

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA ESTABLISHING A POLICY THAT COUNCIL WILL NOT ACCEPT PETITIONS OR INITIATE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE MILPAS OR EASTSIDE AREA PRIOR TO JANUARY 12, 2016

WHEREAS, under the California Streets and Highway Code, the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994 allows the creation of improvement districts for the purpose of providing improvements and activities through the levy of an assessment on the businesses or real property who receive a specific benefit;

WHEREAS, the City Council received a presentation on November 11, 2014 from the Milpas Community Association on proposed plans to create an Eastside Business Improvement District. A management plan was released and a petition gathering effort began shortly thereafter to gain support for a new business improvement district;

WHEREAS, the City Council received a presentation on July 14, 2015 from the Greater Eastside Merchants Association on proposed plans to create a Milpas Business Improvement District;

WHEREAS, the City Council encouraged the Milpas Community Association and the Greater Eastside Merchants Association on July 14, 2015 to work together to resolve differences between their respective plans for a new business improvement district;

WHEREAS, the City Council provided policy guidance to staff on July 14, 2015 to return with a formal policy for Council to postpone accepting petitions for a new business improvement district in the Eastside or Milpas area to January 2016;

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

The City Council will not accept petitions or initiate proceedings for the formation of a new business improvement district in the Milpas or Eastside area prior to January 12, 2016