

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-037

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CARITAS VILLAGE PROJECT – FILE NUMBER PRJ18-052

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2018, Catholic Charities and Burbank Housing (Applicants) submitted an application for a General Plan Amendment, Specific Plan Amendment, Rezoning, Tentative parcel map, Conditional Use Permit for an emergency shelter, Major Landmark Alteration Permit, and Major Design Review for a proposed project to expand homeless services currently operating on the project site, and to construct 126 units of permanent, affordable housing, to be located at 431, 437, 439, 465 A Street and 506, 512, 516, 520, 600, 608, and 612 Morgan Street, more particularly described as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 010-041-001, 004, 005, 008, 009, 010, 011, 013, 014, 015, 016, 017, 018, 019, 020 (Project Site); and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa determined that an environmental impact report (EIR) should be prepared for the Caritas Village project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code sections 21000 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2018, the Council adopted Resolution No. RES-2018-192, approving a Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services (Stantec), to prepare the EIR for the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2019, the City issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the EIR and the NOP was circulated for comment by responsible and trustee agencies and the public for a thirty-day comment period ending on February 24, 2019; and

WHEREAS, thirty written comments were received on the NOP, copies of which are set forth in Table 1-1 of the Draft EIR; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2019, the City conducted a scoping session to elicit additional comments on the scope of the Draft EIR and received several verbal comments; and

WHEREAS, the Draft EIR for the Caritas Village project (SCH # 2019012040) was distributed to the public and various public agencies for review and comment beginning on November 15, 2019 and ending on December 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City received three comments on the Draft EIR, and responses to those comments have been prepared and included in the Final EIR; and

WHEREAS, the Final EIR was made available to the public on February 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2020, the EIR was presented to the Planning Commission in accordance with the requirements of CEQA and the Santa Rosa City Code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found that the EIR adequately identifies and analyzes the environmental effects of the Project and was completed in compliance with the requirements of CEQA and the State CEQA guidelines, and therefore recommended that the Council certify the Final EIR; and

WHEREAS, The Council is required, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21081, subdivision (a), to adopt all feasible mitigation measures or feasible project alternatives that can substantially lessen or avoid any significant project-related environmental effects; as demonstrated by the Draft and Final EIR, all but one of the project's significant environmental effects can be reduced to a less than significant level through the adoption of feasible mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, the EIR has been presented to the Council, and the Council has reviewed and considered the information in the EIR and the supporting evidence and determined that the EIR reflects the City's independent judgement; and

WHEREAS, none of the comments made during the public review period, none of the oral or written testimony presented during the public hearing on the project, and none of the other information presented to the City on the project and the EIR have included significant new information requiring recirculation of some or all of the EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15088.5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa finds that the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Project, comprised of the Draft EIR, the Final Draft EIR, the comments received and the response to comments, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, adequately identifies and analyzes the environmental effects of the Project, and further finds that the Final Environmental Impact Report reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis and was completed in compliance with the requirements of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council has considered the information contained in the Final EIR and, based on the above findings and determinations, hereby certifies the Final EIR.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 3rd day of March, 2020.

AYES: (5) Mayor Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Fleming, Council Members Dowd, Rogers, Tibbetts  
NOES: (0)  
ABSENT: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (2) Council Members Olivares, Sawyer

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney