

## ATTACHMENT A: FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL

### Case Nos. 22ORD-00000-00010

#### 1.0. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS

##### 1.1 State CEQA Guidelines Exemption Findings

- 1.1.1 Case No. 22ORD-00000-00010.** The Board of Supervisors finds, that the proposed amendments to the County Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) (Case No. 22ORD-00000-00010) are exempt from environmental review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

Please see the Notice of Exemption (Attachment 2, incorporated by reference) for more information.

#### 2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

In compliance with LUDC Section 35.104.060.A, the following findings shall be adopted by the Board of Supervisors in order to approve a text amendment to the LUDC:

##### 2.1 The request is in the interests of the general community welfare.

The proposed amendments are in the interest of the general community welfare since the amendment will implement as State-mandated streamlined, ministerial approval process for certain affordable housing projects, and establish objective design standards for multiple-unit and mixed-use housing development projects, including those for which the County's review authority is limited by State housing law. The objective design standards will ensure that basic site design, building design, and architectural design elements are incorporated into qualifying development projects, which supports the County's practice of requiring design review of development projects while meeting the requirements of State law, and also ensuring that the unique character of the unincorporated community is recognized through objective design standards.

##### 2.2 LUDC: The request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the requirements of the State planning and zoning laws, and this Development Code [LUDC].

The proposed ordinance is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and LUDC because it will provide more effective implementation of requirements under State housing law, and will provide clear and efficient permit processes that will benefit the public. The proposed ordinance supplements, and will not result in any inconsistencies with, the adopted policies and development standards of the Comprehensive Plan and with the existing requirements of the LUDC. Therefore, and as discussed further in the County Planning Commission Staff Report Section 5.2, dated January 2, 2023, and incorporated herein by reference, this ordinance is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the requirements of State planning and zoning Laws, and the LUDC.

##### 2.3 The request is consistent with good zoning and planning practices.

The proposed amendment is consistent with good zoning and planning practices as it will provide objective design standards for qualifying housing projects, consistent with State law, while also establishing a State-mandated streamlined, ministerial approval process for certain affordable housing projects. The objective design standards will further ensure that all multiple-unit and mixed

use housing projects have basic site design, building design, and architectural elements that reflect the unique character and characteristics of the unincorporated County. Finally, as discussed in Finding 2.2, and as discussed in the staff report dated January 2, 2023 and incorporated herein by reference, the proposed amendments are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and LUDC.