

RESOLUTION NO. P- 23

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE FOSTER CITY ZONING MAP TO IMPLEMENT THE RHNA 6 HOUSING ELEMENT FOR THE 2023-2031 PLANNING PERIOD AND FINDING THE AMENDMENTS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE EIR PREPARED FOR THE FOSTER CITY HOUSING AND SAFETY ELEMENTS UPDATE – RZ2023-0001

CITY OF FOSTER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of affordable housing in the City of Foster City (“City”) as documented in the RHNA 5 Housing Element for the 2015-2023 Planning Period and the RHNA 6 Draft Housing Element for the 2023-2031 Planning Period; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65580(d) states that all cities have a responsibility to use the powers vested in them to facilitate the improvement and development of housing and to make adequate provision for the housing needs of all economic segments of the community; and

WHEREAS, said zoning amendments will encourage the development and availability of housing opportunities to a broad range of households with varying income levels within the City as mandated by State Law, and is essential for the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, said zoning actions, combined with the City’s inclusionary housing requirements of Chapters 17.90 and 17.92 will increase the supply of housing, including below market rate housing to meet the City’s regional share of very low-, low- and moderate-income housing needs and the needs of special groups, including the elderly, disabled, small and large families, and local workers; and

WHEREAS, provision of housing at a variety of income levels will reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by providing people at all income levels more opportunities to live near where they work; and

WHEREAS, provision of housing at a variety of income levels will support the local economy by making it easier for employers to attract and retain workers by providing people at all income levels more opportunities to live near where they work; and

WHEREAS, provision of housing at a variety of income levels will affirmatively further the policies and purposes of the Fair Housing Act, also known as “Affirmatively Further Fair Housing” by reducing segregation and concentration of poverty; and

WHEREAS, the City, as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), has completed the Foster City Housing and Safety Elements Update Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) for the Housing and Safety Elements Update; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to consider comments on the adequacy of the EIR on March 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2023, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. P-__-23 recommending that the City Council certify the Housing Element EIR and Resolution No. P-__-23 that the City Council adopt CEQA findings, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Public Hearing was duly posted, published, and mailed for consideration at the Planning Commission meeting of May 4, 2023, including as required by Government Code Sections 65856 and 65090, the Notice contained the information required by Government Code Section 65094, and was published in compliance with Government Code Section 6061 on April 19, 2023 in the Foster City Islander, a newspaper of general circulation with the City of Foster City in an advertisement full page size; and, on said date, the Public Hearing was opened, held and closed; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Foster City has carefully reviewed and considered the staff report and all attachment thereto presented as part of the agenda for the public hearing regarding the proposed ordinance to amend the Foster City Zoning Map including any and all timely submitted correspondence, all information submitted at or prior to the public hearing, and all public comment and testimony presented at the public hearing (collectively, the "Record"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission, based on facts and analysis in the staff report, written and oral testimony, and exhibits presented, finds that:

1. The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference; and
2. The provision of safe and stable housing for households at all income levels is essential for the public welfare of the City. Housing in Foster City, both rental and for-sale housing, has become steadily more expensive and housing costs have gone up faster than incomes. Federal and state government programs do not provide enough affordable housing to satisfy the needs of very low, low, or moderate income households. As a result, there is a severe shortage of adequate, affordable housing for very low, lower, and moderate income households, as evidenced by the findings in the City's Housing Element; and
3. The proposed amendments to the Foster City Zoning Map are consistent with the General Plan, specifically the 2023-2031 Housing Element including Goal H-D Consider Potential Public and Private Redevelopment Opportunities to Increase the Supply of Housing and Program H-D-2-a Tier 1 Housing Opportunity Sites, which specifically calls for additional housing at the subject sites.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission of the City of Foster City hereby recommends that the City Council adopt an ordinance making the proposed amendments to the Foster City Zoning Map as presented in the attached Exhibits A through C for the three (3) sites as listed below, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

1. Foster's Landing Apartments, 700 Bounty Drive, APN: 094-980-070; to change the zoning designation from R-3/PD Medium Density, Multiple-Family Residence District/Planned Development to CM/PD, Commercial Mix/Planned Development District as indicated in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein; and
2. Eaves Apartments, 700 Marlin Avenue, APN: 094-341-010 to change the zoning designation from R-3 Medium Density, Multiple-Family Residence District to R-4/PD, High Density, Multiple-Family Residence District/Planned Development as indicated in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein; and
3. 1601 Beach Park Boulevard, APN: 094-211-550 to change the zoning designation from PF Public Facilities to R-2/PD Two-Family Residence District/Planned Development as indicated in Exhibit C, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Foster City at a Regular Meeting thereof held on May 4, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES, COMMISSIONERS:

NOES, COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAIN, COMMISSIONERS:

ABSENT, COMMISSIONERS:

RAVI JAGTIANI, CHAIR

ATTEST:

