



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Ortiz

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: November 19, 2024

Approved:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DEFERRAL OF GOOD SAMARITAN LAND USE ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Defer Consideration of the Planned Development Rezoning PDC22-132 & ER23-041 to the December 17, 2024, Council meeting.

BACKGROUND

In light of the Planning Commission's vote to reject the Good Samaritan Hospital Project's Environmental Impact Report and accompanying rezoning due to concerns over conformance with the General Plan and insufficient community outreach, it is clear that more engagement with relevant stakeholders, including patients and local residents, is required to address these concerns before the Council can move forward confidently on this item.

While I appreciate my colleague's work with HCA to secure affordable housing dollars, community concerns still remain and HCA has offered nothing in terms of a deal to restore lost services, repair harms its done to the community from previous divestments, or assure that it will be a good faith partner in the County health system going forward. It is my hope that the time from a deferral will allow for a community-led process for a community benefits agreement that safeguards the health of our residents.