

## ATTACHMENT 1: CEQA FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL

Case Nos. 22ORD-00000-00004, -00005, -00006,

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

#### 1.1 State CEQA Guidelines Exemption Findings

- 1.1.1 Case No. 22ORD-00000-00004.** The Santa Barbara County (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) finds that the proposed amendments to the County Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) (Case No. 22ORD-00000-00004) are exempt from environmental review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and 15301(p).
- 1.1.2 Case No. 22ORD-00000-00005.** The Board finds that the proposed amendments to Article II, the Coastal Zoning Ordinance (CZO) (Case No. 22ORD-00000-00005), are exempt from environmental review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), 15265, and 15301(p).
- 1.1.3 Case No. 22ORD-00000-00006.** The Board finds that the proposed amendments to the Montecito Land Use and Development Code (MLUDC) (Case No. 22ORD-00000-00006), are exempt from environmental review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and 15301(p).

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

### 2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

In compliance with CZO Section 35-180.6, LUDC Section 35.104.060.A, and MLUDC Section 35.494.060, the following findings shall be adopted by the Board in order to approve a text amendment to the CZO, LUDC, and MLUDC:

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

The Board finds that the proposed amendments are in the interest of the general community welfare since the amendments will revise the CZO, LUDC, and MLUDC to (1) be consistent with Government Code (GC) Section 65850.7 regarding the zoning permit exemption for electric vehicle charging stations, including hydrogen fueling stations, (2) correct and clarify existing text provisions, (3) implement new permitting and development standards for child care facilities, and (4) align standards for family day care homes with State law (Health and Safety Code Section 1596.78), to increase the supply of day care within County.

#### 2.2 CZO: The request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the Coastal Land Use Plan (CLUP), the requirements of State planning and zoning laws and this Article [Article II, the CZO].

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

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

As discussed in the Montecito Planning Commission Staff Report, dated October 11, 2022, and the County Planning Commission Staff Report, dated October 25, 2022, under Section 5.2, Policy Consistency Analysis Table, incorporated by reference, this ordinance is consistent with the Coastal Land Use Plan and the Comprehensive Plan, the Community and Area Plans, the requirements of State planning and zoning Laws, and the Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance.

The proposed ordinance will not result in any inconsistencies with the adopted policies and development standards of the Coastal Land Use Plan and/or the Comprehensive Plan, including the Community and Area Plans. The proposed ordinance amendments are also consistent with the remaining portions of the Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance that would not be revised by this ordinance. Therefore, the Board finds that the ordinance amendments are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan including, but not limited to, the Local Coastal Program, Community and Area Plans, LUDC, and MLUDC.

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

The Board finds that the proposed amendments are consistent with sound zoning and planning practices to regulate land uses for the overall protection of the environment and community values since they will revise the CZO, LUDC, and MLUDC to be consistent with State regulations regarding EV charging and hydrogen-fuel stations, correct and clarify existing text provisions, and encourage further development of child care facilities in locations where demand is greatest. Further, the proposed amendments will streamline certain permit processes, relax development standards, and correct and clarify existing regulations to further encourage and support the development of childcare services throughout the community, reduce barriers for childcare operators, and promote the expansion of EV charging and hydrogen-fueling station. As a result, the changes are consistent with good zoning and planning practices and will benefit the public. As discussed in Finding 2.2, above, the proposed amendments are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, including the Community and Area Plans, CLUP, CZO, LUDC, and MLUDC.