Exhibit C - Draft Resolution

DRAFT RESOLUTION COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ACTON COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT UPDATE PROJECT NO. 2019-003973-(5) ADVANCE PLANNING CASE NO. RPPL2018002314

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles(hereinafter, the "Commission") has conducted a duly noticed public hearing on December 9, 2020 and its subsequent continued hearing on February 24, 2021 to consider an ordinance that amends Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code (hereinafter, the "County Code") to revise the Acton Community Standards District ("CSD") (hereinafter, the "CSD Update"); and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds as follows:

- On June 16, 2015, the Antelope Valley Area Plan ("AVAP") was adopted by the Board of Supervisors ("Board of Supervisors"), which included a requirement for a comprehensive review of all existing CSDs and the potential inclusion of a program to prepare and adopt new CSDs, including the Acton CSD.
- 2. According to the AVAP, community-specific zoning regulations "shall be instituted only when a unique or detrimental condition exists within a community that prevents implementation of the AVAP" (Page I-11).
- 3. Members of the Acton community provided recommendations for changes to the Acton CSD to the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning ("Department").
- 4. On June 13, 2018, the Antelope Valley CSD Update Program was presented to the Commission and included the proposal for the CSD Update.
- 5. Acton is an unincorporated community with a population of approximately 7,600 people as of the 2010 Census. The community is located in the southwestern portion of the Antelope Valley, south of the City of Palmdale and east of the City of Santa Clarita along State Route 14. The Acton CSD area extends south into the Angeles National Forest and a large portion of the Santa Clara River Significant Ecological Area is within its boundaries. Hillsides and significant ridgelines ring the community, geographically delineating it from the City of Palmdale and the remainder of the Antelope Valley.
- The Acton CSD area consists primarily of Light Agricultural (A-1) and Heavy Agricultural (A-2), and Residential-Agricultural (R-A) zoned lots, with a small

number of Rural Commercial (C-RU) zoned lots along Sierra Highway and at the Crown Valley Road freeway entrance. The rural town center, serving the daily needs of residents and providing local employment opportunities, is situated along Crown Valley Road with C-RU zoned lots on either side, between Syracuse Avenue and Soledad Canyon Road. The town center is buffered by Residential-Agricultural (R-A) zoned lots to the north and west, with Manufacturing (M-1) zoned lots to the south and east along Soledad Canyon Road and the Acton Wash.

- 7. The Acton CSD was established in 1995, with subsequent amendments in 2012, 2018, and 2019, as a supplemental district to provide a means of implementing development standards that address concerns unique to the community of Acton, and to protect and enhance the rural, equestrian and agricultural character of the community.
- 8. The CSD Update contains technical changes and corrections, removes duplicative language already contained in Title 22, and removes overarching permit requirements for permitted uses. It also includes new standards for cargo containers as an accessory use, commercial signage, signage types, and commercial and industrial uses. The CSD Update also includes changes or clarifications to standards for trails and vegetation protections.
- The CSD Update is consistent with the AVAP and the Los Angeles County General Plan ("General Plan") in that it seeks to encourage and protect the rural and agricultural character of the Acton community while allowing for a design
- 10. The CSD Update qualifies for a Categorical Exemption (Sections 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304, 15307, 15308, 15311, and 15321, Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, and 21) under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the Los Angeles County environmental guidelines.
- 11. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 22.222.120 of the County Code, the community was appropriately notified of the public hearing by mail and posted in the Antelope Valley Press. The public hearing notice and materials were posted on the Department's website and promoted through social media. The Department was prepared to make copies of the public hearing notice and hearing materials available at the Quartz Hill Library. However, the closure of public libraries due to the COVID-19 pandemic prevented this.
- 12. On December 9, 2020, the Commission conducted a duly-noticed public hearing to consider the CSD Update. After a brief presentation, the item was continued to February 24, 2021. No public comments were received during the hearing.

- 13. Staff conducted further outreach with the members of the Acton community, shared information about the project with local media, and held daily office hours. Staff held virtual meetings with the Acton CSD Committee and members of the Town Council on December 21, 2020 and January 27, 2021. In addition, staff held a virtual community meeting on January 21, 2021.
- 14. On February 24, 2021, the Commission held the continued public hearing to consider the CSD Update. *[Reserved for Hearing Proceedings]*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors as follows:

- 1. That the Board hold a public hearing to consider adopting the CSD Update to amend Title 22 of the County Code; and
- 2. That the Board find that this project is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, in that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that it may have a significant effect on the environment.
- 3. That the Board determine that it is compatible with and supportive of the goals and policies of the General Plan and adopt the CSD Update; and

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the voting members of the Commission on February 24, 2021.

Rosie O. Ruiz, Secretary
County of Los Angeles
Regional Planning Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM: OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____ Elaine Lemke, Assistant County Counsel