

CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE

RESOLUTION NO. 13-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT, STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AND A MITIGATION MONITORING PLAN, AND APPROVING THE UPDATED GENERAL PLAN

WHEREAS, State Law requires that local agencies adopt General Plans containing specific mandatory elements; and,

WHEREAS, the City of La Cañada Flintridge adopted a complete General Plan and Environmental Impact Report on March 3, 1980; adopted updates to the Land Use and Housing Elements on November 15, 1993; and adopted updates to the Circulation and Air Quality Elements on May 15, 1995; and,

WHEREAS, State law also provides for periodic review, updates, and amendments of its various Plans; and,

WHEREAS, the City of La Cañada Flintridge began preparation of a comprehensive update to the General Plan in 2007 that consisted of conducting numerous public meetings by an appointed General Plan Advisory Committee, the Planning Commission, and the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the City determined that the General Plan Update is a project requiring review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code 21000 et seq., and that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) would be prepared to evaluate the potential environmental effects of the project; and,

WHEREAS, a Notice of Preparation was released for public and agency review and comment on May 26, 2009, for the General Plan Update Draft EIR, with public comment solicitation period starting June 4, 2009, and ending on July 6, 2009, and a public scoping meeting to receive comments on topics and issues which should be evaluated in the Draft EIR held by the City on June 18, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the City distributed a Notice of Availability for the General Plan Update Draft EIR on December 22, 2010, which started a formal public review period ending on February 21, 2011 (61 days); and,

WHEREAS, the Notice of Completion for the Draft EIR (SCH#2009061012) was also submitted to the State Clearinghouse for state agency review with Public Review Period starting December 21, 2010, and ending on February 21, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered the General Plan Update and EIR during noticed public hearings on November 1, November 2, November 29, 2011, and May 8, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed all evidence presented both orally and in writing and recommended the City Council make certain findings in compliance with CEQA,

which are described in the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations (attached) to certify the Final EIR and approve the General Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council considered the General Plan Update and the Environmental Impact Report during noticed public hearings on June 18, 2012, August 6, 2012, September 17, 2012, November 5, 2012, December 3, 2012, January 22, 2013, and at additional study sessions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. Based upon the testimony and information presented at the hearing, including the Environmental Impact Report and all evidence in the whole record pertaining to this matter, the City Council finds that the Environmental Impact Report has been prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, that the document reflects the independent judgment of the City Council, and that the document was presented to the City Council, reviewed and considered by the City Council prior to the adoption of the updated General Plan.

Section 3. The complete findings and statement of overriding considerations for the Environmental Impact Report are outlined in the attached Exhibit A entitled "Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations." These findings and statement of overriding considerations are hereby incorporated into this resolution and the City Council adopts these findings and statement of overriding considerations.

Section 4. A Mitigation Monitoring Plan has been prepared and is Appendix A of the Final Environmental Impact Report. The City Council hereby adopts the Mitigation Monitoring Plan.

Section 5. The City Council hereby adopts the updated General Plan including all specified revisions.

Section 6. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge this 22nd day of January, 2013, by the following vote:



Stephen A. Del Guercio, Mayor

Attest:



Yvette Hall
City Clerk

State of California)
County of Los Angeles) ss.
City of La Cañada Flintridge)

I, Yvette Hall, City Clerk of the City of La Cañada Flintridge, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 13-01 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge at a Regular Meeting held on the 22nd day of January, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Davitt, Spence, Voss, Olhasso and Del Guercio.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

Dated: January 23, 2013



Yvette Hall, City Clerk