

CITY OF MERCED
Planning Commission

Resolution #3066

WHEREAS, the Merced City Planning Commission at its regular meeting of May 4, 2016, held a public hearing and considered **General Plan Amendment #16-01 and Zone Change #423**, initiated by Eddie Laplante and Daniel Kazakos, on behalf of Landmark Hill Investments, LLC, property owner. This application is a request to change the General Plan and Zoning designations for an approximately 1.1 acre parcel, located on the north side of East 16th Street, approximately 245 feet east of G Street. The requested change is to amend the General Plan designation from Thoroughfare Commercial (CT) to High Density Residential (HD) and to change the Zoning designation from Thoroughfare Commercial (C-T) to High Density Residential (R-4) to allow the conversion of an existing 37-unit motel to a 41-unit supportive housing complex with an on-site manager's residence; also known as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 034-204-002; and,

WHEREAS, the Merced City Planning Commission hereby adopts Findings K through M as follows:

FINDINGS FOR DENIAL OF GPA #16-01/ZC #423

- K) On May 4, 2016, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed General Plan Amendment #16-01/Zone Change #423 and heard testimony from four individuals, including the applicant.
- L) Although the Planning Commission felt that the applicant's goals for the project and desire to help the homeless problem in the community were worthy, the Planning Commission agreed that the location was not ideal due to its close proximity to Downtown, which already houses a number of homeless service programs, and the safety of pedestrian and bicycle traffic and disabled access in such close proximity to the Highway 99 off-ramp and high speed traffic.
- M) The Planning Commission was concerned about the lack of requirements for the tenants to sign a "sober living agreement" and the lack of a structured treatment program for alcohol and substance abuse issues and mental health issues. The Commission was also concerned about the lack of incentives in the program for tenants to resolve their

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issues and move onto other housing and employment options as well as the lack of information provided regarding the success rate of similar programs.

NOW THEREFORE, after reviewing the City's Initial Study and Draft Environmental Determination, and fully discussing all the issues, the Merced City Planning Commission does resolve to hereby recommend to City Council denial of a Negative Declaration regarding Environmental Review #16-09, and denial of General Plan Amendment #16-01 and Zone Change #423.

Upon motion by Chairperson Colby, seconded by Commissioner Smoot, and carried by the following vote:

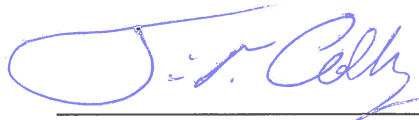
AYES: Commissioners Dylina, McLeod, Smith, Smoot, and
Chairperson Colby

NOES: Commissioner Baker

ABSENT: None

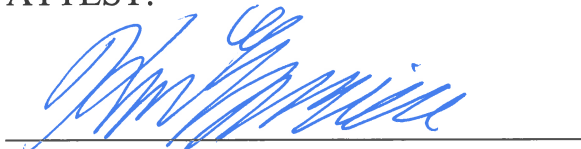
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Padilla

Adopted this 4th day of May 2016



Chairperson, Planning Commission of
the City of Merced, California

ATTEST:



Secretary