# City of Capitola <br> Planning Commission Meeting Agenda <br> Thursday, April 04, 2024-6:00 PM 

City Council Chambers<br>420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010<br>Chairperson: Courtney Christiansen<br>Commissioners: Paul Estey, Gerry Jensen, Susan Westman, Peter Wilk




#### Abstract

All correspondence received prior to 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding a Planning Commission Meeting will be distributed to Commissioners to review prior to the meeting. Information submitted after 5 p.m. on that Wednesday may not have time to reach Commissioners, nor be read by them prior to consideration of an item.


1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioners Courtney Christiansen, Paul Estey, Gerry Jensen, Susan Westman, Peter Wilk
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda
A. Additional Materials - Item 6A - Correspondence Received (4 Comments)
B. Additional Materials - Item 6B - Updated Attachment 2 (Updated on April $2^{\text {nd }}$, Revised on April $4^{\text {th }}$ )
3. Oral Communications

Please review the section How to Provide Comments to the Planning Commission for instructions. Oral Communications allows time for members of the public to address the Planning Commission on any Consent Item on tonight's agenda or on any topic within the jurisdiction of the City that is not on the Public Hearing section of the Agenda. Members of the public may speak for up to three minutes unless otherwise specified by the Chair. Individuals may not speak more than once during Oral Communications. All speakers must address the entire legislative body and will not be permitted to engage in dialogue.
4. Planning Commission/Staff Comments
5. Consent Calendar

All matters listed under "Consent Calendar" are considered by the Planning Commission to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to the time the Planning Commission votes on the action unless the Planning Commission request specific items to be discussed for separate review. Items pulled for separate discussion will be considered in the order listed on the Agenda.

## A. Approval of March 27, 2024, Special Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

B. New Brighton Middle School, 620 Monterey Avenue and Monterey Avenue Park

Project Description: Permit \#24-0115 for a proposed land exchange by and between the City of Capitola and the Soquel Union Elementary School District regarding a portion of New Brighton Middle School, 620 Monterey Avenue (APN: 036-151-01), located within the Community Facility Zone, for a portion of Monterey Avenue Park (APN:036-151-02), located within the Parks/Open Space Zone. This project is in the Coastal Zone and does not require a Coastal Development Permit.

Recommended Action: Consider Permit \#24-0115 and adopt the findings set forth herein that the City of Capitola's proposed acquisition of a portion of the New Brighton Middle School from the Soquel Union Elementary School District and disposition of a portion of Monterey Avenue Park to the District is consistent with the Capitola General Plan.

## 6. Public Hearings

Public Hearings are intended to provide an opportunity for public discussion of each item listed as a Public Hearing. The following procedure is as follows: 1) Staff Presentation; 2) Planning Commission Questions; 3) Public Comment; 4) Planning Commission Deliberation; and 5) Decision.
A. 1098 38 $8^{\text {th }}$ Avenue

Project Description: Permit \#23-0525 Design Permit, Coastal Development Permit, and Density Bonus request for a 52-unit, 100\% affordable housing project on a 1.977-acre site on the east side of $38^{\text {th }}$ Avenue, just south of the railroad crossing. The project includes a mix of 1 bedroom, 2-bedroom, and 3 -bedroom apartment units configured in 4 buildings. Three of the proposed buildings have 3 floors while one building has 2 floors. The property is located in the Medium Density Multi-Family Residential (RM-M) Zoning District. The project includes a density bonus, 4 incentives/concessions, and reduced parking requirements pursuant to California Government Code sections 65915-65918. This project is in the Coastal Zone and requires a Coastal Development Permit.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission take the following actions:

1. Find that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 (In-Fill Development);
2. Approve the applicant's request for a density bonus concession and reduced parking under State Density Bonus Law, based on the findings and analysis included in this staff report and subject to the included Conditions of Approval;
3. Approve the Design Permit, pursuant to the findings and analysis included in this staff report and subject to the included Conditions of Approval; and
4. Approve the Coastal Development Permit, pursuant to the findings and analysis included in this staff report and subject to the included Conditions of Approval.
B. 2175 41st Avenue, Suite A

Project Description: Application \#24-0070 for a Conditional Use Permit and Master Sign Program to transfer the location of an existing retail cannabis establishment (The Hook) from the current 4170 Gross Road location to 2175 41st Avenue, Suite A. Both locations are in the Regional Commercial (C-R) zoning district. The proposed relocation is not in the Coastal Zone.
Recommended Action: Staff recommends the Planning Commission approve Application \#24-007 based on the Conditions and Findings of Approval.

