



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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TO: Wayne Rew, Chair
Pat Modugno, Vice Chair
Esther L. Valadez, Commissioner
Leslie G. Bellamy, Commissioner
Harold V. Helsley, Commissioner

FROM: Jon Sanabria, Chief Deputy Director

SUBJECT: ~~October 6, 2010~~ – AGENDA ITEM # 5(x)
HACIENDA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

BACKGROUND

The Draft Hacienda Heights Community Plan Update (the Plan) is a comprehensive community plan developed by the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) in close partnership with the residents of Hacienda Heights. Once adopted, the Plan will replace the Hacienda Heights Community General Plan, which was adopted in 1978. The Plan is accompanied by the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment, which will bring zoning for all parcels in Hacienda Heights into consistency with the land use designations proposed in the Plan, and the Environmental Assessment, which resulted in the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

LOCATION

Hacienda Heights is an 11.38 square mile area located approximately 20 miles east of downtown Los Angeles. Home to approximately 60,000 people in 2000, Hacienda Heights is a socially, economically and ethnically diverse residential community located along the edge of the Puente Hills in the San Gabriel Valley.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Your Commission conducted an initial public hearing regarding the proposed project on August 25, 2010 in the community, and a second public hearing on September 22, 2010 at the Hall of Records. At the initial public hearing, 110 people attended and four individuals testified with both support and concerns regarding the Plan. At the second public hearing, one individual, the President of the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association, testified in support of the Plan and the collaborative and transparent process by which it was developed. At the second public hearing, your Commission voted unanimously (4 to 0 with Commissioner Valadez absent) to close the public hearing, and recommended a public hearing by the Board of Supervisors to consider approval and adoption of the project.

CONCLUSION

The Hacienda Heights Community Plan Update is comprised of the Community Plan Amendment, Zone Change, and Environmental Assessment. Based on direction provided by your Commission at the close of the public hearing, staff prepared the attached Resolution recommending the project for approval and adoption by the Board of Supervisors and recommends that the Regional Planning Commission approve the Resolution.

Attached please find a copy of the Resolution. Should you have any questions, please contact Lisbeth Sinclair or Veronica Siranosian, AICP, at (213) 974-6425 or commplan@planning.lacounty.gov.

MOTION

I MOVE THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ATTACHED TO THE STAFF MEMO OF THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN WHICH RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN, APPROVE THE RELATED ZONE CHANGE AND CERTIFY THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PLAN.

JS:LKS

CC: Richard J. Bruckner, Director

Attachment:
Resolution