

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE COACHELLA CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING NEGATIVE DECLARATION (EA NO. 24-02) PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FOR THE CITY OF COACHELLA REQUEST TO THE RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION TO TAKE PROCEEDINGS FOR A REORGANIZATION OF BOUNDARIES FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 388 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED SOUTH OF AVENUE 50, NORTH OF AVENUE 52, EAST OF JACKSON STREET AND EAST AND WEST OF CALHOUN STREET TO THE CITY OF COACHELLA. APPLICANT: CITY-INITIATED

WHEREAS, the City of Coachella intends to pursue proceedings pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, commencing with Section 56000 of the California Government Code, for a reorganization of boundaries described as follows: Annexation to the City of Coachella; Annexation to the Coachella Fire Protection District; Annexation to the Coachella Water Authority; Annexation to the Coachella Sanitary District; Detachment from Riverside County Service Area 125 (Thermal); Detachment from Riverside County Waste Resource Management District; Detachment from Coachella Valley Water District Service Area; and,

WHEREAS, the City completed Environmental Assessment/Initial Study No. 24-02 for the Proposed Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, based on this Environmental Assessment/Initial Study the City has determined that the Project will not have a significant impact on the environment and has prepared a Negative Declaration for this Project; and,

WHEREAS, a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the Project was posted with the County Clerk on October 9, 2024 and duly noticed and published in the Desert Sun Newspaper, a local newspaper of general circulation, on October 9, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Negative was made available for a 30-day public review period commencing on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, ending on Friday, November 8, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, interested and concerned individuals and public agencies had the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed Negative Declaration; and,

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2024, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing to review the proposed annexation request and the related environmental documents, at which time during the hearing members of the public were given an opportunity to testify regarding the Project; and

WHEREAS, all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein as findings of fact.

SECTION 2. Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The City Council has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration, comments received, and other documents contained in the administrative record for the Project. The City Council finds adequacy in the CEQA documents and finds that the Negative Declaration contain a complete and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project and reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City Council. The City Council find that the Negative Declaration, as shown in “Exhibit A” attached and made a part hereto, has been completed in compliance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and the City of Coachella’s Local CEQA Guidelines.

SECTION 3. Findings on Environmental Impacts. Based on the whole record before it, including the Negative Declaration, Initial Study, the administrative record and all other written and oral evidence presented, the City Council finds that all environmental impacts of the Project are insignificant. The City Council finds that there is no substantial evidence in the administrative record supporting a fair argument that the annexation may result in any significant environmental impacts. The City Council find that the Negative Declaration contains a complete, objective, and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project and reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City Council.

SECTION 4. Wildlife Resources. Pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 711.4(c), all project applicants and public agencies subject to CEQA shall pay a filing fee for each Proposed Project, as specified in subdivision 711.4(d) for any adverse effect on wildlife resources or the habitat upon which wildlife depends unless a “no effect” finding is made by the California Department of Fish and Game. This fee is due and payable as a condition precedent to the County Clerk’s filing of a Notice of Determination.

SECTION 5. Adoption of the Negative Declaration. The City Council hereby approves and adopts the Negative Declaration, Exhibit A, prepared for the annexation.

SECTION 6. Custodian of Records. The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings are based are located at Coachella Civic Center. City Clerk is the custodian of the record of proceedings.

SECTION 7. Execution of Resolution. The City of Coachella Mayor shall sign this Resolution and the City Clerk shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption thereof.

PASSED APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13th day of November 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Steven A. Hernandez
Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela M. Zepeda
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carlos Campos
City Attorney

STATE OF)
CALIFORNIA) ss.
COUNTY OF)
RIVERSIDE
CITY OF COACHELLA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 2024-56 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Coachella at a regular meeting thereof, held on this 13th day of November 2024 by the following vote of Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Delia Granados
Deputy City Clerk