## 7. Director's Report

8. Adjournment - Adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission on May 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

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## Other ways to Watch:

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Or dial one of these phone numbers: 1 (669) 900 6833, 1 (408) 638 0968, 1 (346) 2487799
Meeting ID: 84412302975
Meeting Passcode: 161805

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All appeals must be in submitted writing on an official city application form, setting forth the nature of the action and the basis upon which the action is considered to be in error, and addressed to the City Council in care of the City Clerk. An appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee, unless the item is solely for a Coastal Permit that is appealable to the Coastal Commission, in which case there is no fee. If you challenge a decision of the Planning Commission in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.
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Ciudad al 831-475-7300 al menos tres días antes para que podamos coordinar dicha asistencia especial o envié un correo electrónico a jgautho@ci.capitola.ca.us.
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Subject: Planning commission meeting
Date: Friday, March 29, 2024 at 7:02:34 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: John
To: PLANNING COMMISSION, Gautho, Julia

The 52 unit affordable project on 38 th should be decided by the city council not the planning commission. This is a question of if we adhere to state law or challenge it like municipalities all over California have done and it should be decided by our elected officials not appointed ones.

You are never required to vote yes against your conscious in our systems. You can't get in trouble for voting no. If you do not approve the application the city council will debate the merits and community benefit and choose our city's course as we elected them to. This the proper process imo.

Warmly JM

Gautho, Julia

| From: | Santa Cruz YIMBY [santacruzyimby@gmail.com](mailto:santacruzyimby@gmail.com) |
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| Sent: | Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:18 AM |
| To: | PLANNING COMMISSION |
| Cc: | hello@santacruzyimby.org; Herlihy, Katie (kherlihy@ci.capitola.ca.us) |
| Subject: | [PDF] Support for 1098 38th Ave - Item 6.A on April 4, 2024 Agenda |
| Attachments: | Santa Cruz YIMBY - Support for 1098 38th St - April 4 2024 - Item 6A.pdf |
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Hello Planning Commissioners,

Please find attached our letter of support for 1098 38th Ave - Item 6.A on April 4, 2024 Agenda.

Sincerely,
Hope Armstrong
Ryan Meckel
Janine Roeth
Rafa Sonnenfeld

Leads, Santa Cruz YIMBY

Santa Cruz YIMBY Mission: We envision a community where our neighbors of all ages, cultures, abilities, and incomes, can make Santa Cruz County their home. In response to the ever-increasing cost of living, we advocate for more affordable housing to meet the needs of our growing population.
Santa Cruz YIMBY is a chapter of YIMBY Action, a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization.,

April 3, 2024
To: City of Capitola Planning Commission
From: Santa Cruz YIMBY
Re: April 4, 2024 Agenda Item 6.A 1098 38 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Avenue
Dear Planning Commissioners,
We are writing in support of 1098 38th Ave, a $100 \%$ affordable housing development which is on your April 4, 2024 agenda. MidPen Housing's Capitola Manor will add 52 much-needed affordable homes to our community, with a mix of 7-bedroom, 2-bedroom, and 3-bedroom apartments configured in four (4) buildings.

Our area is currently experiencing a housing and affordability crisis of historic proportions. In the last 8 years, Capitola built less than half of its total 5th Cycle RHNA, with only seven (7) Very Low Income (VLI) homes, and O Low Income homes. In contrast, Capitola Manor has $7 x$ that amount, with 13 Extremely Low Income (ELI) and six (6) Very Low Income (VLI) homes in addition to 28 Low Income homes. This is a notable step towards meeting 6th cycle RHNA.

Santa Cruz YIMBY is proud to support non-profit housing developer MidPen Housing with their first affordable housing project in Capitola. MidPen Housing has an extensive portfolio of properties serving our county's low income families and at-risk populations, including seniors, farmworkers, the formerly homeless, the developmentally disabled, and veterans. Their Capitola Manor development will include a community room, resident services, a bike rack area, and a play structure. These family-oriented homes are ideally located, with close access to schools, pharmacies, grocery stores, bus stops and many other retail and employment opportunities.

