

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA ADOPTING 2013 CITYWIDE AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PLAN MAP AND MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65300 requires that the City of Santa Barbara adopt a comprehensive, long-term General Plan for the physical development of the City, and the General Plan Map is a key component of the Land Use Element of the General Plan;

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2011, the City Council adopted the 2011 General Plan Update including the revised General Plan Map with updated land use designations and residential densities allowed for each lot in the City;

WHEREAS, one of the implementation programs of the 2011 General Plan Update is to amend the Sectional Zoning Map to provide that zoning classifications citywide are consistent with the General Plan land use and density designations, and to provide that General Plan Map and Zoning Map land use designation boundaries follow property boundaries whenever appropriate and feasible;

WHEREAS, the City Council has introduced an Ordinance that will amend specified parcels on the City Sectional Zoning Map;

WHEREAS, as part of the 2013 Zoning Map amendments effort, some properties are also proposed for a General Plan Map amendment to address consistency of the Zoning Map with the General Plan map on split zoned parcels; to reflect existing zoning and established land uses of an area on specified parcels; and to make minor map adjustments;

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2012, notification of potential General Plan Map amendments and Zoning Map amendments was mailed to affected property owners, and owners were invited to an Open House that was held on August 15, 2012 to discuss the proposed map amendments;

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2013, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing to consider the proposed General Plan Map amendments and Zoning Map amendments with respect to environmental and planning matters, and the Commission recommended that City Council adopt the map amendments;

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2013, the Council held a duly noticed public hearing to adopt the General Plan Map amendments and Zoning Map amendments;

WHEREAS, a Final Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified for the 2011 General Plan, and includes EIR Addenda prepared and considered by City Council as part of adoption of the final 2011 General Plan (12-1-11), Climate Action Plan (9-18-12), and Historic Resources Element (10-2-12);

WHEREAS, an EIR Addendum dated May 23, 2013 for the 2013 General Plan Map and Zoning Map amendments has been prepared and documents that the map amendments would result in no substantial changes in environmental impacts previously identified in the Program EIR; and

WHEREAS, the City Planner is the custodian of the records of proceedings for the 2011 General Plan Update, Final Program EIR for the General Plan Update and EIR Addenda, 2013 General Plan Map amendments and Zoning Map amendments. The documents and other materials which constitute the records of proceedings for these City actions are located at the City of Santa Barbara Community Development Department, Planning Division, 630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, California. Copies of these documents are available for public review during normal business hours upon request at the City Planning Division office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

I. Adoption of 2013 General Plan Map Amendments and Findings

The City Council hereby adopts the 2013 General Plan Map amendments as shown on the attached Exhibit, making the following findings:

A. Charter Finding

The 2013 General Plan Map amendments meet the intent of Charter Section 1507, "living within our resource limits". The amendments to the mapped land use designations will not cause public services or resource capacities to be exceeded.

B. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings:

1. CEQA Findings for City Council Consideration of Certified Final General Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and EIR Addendum pursuant to CCR §15090 and City Guidelines §III.C.2.k-l.

The FEIR Addendum dated May 23, 2013 for the 2013 General Plan Map amendments and 2013 Zoning Map amendments, together with the certified FEIR for the 2011 General Plan, were presented to the City Council, and the City Council has reviewed and considered the information contained therein prior to adopting the map amendments. This CEQA documentation for the map amendments constitutes adequate environmental review under CEQA and reflects the Lead Agency's independent judgment and analysis.

2. CEQA Findings for Use of Certified Final General Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and EIR Addendum, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §§ 15162, and 15164.

The 2013 General Plan Map amendments and Zoning Map amendments are consistent with and would implement the 2011 General Plan policies, and are within the comprehensive scope of analysis of the Program EIR and Addenda for the 2011 General Plan update and 2012 Climate Plan.

The EIR Addendum dated May 23, 2013 documents that the 2013 General Plan Map amendments and 2013 Zoning Map amendments would not result in new environmental issues, circumstances, or information, additional significant environmental impacts beyond those identified in the General Plan Program EIR, a substantial increase in the severity of impacts identified in the EIR, or new mitigation measures. None of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR is applicable.

3. Council Resolutions 11-079 and 12-065 Findings per PRC Section 21081 and CCR 15091 Apply to this Action.

Findings regarding Class I significant impacts, Class 2 mitigated impacts, overriding considerations, and infeasibility of some mitigation measures and alternatives all remain applicable for adoption of the 2013 General Plan Map amendments and Zoning Map amendments, and are incorporated herein by reference.

4. Findings for the Fish & Game Code pursuant to PRC Section 21089 (b) and Fish & Game Code Section 753.5.

The General Plan Program EIR evaluated the potential for the 2011 General Plan to result in adverse impacts on wildlife resources. For this purpose, wildlife is defined as “all wild animals, birds, plants, fish, amphibians, and related ecological communities, including habitat upon which the wildlife depends for its continued viability.” The General Plan has the potential to result in adverse but not significant effects on upland, creek/riparian, and coastal habitats and associated species. Mitigation measures have been incorporated into the General Plan such that potential impacts will be less than significant.

