

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE FINAL GREENLEAF PROMENADE DESIGN AMENDMENT AND AN ADDENDUM TO THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE UPTOWN WHITTIER STREETScape UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

RECITALS

- A. On November 18, 2008, the City Council (the "City Council") of the City of Whittier (the "City") adopted Resolution No. 8165 approving the Uptown Whittier Specific Plan and its related Environmental Impact Report under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), California Public Resources Code Sections 21000, et. seq., and the CEQA Guidelines.
- B. The Uptown Whittier Specific directed many implementing actions, including but not limited to, preparation of a streetscape beautification plan identifying tree replacement species, tree planting design, hardscape treatments, et cetera.
- C. On February 23, 2016, the City Council approved funding and a professional services agreement with SWA Group for architectural and engineering consulting services for preparation of the Uptown Whittier Streetscape Beautification Plan (the "Streetscape Plan").
- D. On May 28, 2019, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing and considered all public testimony and information submitted for the Streetscape Plan.
- E. In June 2020, due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, the City Council approved a temporary closure of Greenleaf Avenue to facilitate the Greenleaf Promenade Outdoor Dine & Shop program.
- F. Between June of 2020 and September of 2023 the City Council discussed and provided direction on design elements at fourteen City Council meetings.
- G. On December 12, 2023, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing and considered all public testimony and information submitted for the

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are a substantial part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. An addendum to the Negative Declaration was prepared for the Streetscape Plan pursuant to the requirements of CEQA. The City Council has reviewed the project's environmental documentation including an Initial Study and a summary of the mitigation measures previously prepared as a part of the Uptown Whittier Specific Plan, and finds it is complete, adequate and prepared pursuant to the current requirements of CEQA. Therefore, the addendum to the Negative Declaration is hereby adopted for the Streetscape Plan.

SECTION 3. Based on the testimony and other evidence received at the public hearing and with the staff report, the City Council hereby approves the Greenleaf Promenade Design Amendment to the Uptown Whittier Streetscape Plan Dated May 6, 2019 as on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Whittier and attached to the December 12, 2023 agenda report.

SECTION 4. If any provision or clause contained within the Streetscape Plan or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of the chapters of the Streetscape Plan which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of the chapters are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. Should any subsequent errors or omissions be found in the new Streetscape Plan document, after the adoption of this resolution, the Director of Community Development may authorize the correction(s) to be made without City Council approval so long as the modification(s) do not alter the integrity, goals, or intent of the City Council's direction in developing the adopted Streetscape Plan.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption hereof.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of December 2023.



JOSEPH A. VINATIERI, Mayor

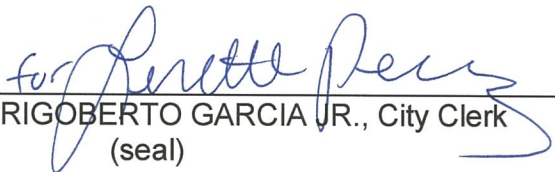
ATTEST:



RIGOBERTO GARCIA, City Clerk
(seal)

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION NO. 2023-87 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Whittier at the regular meeting held on the 12th day of December 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:	3	Council Members:	Dutra, Warner, O. Martinez
NOES:	0		
ABSTAIN:	1	Council Members:	Vinatieri
ABSENT:	1	Council Members:	J. Martinez


RIGOBERTO GARCIA JR., City Clerk
(seal)

