public plaza that serves visitors to the County Government Center Campus as well as provide a community gathering space;
9. The Project will be designed to meet the County of San Mateo Sustainable Building Policy, and will house more County staff in a building meeting those standards;
10. The Project will be targeted for Zero Net Energy design and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, with the potential for passive sustainable and reuse strategies to further enhance the self-sufficiency of the site, reducing building energy requirements while

maximizing system efficiency, and adding on-site storm water infiltration to meet Cal Green and LEED requirements;

11. The Project would improve the pedestrian environment in the project vicinity by creating a large pedestrian promenade as part of the closure of County Center, and Hamilton Street, which will provide a safe pedestrian environment, connecting all office buildings in the Government Center.

On balance, in light of the benefits to the County and to the Redwood City downtown community identified above, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15903, the Board of Supervisors find finds that these overriding considerations, as identified in conjunction with the environmental review of impacts stemming from the construction of the County Government Center Campus Development Project, are acceptable when measured against the significant and unavoidable environmental impacts identified in the Final EIR.