

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-59

A RESOLUTION OF APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF COACHELLA REQUESTING THE RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION TO TAKE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AMENDMENT FOR THE UNINCOPORATED RIVERSIDE COUNTY AREAS NORTH OF AVENUE 52 BETWEEN JACKSON STREET AND CALHOUN STREET, POCKET 7 AREA, FOR INCLUSION WITHIN THE CITY OF COACHELLA SPHERE OF INFLUENCE BOUNDARY. APPLICANT: CITY-INITIATED

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Coachella, that

WHEREAS, the City of Coachella desires to initiate a proposal pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, commencing with Section 56000 of the California Government Code, for the sphere of influence amendment; and

WHEREAS, notice of intent to adopt this resolution of application has been given to the commission, each interested agency and each subject agency at least 21 days prior to the adoption of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the territory proposed to be incorporated in the sphere of influence boundary is inhabited, and the boundaries of the territory is set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, this proposal is/is not consistent with the sphere of influence of the affected city and/or district(s); and

WHEREAS, it is desired to provide that the proposed sphere of influence amendment, be subject to the following terms and conditions:

WHEREAS, the reasons for the proposed sphere of influence amendment are as follows:

- The Pocket 7 area was previously within the City of Coachella sphere of influence boundary as established by the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission prior to April 27, 2006; and
- The Pocket 7 area is within the Planning Area of the Coachella General Plan of which the City determines is related to its future planning and evaluated within the Coachella General Plan EIR; and
- The City of Coachella is best suited to provide essential services to the area as demonstrated by service boundaries of the Coachella Sanitary District and the Coachella Water Authority; and
- The City of Coachella staff conducted outreach to property owners within the Pocket 7 area regarding the possible expansion of the sphere of influence to include properties in the Pocket 7 area.

WHEREAS, this Council certifies that based on that analysis which included a comparison of anticipated environmental effects of the General Plan land use established for the Pocket 7 area with those disclosed in the 2015 Certified General Plan EIR to review whether any conditions set forth in Section 15162 of the State CEQA Guidelines requiring preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR are met, the City Council does not require preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR because there is no possibility for new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant environmental effects; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the City of Coachella (“City”) adopted a General Plan Update to guide development and provide a basis for decision-making for the City through 2035; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 *et seq.*) (“CEQA”) and the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 *et seq.*), in 2015 the City certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (“CGPU EIR”) (SCH # 2009021007), in connection with the General Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the City, as lead agency, approved an Addendum to the certified CGPU EIR on July 26, 2023 for minor technical changes establishing General Plan land uses for the Pocket 7 area which was already identified in the General Plan Planning Area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, this Resolution of Application is hereby adopted and approved by the City Council of the City of Coachella, and the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission is hereby requested to take proceedings for the sphere of influence amendment as described in Exhibit A, according to the terms and conditions stated above and in the manner provided by the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

PASSED APPROVED and ADOPTED this 7th day of August 2023 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)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF COACHELLA)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 2023-59 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Coachella at a regular meeting thereof, held on this 7th day of August 2023 by the following vote of Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Delia Granados
Deputy City Clerk