

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY APPROVING A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO ADOPT THE FOSTER CITY HOUSING ELEMENT FOR THE 2015-2023 PLANNING PERIOD – CITYWIDE – CITY OF FOSTER CITY – GP-13-002

CITY OF FOSTER CITY

WHEREAS, the City of Foster City desires to maintain a General Plan that complies with the mandatory requirements of the California Government Code (Section 65300 et. seq.); and

WHEREAS, State law requires cities in the Bay Area to adopt or revise their Housing Element by 120 days after January 31, 2015 to be responsive to changing conditions, new laws, State law requirements and updated regional “fair share” housing needs determinations; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proposed Housing Element is to assure compliance with State law by addressing the City’s fair share of regional housing need through the year 2023 and to comply with other State law requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held Study Sessions to discuss the Housing Element on February 6, 2014, March 6, 2014 and July 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a Public Meeting on July 1, 2014 and recommended that the City Council conceptually approve the Draft Housing Element and authorize staff to send the Housing Element to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for their mandated review; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2014, the City Council considered the Draft Housing Element at a Public Meeting, conceptually approved the Draft Housing Element and authorized staff to send the document to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for review; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Element was sent to the State Department of Housing and Community Development in July 2014 for their mandated review and comments on the proposed Element’s consistency with State law; and

WHEREAS, comments were received from the Department of Housing and Community Development, stating certain changes are needed for the proposed Element to be considered consistent with State law; and

WHEREAS, staff has prepared the changes necessary to respond to Department of Housing and Community Development comments; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2014 the Department of Housing and Community Development issued a letter indicating that the Draft Housing Element is in compliance with state law; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2015, the Planning Commission reviewed and by adoption of Resolution P-04-15, recommended City Council approval of a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact (EA-14-009) for the proposed Housing Element Update; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2015, the Planning Commission held a noticed Public Hearing to consider the Draft Housing Element and by adoption of Resolution P-05-15, recommended City Council approval of the proposed Housing Element Update for the 2015-2023 Planning Period; and

WHEREAS, a public notice was posted, published, and mailed for consideration of the Draft Negative Declaration and Housing Element at the City Council meeting on February 2, 2015 and on said date, the Public Hearing was opened, held and closed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the Negative Declaration at the City Council meeting on February 2, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Foster City, based on facts and analysis in the Staff Report, written and oral testimony, and exhibits presented, finds that the proposed Housing Element:

1. Is in the public interest in that it will keep the General Plan current and comply with the requirements of State Law and regulations in respect thereto; and
2. Is consistent with the other elements of the Foster City General Plan; and
3. Provides updated background information on housing; and
4. Strengthens the City's affordable housing policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council approves the amendment to the Foster City General Plan to incorporate the revised Housing Element for the 2015-2023 Planning Period, as prepared by staff and recommended by the Planning Commission, dated February 2, 2015.

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a resolution of the City Council of the City of Foster City at the regular meeting held on the 2nd day of February, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Okamoto, Pollard and Mayor Kiesel

NOES: Councilmembers Bronitsky and Perez

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None


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ATTEST:


DORIS L. PALMER, CITY CLERK