

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 15 OF THE FULLERTON MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND REVIEW PROCEDURES TO ALLOW PROPERTIES CONTAINING RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS TO ALSO BE DEVELOPED WITH PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND/OR DEED RESTRICTED AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO IMPLEMENT THE CITY'S GOAL TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES AND REDUCE THE INCIDENCES OF HOMELESSNESS IN FULLERTON

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CITY OF FULLERTON

WHEREAS, over the past two years, the City Council has taken a number of actions to address homelessness and its effects on the community including the declaration of an emergency shelter crisis, creation of a Homeless Outreach Coordinator position, approval of a temporary safe parking program and approval of a recuperative care and navigation center at 3535 West Commonwealth Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the North Service Planning Area (North SPA), an organization comprised of 13 North Orange County cities who have entered into a multi-jurisdictional agreement for the purpose of establishing, constructing, developing, maintaining, providing, operating and facilitating the provision of two navigational centers (Buena Park and Placentia) and the provision of certain services at the centers for homeless adults, children and families located within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2019, the City Council gave direction to the City Manager to establish an Ad Hoc Homelessness Task Force (retitled the Fullerton Homeless Plan Committee) in order to develop a coordinated and collaborative response to homelessness in Fullerton; and

WHEREAS, the Fullerton Homeless Plan Committee identified a lack of affordable housing and the lack of permanent supportive housing for individuals living with mental illness as one of the contributing factors to homelessness in Fullerton and the region; and

WHEREAS, a number of religious institutions in the City have expressed interest in utilizing a portion of their property for the development of affordable and/or supportive housing to help the City meet its affordable housing requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Fullerton General Plan (Housing Element) Policies support the expedited processing for very-low, low, and moderate-income housing developments to further encourage this type of development in the City (Housing Element Policy 3.3); and

WHEREAS, this Resolution of Intention will provide staff with direction to perform the required analysis of potential religious institution properties which may be eligible for this type of development and create standards for the development of housing at these locations along with a review procedure to ensure compatibility with the surrounding neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Fullerton does hereby resolve as follows:

1. That the City Council declares its intention to consider amendments to Title 15 of Fullerton Municipal Code pertaining to development standards and review procedures to allow properties containing religious institutions to also be developed with Permanent Supportive Housing and/or deed restricted Affordable Housing to implement the City's goal to provide affordable housing opportunities and reduce the incidences of homelessness in Fullerton.
2. That there is no possibility that the Resolution of Intention in and of itself will have a significant effect on the environment and therefore this action is not subject to CEQA.

ADOPTED BY THE FULLERTON CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 18, 2020.

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Jennifer Fitzgerald, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lucinda Williams, City Clerk

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