

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code, Zoning Map - India Basin Special Use District]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to establish the India Basin Special Use District, located generally at Innes Avenue between Griffith Street and Earl Street, along the India Basin shoreline, in the south-east part of San Francisco; amending the Planning Code by amending the Zoning Map to change zoning designations, height districts, and add the India Basin Special Use District; and making findings under the California Environmental Quality Act, findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

Existing Law

The India Basin Mixed-Use Project (Project) is proposed to be developed on several parcels that are currently designated as Light Industrial (M-1) and Public (P), along the India Basin shoreline, in the South-East part of San Francisco.

Amendments to Current Law

This Ordinance adds Section 249.84 to the Planning Code. Section 249.84 establishes the India Basin Special Use District (SUD), located generally at Innes Avenue between Griffith Street and Earl Street, along the India Basin shoreline, in the South-East part of San Francisco. The purpose of the SUD is to implement the Development Agreement for the India Basin Mixed-Use Project (Project), approved by the Board of Supervisors in the ordinance introduced contemporaneously with this Planning Code amendment. The Project will provide several benefits to the City, such as a significant amount of open space, increased public access, commercial space, extensive infrastructure improvements, and affordable housing, while creating jobs, housing, and a vibrant community.

The SUD establishes development standards for the Project, in conjunction with the Design Standards and Guidelines (DSG) document. The DSG document is adopted by the Planning Commission, and describes standards and guidelines applicable to the SUD in more detail.

The Ordinance lists permitted, non-permitted, temporary, and interim uses on the Project site. It sets forth controls for development at the site, including ground floor and retail controls, building standards, maximum heights, off street parking, dwelling unit exposure, bicycle parking, open space, streetscape improvements, inclusionary housing, and others. It also includes mechanisms for modifying those standards in the future, on a case-by-case basis, and for reviewing and approving future development phases and horizontal development.

The Ordinance also amends the Zoning Map, to do the following:

- a) change the use of the site from M-1 (Light Industrial) to M-1 to MUG (Mixed-Use General), and from from M-1 and NC-2 to P (Public);
- b) change the height and bulk from 40-X to 20/160 X –IB and OS, and
- c) create the SUD in the sectional map.

Background Information

The India Basin Mixed Use Project is located generally along the India Basin shoreline, in the South-East part of San Francisco. The Project involves construction of infrastructure, public open space and other public facilities, new building construction, and rehabilitation of historic resources, resulting in a mix of market-rate and affordable residential uses, office space, commercial uses, research and development uses, and shoreline improvements. The Planning Commission certified and approved a final environmental impact report on the Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), adopted findings under the CEQA, including a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP), and recommended the approval this India Basin Special Use District to the Board of Supervisors.

This Ordinance facilitates the orderly development of this site by establishing the SUD to accommodate and regulate Project development. By separate legislation, the Board is considering a number of actions in furtherance of the Project, including the approval of amendments to the City's General Plan and approval of a Development Agreement.

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