

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA RECOMMENDING ADOPTION
OF THE TASMAN EAST SPECIFIC PLAN, A SPECIFIC PLAN
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65450, et seq.**

SCH # 2016122027
CEQA2016-0126 (EIR)

PLN2016-12400 (Specific Plan, General Plan Amendment, and Zoning Amendment)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara (the “City”) is contemplating the adoption of the Tasman East Specific Plan, a specific plan for a transit-oriented pedestrian-friendly neighborhood of up to 4,500 residential units with supportive retail uses, located on approximately 45 acres of land proximate to the Lick Mill Light Rail Station that are currently developed with industrial uses;

WHEREAS, under the proposed Specific Plan, the Tasman East area is intended to be a walkable urban neighborhood, with parking reflective of a variety of available transit modes, including bicycle parking; and;

WHEREAS, the Tasman East area will include a variety of forms of high-density urban housing, including podium buildings, residential towers, and residential mixed-use buildings;

WHEREAS, a specific plan is a tool for providing regulatory direction for specific parts of a city, and can include policy guidance, regulatory requirements, and design guidelines;

WHEREAS, as a part of implementation of the Specific Plan, the City intends to adopt a General Plan Amendment (“GPA”) to amend the General Plan land use diagram by changing the existing land use designation of the Project Site from Light Industrial to a new designation of Transit Neighborhood, which would allow residential densities of 100-350 Dwelling Units per acre (DU/AC), along with supportive retail uses;

WHEREAS, the General Plan Amendment includes a text change to General Plan Policy 5.5.1-P1 to allow parcels under one acre in size to be developed at the next lower density range; and

WHEREAS, the GPA includes an amendment to Appendix 8.13 (the Climate Action Plan) setting forth vehicle trip reduction targets for the new Land Use designation of Transit Neighborhood;

WHEREAS, as a part of implementation the Specific Plan, the City is also proposing to amend Title 18 (“Zoning”), of the City Code to create a new Transit Neighborhood zoning district, and to apply the zoning designation across the Project Site;

WHEREAS, the proposed Tasman East Specific Plan is consistent with the Goals and Policies of the Tasman East Future Focus Area in the General Plan;

WHEREAS, Santa Clara City Charter Section 1007 and Government Code sections 65353 and 65453 require that the Planning Commission provide input to the City Council on proposed specific plans;

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2018, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing to consider the Project, at the conclusion of which the Commission recommended that the City Council approve the proposed Specific Plan;

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing on the proposed Specific Plan was published in the Santa Clara Weekly, a newspaper of general circulation for the City, on October 10, 2018;

WHEREAS, notices of the public hearing on the proposed Specific Plan were mailed to all property owners within 500 feet of the Project Site, according to the most recent assessor’s roll, and to all local agencies expected to provide essential facilities or services to the project, on October 10, 2018;

WHEREAS, before adopting the Specific Plan, the City Council reviewed and considered the potential environmental impacts of the Project, including the implementing General Plan Amendment, Zoning Code Amendment, and identified mitigation measures, and the City Council adopted and certified the Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) for the Project (SCH #2016122027), as well as a set of CEQA Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations, in accordance with the requirements of CEQA; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2018, the City Council reviewed the Specific Plan and conducted a public hearing, at which time all interested persons were given an opportunity to give testimony and provide evidence in support of and in opposition to the proposed Specific Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City Council hereby finds that the above Recitals are true and correct and by this reference makes them a part hereof.

2. Specific Plan Findings. That the City Council finds and determines that the Specific Plan is in the interest of the public good for the following reasons:

A. The proposed Specific Plan is deemed to be in the public interest, in that:

The Specific Plan is located in an urbanized area served by existing municipal services and implements smart growth principles by redeveloping underutilized properties with high intensity mixed-use, pedestrian- and transit-oriented development that will contribute to the City both socially and economically.

B. The proposed Specific Plan is consistent and compatible with the General Plan and any implementation programs that may be affected, in that:

The Specific Plan furthers and is consistent with the goals, policies and major strategies of the General Plan that enhance the City's quality of life, preserve and cultivate neighborhoods, promote sustainability, enhance City identity, support General Plan Focus Areas and community vitality, maintain the City's fiscal health and quality of services, and maximize health and safety benefits with the creation of a new land use designation that allows for the development of a high-density mixed-use transit-oriented environment.

C. The proposed Plan has been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the California Government Code and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in that:

NOES: COUNCILORS:

ABSENT: COUNCILORS:

ABSTAINED: COUNCILORS:

ATTEST: _____
NORA PIMENTEL, MMC
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

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