

ATTACHMENT 2

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF MAKING FINDINGS)
REQUIRED BY HEALTH AND SAFETY)
CODE §33445 FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT)
AGENCY FUNDING OF INFRASTRUCTURE)
AND PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS)
_____)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Community Redevelopment Law, Health and Safety Code §33445, the Redevelopment Agency of Santa Barbara County (“Agency”) is authorized to pay all or a part of the value of the land for and the cost of the installation and construction of any building, facility, structure, or other improvement that is publicly owned either within or without the project area that will benefit the Isla Vista Redevelopment Project Area (“Project Area”) upon making certain findings pursuant to Health and Safety Code §33445; and

WHEREAS, the following projects, hereafter referred to as “Infrastructure Projects”, constitute Infrastructure and Physical Improvement Projects set forth in the proposed Agency 2010-2011 budget:

- Physical alternative transportation improvements including carshare facilities within the Project Area.
- Sidewalk construction within the Project Area,
- Parking lot improvements at 881 Embarcadero Del Mar,
- Street lighting, solar lighting and safety lighting within the Project Area,
- Storm drain improvements within the Project Area,
- Undergrounding of utilities within the Project Area,
- Public space tree planting and landscape improvements within the Project Area,
- Improvements consistent with American Disabilities Act (ADA),
- Public Beach Access improvements within the Project Area,
- El Colegio Road Project, Phase 2 – The widening and improvement of El Colegio Road between Storke and Los Carneros within the Project Area; and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Projects are a benefit to the Project Area because they are located within the Project Area, provide amenities and needed improvements to infrastructure in the Project Area, and therefore benefit the residents of the Project Area; and

WHEREAS, there is poor accessibility to alternative transportation options in the Project Area and the Project Area is in need of a number of alternative transportation improvements, which contribute to blight; and

WHEREAS, development of alternative transportation improvements would primarily benefit the Project Area by improving bicycle and pedestrian safety, making transit accessibility more

convenient for the residents of the Project Area, and encouraging redevelopment of properties in the Project area; therefore facilitating the elimination of conditions of blight in the Project Area; and

WHEREAS, the Project Area lacks sidewalks in certain area of the Project Area which hinders pedestrian movement and contributes to blight in the Project Area; and

WHEREAS, the installation of sidewalks in the Project Area would be a benefit to the Project Area by providing a continuous sidewalk system throughout the Project Area, encouraging pedestrian access, improving infrastructure in the Project Area, and facilitating the elimination of blight in the Project Area. By improving sidewalks in downtown Isla Vista, pedestrians will be encouraged to come to the Project Area and property owners will have an incentive to upgrade deteriorated buildings which currently constitute an impaired investment; and

WHEREAS, the Project Area contains an insufficient supply of parking facilities and the lack of parking in the Project Area makes it difficult for business to attract customers and do business, which contributes to blight in the Project Area; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a public parking lot would benefit the Project Area by providing a much needed service to Isla Vista residents and would encourage area residents from outside the Project Area to drive to the Project Area to utilize the commercial services; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a parking lot in the Project Area would serve to mitigate the effects of the parking deficit, therefore benefiting the project area and facilitating the elimination of conditions of blight in the Project Area; and

WHEREAS, the current lighting in the Project Area does not provide adequate light which discourage access to the Project Area and contribute to a condition of blight; and

WHEREAS, the proposed lighting improvements would expand the street lighting and safety lighting and provide lighting, eliminating conditions of physical blight in the Project Area; and

WHEREAS, improvements to street and safety lighting would benefit the Project Area by improving infrastructure and the visual appeal of Isla Vista, encouraging commercial users to shop and spend more time in downtown Isla Vista; and

WHEREAS, El Colegio currently lacks cyclist and pedestrian connectivity between the Project Area and University, which impedes pedestrian access and contributes to a condition of blight; and

WHEREAS, the widening and improvement of El Colegio from Storke Road to Los Carneros would contribute to the elimination of blight by improving cyclist and pedestrian connectivity between the Project Area and University; and

WHEREAS, the widening and improvement of El Colegio from Storke Road to Los Caneros would provide a benefit to the Project Area by improving bicycle, pedestrian, and vehicle safety and access and improving landscaping and transit stops; and

WHEREAS, there are no other available funding sources to pay for the Infrastructure Projects. The County is currently facing a significant budget deficit, leaving no general funds available to fund the Infrastructure Improvements. In addition, to the extent that there are dedicated funds for

road and transportation improvements, there are other more urgently needed public improvements and facilities that have priority for those funds. Financing the Infrastructure Projects through an assessment district, grants, debt service or other conventional method of financing public facilities is infeasible; and

WHEREAS, the Project Area Redevelopment Plan provides in Section 507 that: “The Agency is authorized to financially (and otherwise) assist any public entity in the cost of public land, buildings facilities, structures or other improvements (within or outside the Project Area) where such land, buildings, facilities structures or other improvements are of benefit to the Project Area.”; and

WHEREAS, the Project Area Redevelopment Plan provides in Section 511 that: “The Agency is authorized to install and construct, or to cause to be installed and constructed, the public improvements and public utilities (within or outside the Project Area) necessary to carry out the purposes of this Plan.”; and

WHEREAS, the Isla Vista Project Area Implementation Plan identifies the following related objectives for the five-year period of Fiscal Years 2007/2011:

- To remedy, remove, and prevent physical blight and economic obsolescence in the Project Area through implementation of the Plan.
- To enhance the livability of the residential areas throughout the Project Area and the community as a whole.
- To address inadequate street improvements.
- To promote public improvement facilities which are sensitive to the unique environmental qualities of the Project Area and improve conditions of deficient infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FOUND AND RESOLVED by the County of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The Infrastructure Projects will be a benefit to the Project Area.
3. There are no other reasonable means of financing the Infrastructure Projects.
4. The Infrastructure Projects will assist in the elimination of one or more blighting conditions inside the Project Area.
5. The Infrastructure Projects are consistent with the Redevelopment Plan and the Agency’s Implementation Plan, updated in April 2006 for the 2007/2011 cycle.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, the ___th day of June, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

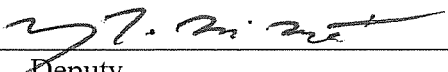
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