Santa Cruz YIMBY also promotes abundant sustainable growth by increased density near transit. MidPen Housing has included many sustainability features including low water use landscaping, on-site stormwater retention areas, and long-term and short-term bike parking. We note and applaud the use of the density bonus to maximize the number of affordable homes built, and the reduced off-street parking with the use of state laws and given the proximity to a major transit stop.

## Sincerely,

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF CAPITULA PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE: April 4, 2024
Remote Access Also Available
TIME: $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. https://www.cityofcapitola.org/meetings
PLACE: City Council Chambers, 420 Capitol Avenue, Capitola, CA

| 1098 38th Avenue | \#23-0525 | APN: 034-172-01 |
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Design Permit, Coastal Development Permit, and Density Bonus request for a 52-unit, $100 \%$ affordable housing project on a 1.977 acre site on the east side of 38 th Avenue just south of the railroad crossing. The project includes a mix of 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom, and 3 -bedroom apartment units configured in four buildings. Three of the proposed buildings have 3 -floors while one building has 2 -floors. The property is located in the Medium Density Multi-Family (RM-M) zoning district. The project includes a Density Bonus request pursuant to California Government Code sections 65915-65918.
This project is in the Coastal Zone and requires a Coastal Development Permit.
Environmental Determination: Categorical Exemption
Property Owner: MP Rail Trail Associates, LP
Representative: MP Rail Trail Associates, LP, Filed: 12.19.23
If you require special assistance in order to attend the meeting, including needs audidessed by the Americans with Disabilities Act, notify the City at least 3 days prior to the meeting by calling 831-475-7300.
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## Gautho, Julia

| From: | Lola Quiroga [lolaquiroga25@gmail.com](mailto:lolaquiroga25@gmail.com) |
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| Sent: | Wednesday, April 3, 2024 5:00 PM |
| To: | PLANNING COMMISSION |
| Subject: | Support for 1098 38th Ave |
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Dear Capitola Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong support for item 6A, which pertains to the proposed $100 \%$ affordable housing project at 1098 38th Avenue. This project represents a significant step forward in addressing the pressing need for affordable housing in Santa Cruz County.

The staff recommendation to approve the Design Permit, Coastal Development Permit, and Density Bonus request aligns with the urgent need to provide accessible housing options for individuals and families in our community. This development will cater to a diverse range of residents, contributing to the overall inclusivity of our neighborhood.

I applaud the project's incorporation of incentives/concessions and reduced parking requirements, which not only streamline the development process but also prioritize the creation of much-needed housing over bureaucratic hurdles.

It is imperative that we seize every opportunity to advance projects like this, which not only enhance our community's livability but also uphold principles of social equity and economic diversity. Therefore, I urge the Planning Commission to heed the staff's recommendation and approve item 6A without delay.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your dedication to fostering a more vibrant and inclusive Capitola.

Sincerely,

Lola Quiroga (she/her)
Transportation and Public Works Commissioner
City of Santa Cruz
(818) 813-2541 | lolaquiroga25@gmail.com

## PROJECT SIGNAGE

## 2175 41st Ave

## Proposed Site Signage:

## Site / Monument Sign

Proposed: "The Hook" Circle, 5.5' Diameter Mounted @ + 24" = 23.76 ft 2
Hand-painted aluminum Sign Board
Sign placement is to be located 5' behind the sidewalk per 17.80.80C7
Window Sign: Front Exterior above Entrance Door
Proposed: One Green Cross .77' width x 2.32 ' Lengths $=3 \mathrm{ft} 2$
Plexiglass with Painted Black Wood Frame
Total Signage not to exceed 27 ft 2



SITE / MONUMENT SIGN

## Project Signage Plan for 2175 41st Avenue

## Overview:

The proposed signage plan for 2175 41st Avenue aims to enhance the site's visibility and aesthetics without exceeding 27 square feet of total signage area, in accordance with local zoning requirements.