SOFIA MANGALAM, SECRETARY

Exhibit A

Foster's Landing Apartments

The City of Foster City Zoning Map is hereby amended to reclassify the 29.1 acre lands at 700 Bounty Drive (APN: 094-980-070) to change the Zoning Map Designation from R-3/PD, Medium Density Multiple-Family Residence/Planned Development to CM/PD, Commercial Mix/Planned Development Combining District as indicated below



Exhibit B

Eaves Apartments

The City of Foster City Zoning Map is hereby amended to reclassify the 11.0 acre lands at 700 Marlin Avenue (APN: 094-141-010) to change the Zoning Map Designation from R-3, Medium Density Multiple-Family Residence/Planned Development to R-4/PD, High Density Multiple-Family Residence/Planned Development Combining District as indicated below.

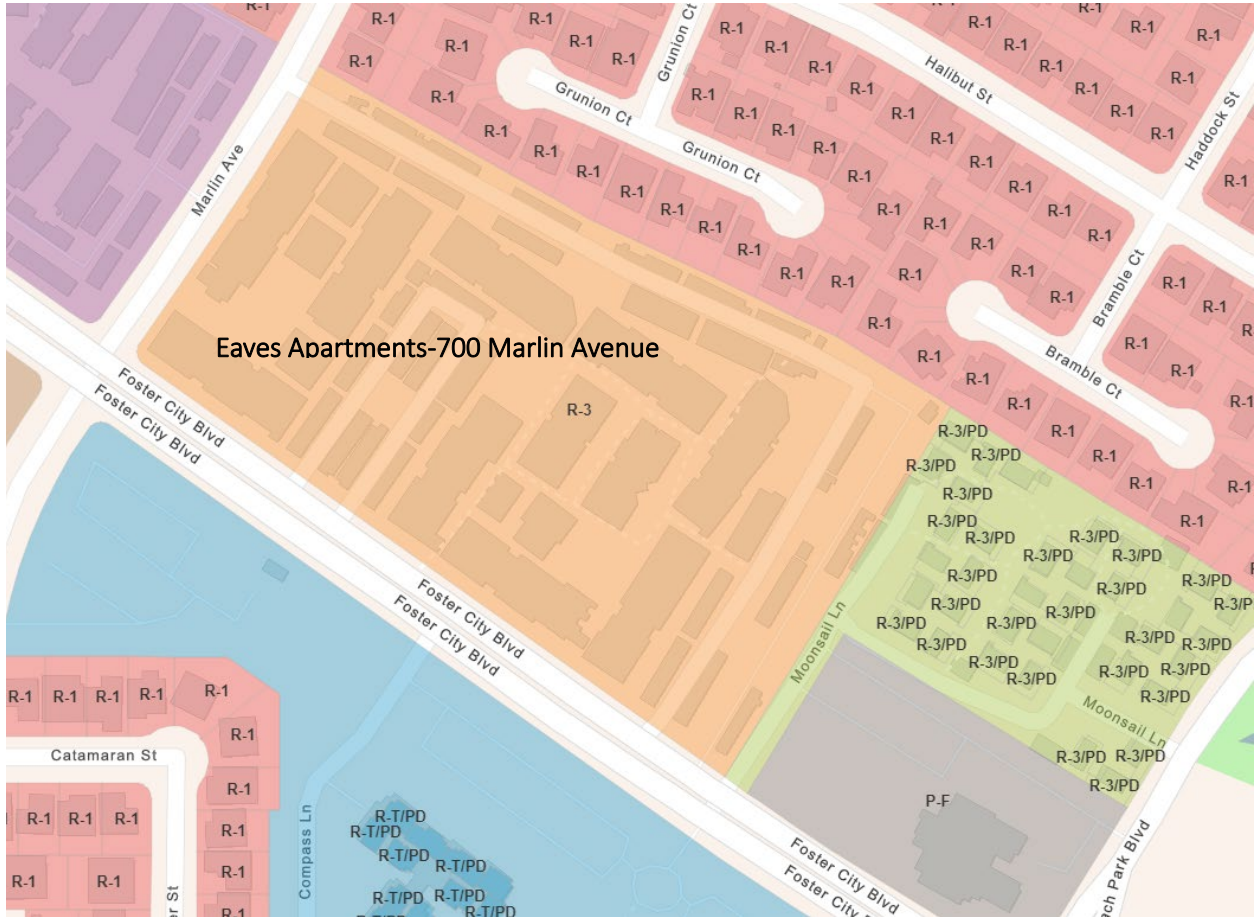


Exhibit C

1601 Beach Park Boulevard

The City of Foster City Zoning Map is hereby amended to reclassify the 1.3 acre lands at 1601 Beach Park Boulevard (APN: 094-211-550) to change the Zoning Map Designation from PF Public Facilities to R-2/PD, Two Family Residence/Planned Development Combining District as indicated below.