As documented in the EIR Addendum dated May 23, 2013, the current 2013 General Plan Map amendments and 2013 Zoning Map amendments will implement the 2011 General Plan policies and would not result in additional environmental effects beyond those identified in the certified EIR. Pursuant to the Fish and Game Code Section 753.5 (e) (3), only one fee is required when an existing certified EIR is used for multiple project approvals that would result in no additional effect to fish and wildlife. Because the City paid the fee for the 2011 General Plan, no fee is required with the current implementing map amendments.

II. This Resolution shall become effective upon the effective date of the ordinance adopting the City's Sectional Zoning Map.

Exhibit:
Proposed 2013 General Plan Map Amendments

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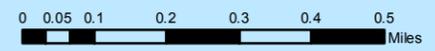
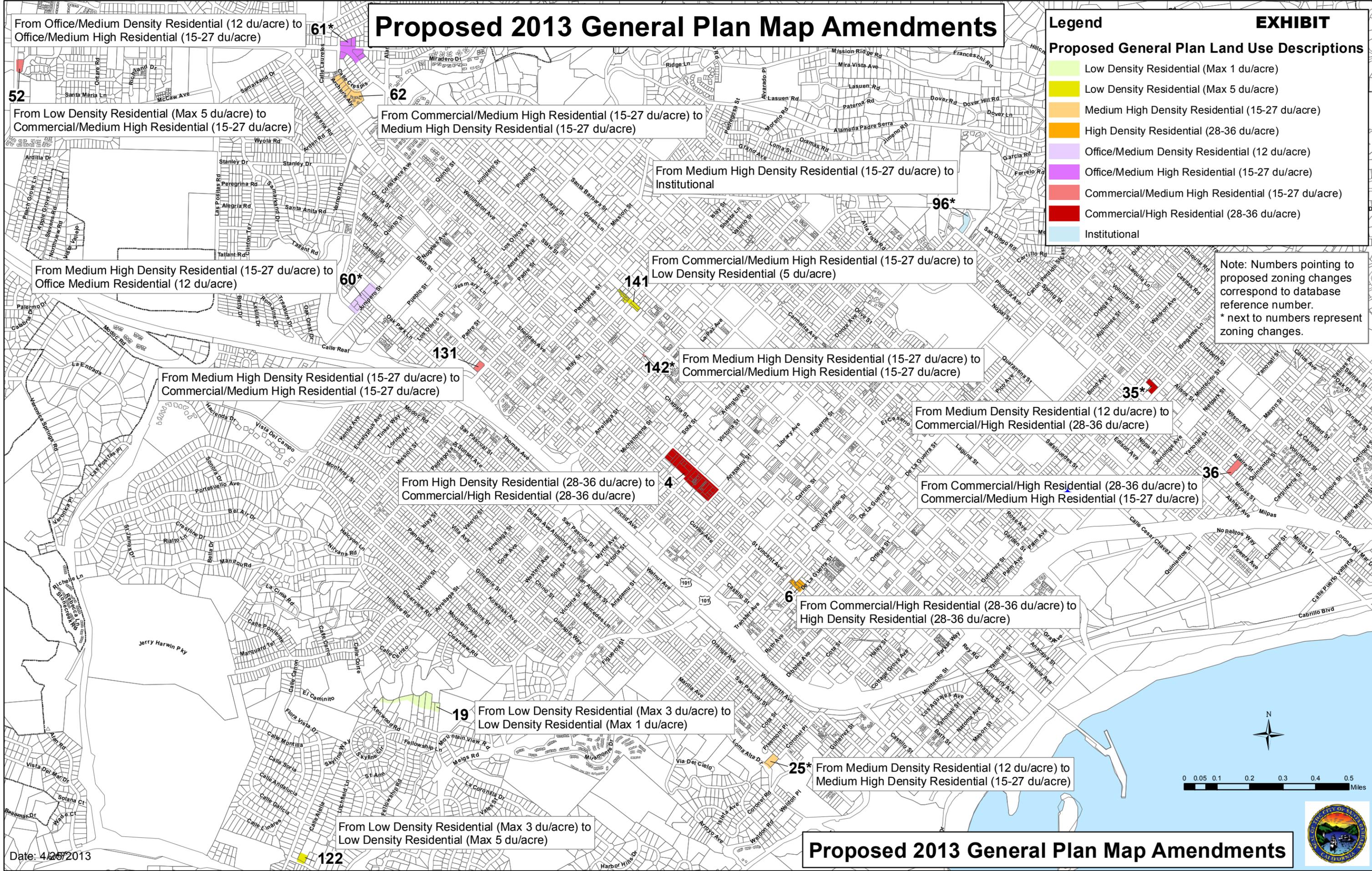
Legend

Proposed General Plan Land Use Descriptions

- Low Density Residential (Max 1 du/acre)
- Low Density Residential (Max 5 du/acre)
- Medium High Density Residential (15-27 du/acre)
- High Density Residential (28-36 du/acre)
- Office/Medium Density Residential (12 du/acre)
- Office/Medium High Residential (15-27 du/acre)
- Commercial/Medium High Residential (15-27 du/acre)
- Commercial/High Residential (28-36 du/acre)
- Institutional

EXHIBIT

Note: Numbers pointing to proposed zoning changes correspond to database reference number. * next to numbers represent zoning changes.



Proposed 2013 General Plan Map Amendments

Date: 4/26/2013