

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DENYING THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEAL AND ADOPTING THE HARKER MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPANSION PROJECT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, FOR WHICH AN INITIAL STUDY WAS PREPARED, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, AS AMENDED, AND ADOPTING A RELATED MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, prior to the adoption of this Resolution, the Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement of the City of San José prepared an Initial Study and approved for circulation a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Harker Middle School Expansion Project under Planning File No. PDC18-040 (the “Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration”), all in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, together with state and local guidelines implementing said Act, all as amended to date (collectively “CEQA”); and

WHEREAS, the Harker Middle School Expansion Project (the “Project”) analyzed under the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration consists of a Planned Development Permit for the demolition of three of the five existing classroom buildings, a portion of the existing auditorium/gymnasium, removal of the existing vehicle turnaround area, and removal of 46 trees to allow for the construction of a new two-story classroom building of approximately 38,900 square feet and a new addition to the existing auditorium/gymnasium of approximately 15,300 square feet for a total of 20,542 square feet to facilitate the operation of a middle school on the site with a maximum enrollment of 600 students, five new basketball courts, and reconfiguration of the existing turf play field, a new student drop-off/pick-up area, and an emergency vehicle access road all on an approximate 7.7 gross acre site located at 4525 Union Avenue, approximately 100 feet

southerly of Barrett Avenue (Assessor's Parcel Number 421-07-003), San José, California; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration concluded that implementation of the Project could result in certain significant effects on the environment and identified mitigation measures that would reduce each of those significant effects to a less-than-significant level; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the approval of a project involving the preparation of an initial study/mitigated negative declaration that identifies one or more significant environmental effects, CEQA requires the decision making body of the lead agency to incorporate feasible mitigation measures that would reduce those significant environmental effects to a less-than-significant level; and

WHEREAS, whenever a lead agency approves a project requiring the implementation of measures to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment, CEQA also requires a lead agency to adopt a mitigation monitoring and reporting program to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation, and such a mitigation monitoring and reporting program has been prepared for the Project for consideration by the decision-maker of the City of San José as lead agency for the Project (the "Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program"); and

WHEREAS, the City of San José is the lead agency on the Project, and the City Council is the decision-making body for the environmental appeal on the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed and considered the environmental appeal and Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and related Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Project and intends to take actions on the Project in compliance with CEQA and state and local guidelines implementing CEQA; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and related Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Project are on file in the Office of the Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, located at 200 East Santa Clara Street, 3rd Floor Tower, San José, California, 95113, are available for inspection by any interested person at that location and are, by this reference, incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE:

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL does hereby make the following findings: (1) it has independently reviewed and analyzed the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and other information in the record and has considered the information contained therein, prior to acting upon or approving the Project, (2) the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Project has been completed in compliance with CEQA and is consistent with state and local guidelines implementing CEQA, and (3) the Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration represents the independent judgment and analysis of the City of San José, as lead agency for the Project. The City Council designates the Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement at the Director's Office at 200 East Santa Clara Street, 3rd Floor Tower, San José, California, 95113, as the custodian of documents and records of proceedings on which this decision is based.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL does hereby find that based upon the entire record of proceedings before it and all information received that there is no substantial evidence that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment and does hereby deny the environmental appeal and adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and related Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program prepared for the Project (Planning File No. PD18-040). The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Project is

attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and fully incorporated herein. The Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program are: (1) on file in the Office of the Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement located at 200 East Santa Clara Street, 3rd Floor Tower, San José, California, 95113 and (2) available for inspection by any interested person.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk