



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

November 7, 2023

Present: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

SUPERVISOR CAPPS

File Reference No. 23-01041

RE: HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding an Isla Vista Bluffs Update and Ordinance Amendments, as follows: (4/5 Vote Required) (EST. TIME: 1 HR.)

- a) Receive and file report on raising the heights of bluff fencing and railings in Isla Vista and on permitting requirements for different zoning types along Del Playa in Isla Vista;
- b) Approve the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance to amend Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 10, titled Building Regulations, Article II, Part II, section 10-14.2 to raise the mandatory height for railings and fencing along the Isla Vista Bluffs;
- c) Approve the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 4991, Santa Barbara County Planning and Development Fee Ordinance, to allow Director of Planning and Development to waive permitting fees for good cause for fencing and railings along the Isla Vista Bluffs;
- d) Find that waiving permitting fees for fencing and railings on private property along the Isla Vista bluffs is necessary to meet the social needs of the population of the County, including public safety, and this fulfills an important public purpose of enhancing public safety;
- e) Read the title of the above Ordinances and waive full reading of the Ordinances;
- f) Direct the Community Services Department, Parks Division staff to revise the existing project to move bluff top fencing in County Parks in Isla Vista to include increasing the height of the existing fence from 4 to 6 feet and submit any required permitting;
- g) Direct the Community Services Department, Parks Division staff to report back on options for lighting, warning signs, reducing vandalism of warning signs, the use of horticulture options as a natural barrier, and community collaboration for public restrooms at County Parks on the Isla Vista Bluffs;
- h) Approve Budget Revision Request No. 0009422 that includes the following:
 - i) Use of South County- Trails and Open Space set-aside in the amount of \$180,000.00 to provide funding for the Community Services Department, Parks Division, to fund and revise existing bluff fencing project to increase fencing height to six feet; work with consultants and



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community stakeholders on lighting and landscape design and collaboration with Isla Vista stakeholders;

ii) \$90,000.00 from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Second District 990 allocation that was budgeted to each supervisor's office and \$10,000.00 from FY 2022-2023 Second District 990 fund balance to provide funding to reimburse the County up to \$100,000.00 for permitting fees and Planning and Development staff time that may be waived for good cause to process permit applications from private property owners along the Isla Vista Bluffs; and

i) Continue the hearing to the Administrative Agenda of November 28, 2023 to consider adoption of the of ordinance amendments, as follows:

i) Adopt the Ordinance (Second Reading) amending Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 10, titled Building Regulations, Article II, Part II, section 10-14.2 to raise the mandatory height for railings and fencing along the Isla Vista Bluffs;

ii) Adopt the Ordinance (Second Reading) amending Ordinance 4991, Santa Barbara County Planning and Development Fee Ordinance, to allow Director of Planning and Development to waive permitting fees for good cause for fencing and railings along the Isla Vista Bluffs; and

iii) Determine that these ordinance amendments are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(5), because there is no possibility that the action in question may have a significant effect on the environment and this is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in any direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

HEARING TIME: 1:48 PM - 2:50 PM (1 HR. 2 MIN.)



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Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Capps, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) Received and filed;
- b) Approved the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance to amend Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 10, titled Building Regulations;
- c) Approved the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 4991, Santa Barbara County Planning and Development Fee Ordinance;
- d) Approved;
- e) Read titles, waived further reading of the Ordinances;
- f) and g) Directed;
- h) i) and ii) Approved Budget Revision Request No. 0009422; and
- i) i) through iii) Set for November 28, 2023 on the Administrative Agenda to consider the adoption (Second Reading) of the Ordinances.

The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes:** 4 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, and Supervisor Lavagnino
- Absent:** 1 - Supervisor Nelson