## Signage Details:

## 1. Site/Monument Sign:

- Designation: "The Hook"
- Description: The sign will be circular and mounted at a height of 18 inches above the ground level. Its design will be accommodated within a $5 \times 5$ feet square area, totaling 25 square feet.
- Material: The sign will be crafted from hand-painted aluminum signboard for durability and weather resistance.
- Location: To be centrally placed at the island, located 5 feet behind the sidewalk, adhering to zoning code 17.80.80C7.
- Height Restriction: The total height from the sidewalk to the top of the sign will not exceed 8 feet.


## 2. Window Sign

- Designation: Front Entrance Display
- Description: A green cross will be displayed within a square measuring $1.41 \times 1.41$ feet, totaling 2 square feet.
- Material: Constructed from plexiglass and framed with painted black wood to ensure visibility and durability.
- Location: This sign will be positioned above the entrance door on the front exterior.

Total Signage Area: The combined area for all proposed signage will adhere to the maximum limit of 27 square feet.

## Landscape Additions:

Plant Selection: Sesleria autumnalis, known for its small, mounding growth habit with yellowgreen leaves. This grass reaches up to 12 inches in height and produces narrow flower stems with silvery-white inflorescence in the fall. It is chosen for its striking appearance when planted in masses and its drought tolerance.

Installation: A hedgerow comprising 10-12 mature Sesleria autumnalis plants will be installed along the 41st Avenue edge, positioned one foot from the brick interior wall to enhance the site's greenery and visual appeal.

This plan aims to balance the architectural and natural elements of the site, creating a welcoming and visually appealing environment for visitors and passersby.


Monument Sign and Landscaping Rendering


## City of Capitola <br> Special Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 - 5:00 PM

City Council Chambers



420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010
Chairperson: Courtney Christiansen
Commissioners: Paul Estey, Gerry Jensen, Susan Westman, Peter Wilk

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance - The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM. In attendance: Commissioners Estey, Jensen, Westman, Wilk, and Chair Christiansen.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda - None
3. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda
A. Updated Attachment \& Two Emails - Item 7A
B. One Email - Item 7C
4. Oral Communications

- Gorin Klepic

5. Planning Commission/Staff Comments

- Commissioner Estey inquired about vacancy rates of housing inventory within Capitola and requested that staff provide a response to the Commission.

6. Consent Calendar
A. Approval of February 1, 2024, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
B. Approval of February 15, 2024, Special Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
C. Approval of March 7, 2024, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar: Commissioner Westman
Seconded: Commissioner Jensen
Voting Yea: 4-0-1 (Estey abstained from 2/1 minutes, approved the others)
7. Public Hearings
A. 1400 Wharf Road - Capitola Wharf

Project Description: Amendment to permit \#20-0141, a Design Permit and Conditional Use Permit for the rehabilitation, repair, and expansion of the historic Capitola Wharf. The Capitola Wharf is located at 1400 Wharf Road within the PF (Public Facilities) zoning district, at APN: 034-072-01, -02. This project received a Coastal Development Permit issued by the California Coastal Commission.

Recommended Action: Approve the amendments for permit \#20-0141 and provide direction to proceed with option 2 for the layout and location of the donor panels.

Chair Christiansen and Commissioner Jensen recused themselves from the item due to conflicts of interest.

Community Development Director Herlihy presented the staff report. Dan Townsend, Fuse Architects, spoke about the project's design. Gayle Ortiz, CWEP, spoke on the fundraising groups' perspective.

## Public Comments:

- Karin Hanna
- Steve Eiling
- Joe Beltrame

The Planning Commission directed staff to implement Option 2 with a request for flexibility in the placement of the donor panels to the left of the bike racks to create adequate spacing; expressed a preference for the wood paneling on the bathroom; and provided direction to staff to reposition the entry light pole to improve aesthetics.

