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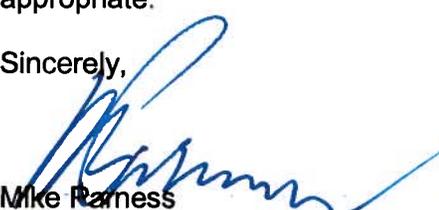
Dear Mr. Kirkey:

The City of Napa would like to revise its PDA applications for a Rural Town Center and Rural Corridor, originally filed on December 16, 2012, to include one PDA application under the "Transit Town Center" place type. It is my understanding that this change is consistent with ABAG's understanding of this PDA designation, and supports a proposed change to the Rural place types. The revised application would generally include both Downtown Napa and Soscol Gateway Corridor, which together represent infill and mixed-use housing opportunities along with amenities and services to meet the day-to-day needs of residents in a pedestrian-friendly environment served by transit.

Amending our PDA application does not change the City Council's support for the FOCUS program or warrant reconsideration of the Council's previous action authorizing the filing of our original applications. As provided in Resolution 2012 4, the City remains committed to planning for more housing within these areas, regardless of their place type, as a means of supporting regional development that is compact and connected, focused in PDAs in the region, and near existing or planned fixed transit (or served by comparable bus service) and planned for more housing.

Thank you for your continued recognition of the City of Napa's role in supporting the FOCUS program and its goals. We are prepared to submit a revised PDA application whenever you deem is appropriate.

Sincerely,


Mike Barnes
City Manager

enclosure

C: Mayor Techel and Council Members

RESOLUTION R2012 4

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS TO ABAG TO DESIGNATE DOWNTOWN NAPA AND SOSCOL GATEWAY CORRIDOR AS PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREAS

WHEREAS, the Association of Bay Area Governments ("ABAG") and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in coordination with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and Bay Conservation and Development Commission (collectively, the "regional agencies") are undertaking a regional planning initiative called FOCUS; and

WHEREAS, FOCUS program goals support a future regional development pattern that is compact and connected; and

WHEREAS, the regional agencies seek local government partners to create a specific and shared concept where growth can be accommodated in Priority Development Area ("PDAs") in the region; and

WHEREAS, PDAs must be within an existing community, near existing or planned fixed transit (or served by comparable bus service) and planned for more housing (or is undergoing a planning process for more housing); and

WHEREAS, local governments in the nine county San Francisco Bay Area are eligible to apply for designation of an area within their community as a PDA; and

WHEREAS, the regional agencies are committed to securing incentives and providing technical assistance to designated PDAs so that positive change can be achieved in communities working to advance focused growth; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Napa represents a potential PDA which is characterized as the planning area boundaries of the City's Downtown Specific Plan including generally Polk, Clinton, Caymus Streets to the north, Jefferson to the west, Division and Third Streets to the south, and the Napa River to the east; and

WHEREAS, Soscol Gateway Corridor also represents a potential PDA which is located in the southern part of Napa generally between Silverado Trail and Soscol Avenue south of Silverado Trail to the east, the Napa River to the west, Highland Drive to the north, and Imola Avenue to the south.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Napa, as follows:

1. The City Council hereby finds that the facts set forth in the recitals to this resolution are true and correct, and establish the factual basis for the City Council's adoption of this resolution.

2. The City Council hereby authorizes the Community Development Director to submit an application to ABAG to designate Downtown Napa and Soscol Gateway Corridor as PDAs.

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Napa at a public meeting of said City Council held on the 17th day of January, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: Inman, Mott, van Gorder, Techel
NOES: None
ABSENT: Krider
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST: 

Dorothy Roberts
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Michael Barrett
City Attorney