LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[General Plan Amendments - Balboa Reservoir Project]

Ordinance amending the General Plan to revise the Balboa Park Station Area Plan, the Recreation and Open Space Element, and the Land Use Index, to reflect the Balboa Reservoir Project; amending the Housing Element in regard to the design of housing for families with children, adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and making public necessity, convenience, and general welfare findings under Planning Code, Section 340.

Existing Law

The General Plan includes various elements, goals, objectives, policies, and maps that address City land use matters. These elements include the Housing and Recreation and Open Space Elements. The General Plan also contains Plan Areas and Subarea Plans, which are sometimes referred to as neighborhood plan areas, that are more specifically focused on geographic areas of the City. The Balboa Park Station Area Plan is one of the Subarea Plans.

Amendments to Current Law

The ordinance would amend the Balboa Park Station Area Plan and Recreation and Housing Element to update their provisions and maps on the Balboa Reservoir site so that they reflect the proposed development project at that location as addressed in companion legislation concerning a Development Agreement and Planning Code and Zoning Map amendments for that site. The legislation would amend the Land Use Index consistent with these changes. This ordinance also would amend the Housing Element to promote housing families with children. The legislation would make environmental findings, findings of consistency with the General Plan, as proposed for amendment, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1, and the public necessity findings of Planning Code Section 340.

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