Motion to approve the amendments to Permit \#20-0141 with the direction provided to staff: Commissioner Westman
Seconded: Commissioner Estey
Voting Yea: 2-1-2 (Wilk - No; Christiansen and Jensen - Recused)

## Conditions of Approval:

1. The project affirms the original approval of a Design Permit, Conditional Use Permit, and Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the rehabilitation and repair of the historic Capitola Wharf. The project is conditioned under the existing Conditions of Approval for permit \#20-0141 by the Planning Commission on June 4, 2020, except as modified through conditions imposed by the Planning Commission on May 4, 2023; March 7, 2024; and March 27, 2024.
B. 722 Escalona Drive

Project Description: Tree Removal Permit \#24-0105 for the removal of 35 trees, located within the PD (Planned Development) zoning district.
This project is in the Coastal Zone but does not require a Coastal Development Permit.
Environmental Determination: Categorical Exemption
Recommended Action: Approve application \#24-0105 based on the attached Conditions and Findings for approval.

## Associate Planner Sesanto presented the staff report.

## Public Comments:

- Speaker

The Planning Commission thanked the City's arborist for their efforts and expressed concerns about the Monarch butterflies but recognized that any impacts were mitigated.

Motion to approve Application \#24-0105: Commissioner Wilk
Seconded: Commissioner Westman
Voting Yea: 5-0

## Tree Removal Findings:

A. The removal of the tree is in the public interest with respect to unreasonable existing and potential property damage.
Most trees marked for removal suffer from over competition and create heightened risk for wildfire. Tree thinning is an established forestry practice that promotes healthier growth among
remaining trees and can reduce fire risk. Six additional trees pose substantial risk to safety, property damage, or both.
B. There are no feasible alternatives to tree removal that secure the purposes of the Community Tree and Forest Management Ordinance.
The subject site has an unmanaged, densely populated grove of eucalyptus trees. There are no feasible alternatives to tree removal as most trees marked for removal suffer from overcompetition and create heightened risk for wildfire. Tree thinning is an established forestry practice that promotes healthier growth among remaining trees and can reduce fire risk. Six additional trees have unmitigable structural conditions that are likely to failure if not removed.
C. The type, size and schedule for planting replacement trees is specified and shall be concurrent with the tree removal or prior to it, in accordance with Section 12.12.190(F) and (G).
Replacement trees are not required if the post-removal tree canopy coverage on the site or parcel will be $30 \%$ or more. The post removal canopy coverage is estimated to exceed $30 \%$. Some of the canopy openings will fill over time from the remaining stand of trees. Therefore, no replacement trees are required to accomplish the goals of Section 12.12.190(F).
D. The removal of the tree would not be contrary to the purposes of this chapter and Chapter 17.64, Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas.
The proposed removals are based on good forestry practices, public safety, and protection of property from substantial harm. The removals are consistent with the purposes of chapter 12.12 and 17.64.

## Conditions of Approval:

1. The project approved consists of a tree removal permit for the removal of 35 trees within the public right-of-way between Park Avenue and the rail corridor. The project is approved as described in the staff report by the Planning Commission on March 27, 2024, except as modified through conditions imposed by the Planning Commission during the hearing.
2. Tree work within the habitat area shall be avoided during the months in which the monarch butterflies are in residence (October 1st to March 1st). Heavy equipment that has the potential to emit plumes of exhaust smoke shall be located as far from the habitat area as feasible.
C. City Property along Park Avenue

Project Description: Tree Removal Permit \#24-0106 for the removal of 22 trees between Park Avenue and the rail corridor.
This project is in the Coastal Zone but does not require a Coastal Development Permit.
Environmental Determination: Categorical Exemption
Recommended Action: Approve application \#24-0106 based on the attached Conditions and Findings for approval.
Associate Planner Sesanto presented the staff report.
Public Comments: None
The Planning Commission commended the City's arborist and staff for managing this project and clarified that the tree removals are not a part of the RTC's Rail Trail Project.

Motion to approve Application \#24-0106: Commissioner Estey
Seconded: Commissioner Jensen
Voting Yea: 5-0

## Tree Removal Findings:

A. The proposed tree removals are in the public interest.

City staff and arborist evaluation found the identified trees had one or more causes for removal, including being invasive species, poor or hazardous structural conditions, and/or poor health. Removal of the identified trees is in the public interest.
B. There are no feasible alternatives to tree removal that secure the purposes of the Community Tree and Forest Management Ordinance.
As noted in the arborist report, pruning treatments will be pursued where it is believed to be a feasible mitigation. Trees found to have no feasible alternatives are proposed for removal to adequately mitigate existing tree conditions or risk factors.
C. The type, size and schedule for planting replacement trees is specified and shall be concurrent with the tree removal or prior to it, in accordance with Section 12.12.190(F) and (G).
Replacement trees are not necessary to meet the city canopy coverage goal within the area. One benefit to removing the proposed trees is the new openings will allow the remaining trees to create fuller canopies.
D. The removal of the tree would not be contrary to the purposes of this chapter and Chapter 17.64, Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas.
The proposed removals are based on good forestry practices, public safety, and protection of property from substantial harm. The removals are consistent with the purposes of chapter 12.12 and 17.64.

## Conditions of Approval:

1. The project approval includes a tree removal permit for the removal of 22 trees and pruning work within the public right-of-way between Park Avenue and the rail corridor. The project is approved as described in the staff report by the Planning Commission on March 27, 2024, except as modified through conditions imposed by the Planning Commission during the hearing.
2. Tree work near or within the habitat area shall be avoided during the months in which the monarch butterflies are in residence (October 1st to March 1st). Heavy equipment that has the potential to emit plumes of exhaust smoke shall be located as far from the habitat area as feasible.
3. Director's Report - Community Development Director Herlihy advised the Commission of the groundbreaking event for 4401 Capitola Road, provided an update that the $109838^{\text {th }}$ Avenue Project will be placed on the April $4^{\text {th }}$ Planning Commission Agenda, and shared an update on the City's Updated Housing Element.
Commissioner Wilk requested a hard copy agenda packet when agenda packets contain plan sets or large image file sizes.
4. Adjournment - Adjourned at 7:14 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission on April 4, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

# Capitola Planning Commission <br> Agenda Report 

Meeting: April 4, 2024<br>From: Community Development Department<br>Address: New Brighton Middle School, 620 Monterey Avenue and Monterey Avenue Park



Project Description: Permit \#24-0115 for a proposed land exchange by and between the City of Capitola and the Soquel Union Elementary School District regarding a portion of New Brighton Middle School, 620 Monterey Avenue (APN: 036-151-01), located within the Community Facility Zone, for a portion of Monterey Avenue Park (APN:036-151-02), located within the Parks/Open Space Zone. This project is in the Coastal Zone and does not require a Coastal Development Permit.

Recommended Action: Consider Permit \#24-0115 and adopt the findings set forth herein that the City of Capitola's proposed acquisition of a portion of the New Brighton Middle School from the Soquel Union Elementary School District and disposition of a portion of Monterey Avenue Park to the District is consistent with the Capitola General Plan.

Property Owners: City of Capitola and the Soquel Union Elementary School District. Representative: Capitola Community Development Department

Background: The Soquel Union Elementary School District ("District") is the fee owner of 4.9 acres of real property located at 620 Monterey Avenue, Capitola, Santa Cruz County, California, Assessor's Parcel Number 036-151-01, which real property is the site of the New Brighton Middle School and related playing fields ("District Parcel"). The City of Capitola ("City") is the fee owner of 3.9 acres of real property known as Monterey Avenue Park, located adjacent to the District Parcel on Monterey Avenue in the City of Capitola, Santa Cruz County, California, Assessors' Parcel Number 036-151-02 ("City Parcel"). The District Parcel and City Parcel are more particularly identified on the assessor parcel map attached hereto as Attachment 1.

The District and the City have been discussing the exchange of a portion of the District Parcel, consisting of approximately 5,592 square feet, as more particularly identified as the two (2) sections highlighted in orange (Areas A and C) in the Aerial View Map attached hereto as Attachment 2 ("District Exchange Parcel"), for an approximately 4,284 square foot portion of the City Parcel, as more particularly identified as the section highlighted in blue (Area B) in Attachment 2 ("City Exchange Parcel"). An agreement governing the exchange of these portions of real property will require the approval of the City Council of the City of Capitola and the School Board of the Soquel Union Elementary School District. Further, it is worth noting that the contemplated property exchange involves "exempt surplus land" and thus is not subject to the procedures of the Surplus Land Act (Government Code § 54221 (f)(1)(C) and (D) ${ }^{1}$ ).
The District has undertaken master planning of its educational facilities and enclosed as Attachment 3 is the most recent plan for New Brighton Middle School. However, the contemplated exchange of the City Exchange Parcel and District Exchange Parcel as depicted in Attachment 2 would significantly improve the layout of the recreational facilities. Thus, the City Exchange Parcel to be disposed of by the City and

[^0]acquired by the District would be used and developed by the District to enhance the recreational facilities at the New Brighton Middle School as part of a larger redevelopment of the District Parcel as depicted on Attachment 2.
As depicted on Attachment 2, the District Exchange Parcel to be acquired by the City is made up of 2 separate areas. The larger of the 2 areas (Area C) can be used and developed by the City to enhance the recreational facilities at Monterey Avenue Park, whereas the long and narrow area (Area A) will serve to maintain and enhance pedestrian access to the Park from the greater Cliffwood Heights neighborhood through Orchid Avenue.
Development Standards: Not Applicable.
Discussion: California Government Code § 65402(a) provides that if a general plan has been adopted, no real property shall be acquired or disposed of until the location, purpose, and extent of such disposal has been submitted to and reported upon by the planning agency as to the conformity with said adopted general plan.

The General Plan land use designation for the City Exchange Parcel is Parks and Open Space (P/OS). See Attachment 4. The District's intended use of the City Exchange Parcel for recreational purposes is permitted by and consistent with the City's General Plan land use designation of Parks and Open Space (P/OS).
The General Plan land use designation for the District Exchange Parcel is Public/Quasi Public (P/QP). See Attachment 4. The City's intended use of the District Exchange Parcel for park and pedestrian access purposes is permitted by and consistent with the City's General Plan land use designation of Public/Quasi Public (P/QP).

The proposed acquisition of the District Exchange Parcel and disposition of the City Exchange Parcel by the City advances the goals and objectives of the Capitola General Plan ("General Plan") and presents no impediments to achieving the goals and objectives of the General Plan.

In particular, the acquisition of the District Exchange Parcel and disposition of the City Exchange Parcel is consistent with following the goals, objectives, principles, and policies of the General Plan:
(1) Goal LU-4: Protect and enhance the special character of residential neighborhoods.

- Policy LU-4.4 Public Facilities. Ensure that adequate public infrastructure, facilities, and services are maintained in residential neighborhoods.
(2) Goal LU-13: Provide high quality public parks that cater to the diverse needs and interest of Capitola residents and visitors.
- Policy LU-13.8 Intergovernmental Cooperation. Maintain partnerships and shared service agreements with local school districts and neighboring communities in order to enhance the range of opportunities available to Capitola residents and achieve cost savings.
- Policy LU-13.13 Monterey Park. Develop Monterey Park as an active park site with neighborhood serving recreational facilities and amenities.
- Actions LU-13.2 Safe Routes to Parks. Identify improvements needed to fill gaps in the City's sidewalk system and incorporate these improvements into the City's Capital Improvement Program.
(3) Goal LU-14 Support recreational programs and community events that contribute to a high quality of life.
- Policy LU-14.7 New Brighton Middle School. Work cooperatively with the Soquel Union Elementary School District to provide elementary and middle school facilities for the children who live in Capitola.

CEQA: Categorically exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guideline §15312. The approval of Permit \#240115 is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the Class 12 exemption set forth in State CEQA Guideline §15312. While the action before the Planning Commission does not involve the approval of the agreement governing the proposed exchange of property, which authority rests with the City Council, the finding of general plan consistency required by Government Code §65402 (a) nevertheless relates to the City's proposed acquisition of the District Exchange Parcel and disposition of the City Exchange Parcel.
The Class 12 exemption from CEQA set forth in State CEQA Guideline $\S 15312$ exempts the sale of surplus government property. While the District Exchange Parcel and City Exchange Parcel are defined as "exempt surplus land" for purposes of the Surplus Land Act, both parcels are nevertheless surplus government property for purposes of State CEQA Guideline §15312. However, §15312 goes on to provide that there is an exception to the exemption with respect to parcels located within the California Coastal Zone defined in and mapped pursuant to Public Resources Code §30103. The City Exchange Parcel and District Exchange Parcel are both located within the mapped California Coastal Zone applicable to Capitola (See Attachment 5).
Nevertheless, the exemption from CEQA is still applicable if (i) the property does not have significant value for wildlife habitat or other environmental purposes and (ii) the property is of such size, shape or inaccessibility that it is incapable of independent development, or the property sold would qualify for other categorical exemptions, or the use of the property and adjacent property has not changed since the time of purchase by the public agency.
In this instance, neither the City Exchange Parcel nor District Exchange Parcel have significant value for wildlife habitat or other environmental purposes, as one parcel is currently a portion of an urban city park and the other a portion of an operational elementary school. In addition, given the size and shape of the parcels, as well as their inaccessibility due to their interior location within larger parcels, the parcels are incapable of independent development. Accordingly, the Class 12 exemption set forth in State CEQA Guideline §15312 applies to the adoption of the enclosed Resolution.

## Findings:

1. The approval of Permit \#24-0115 is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the Class 12 exemption set forth in State CEQA Guideline §15312;
2. The City Exchange Parcel to be disposed of by the City and acquired by the District is to be used and developed by the District to enhance the recreational facilities at the New Brighton Middle School as part of a larger redevelopment of the District Parcel as depicted on Attachment 2. The District's intended use of the City Exchange Parcel is permitted by and consistent with the City's General Plan land use designation of Parks and Open Space (P/OS);
3. The District Exchange Parcel to be acquired by the City is to be used and developed by the City to enhance the recreational facilities at Monterey Avenue Park, as well as to maintain and enhance pedestrian access to the Park from within the Cliffwood Heights neighborhood as depicted in Attachment 2. The City's intended use of the District Exchange Parcel is permitted by and consistent with the City's General Plan land use designation of Public/Quasi Public (P/QP); and
4. The Planning Commission has reviewed and considered the proposed exchange of the District Exchange Parcel and City Exchange Parcel by and between the District and the City and hereby finds the City's proposed acquisition of the District Exchange Parcel from the District and disposition of the City Exchange Parcel to the District is consistent with the Capitola General Plan.

Public Noticing: The meeting agenda and Planning Commission report were posted on the city website and the project was announced in the Santa Cruz Sentinel. All property owners within a 300 -foot radius and other interested stakeholders were notified of this meeting.
Conditions of Approval: None.

## Attachments:

1. Assessor Parcel Map
2. Map of City Exchange Parcel (blue) and District Exchange Parcels (orange)
3. New Brighton Middle School Master Plan
4. Capitola General Plan Land Use Map
5. Capitola Coastal Zone Map

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Source: City of Capitola, 2018


-     - Santa Cruz Coastal Zone Boundary
- Coastal Zone Appeal Jurisdiction Boundary
=-City Limit


# Capitola Planning Commission <br> Agenda Report 

Meeting: April 4, 2024

From: Community Development Department
Address: 1098 38 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Avenue


Project Description: Permit \#23-0525 Design Permit, Coastal Development Permit, and Density Bonus request for a 52 -unit, 100\% affordable housing project on a 1.977 -acre site on the east side of $38^{\text {th }}$ Avenue, just south of the railroad crossing. The project includes a mix of 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom, and 3bedroom apartment units configured in 4 buildings. Three of the proposed buildings have 3 floors while one building has 2 floors. The property is located in the Medium Density Multi-Family Residential (RM$\mathrm{M})$ Zoning District. The project includes a density bonus, 4 incentives/concessions, and reduced parking requirements pursuant to California Government Code sections 65915-65918. This project is in the Coastal Zone and requires a Coastal Development Permit.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission take the following actions:

1. Find that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 (In-Fill Development);
2. Approve the applicant's request for a density bonus concession and reduced parking under State Density Bonus Law, based on the findings and analysis included in this staff report and subject to the included Conditions of Approval;
3. Approve the Design Permit, pursuant to the findings and analysis included in this staff report and subject to the included Conditions of Approval; and
4. Approve the Coastal Development Permit, pursuant to the findings and analysis included in this staff report and subject to the included Conditions of Approval.

Property Owner \& Representative: MP Rail Trail Associates L.P.

Applicant Proposal: The project consists of a Design Permit, Coastal Development Permit, and a Density Bonus requesting construction of a 52 -unit, $100 \%$ affordable rental housing project on an approximate 1.977acre site on the east side of $38^{\text {th }}$ Avenue, just south of the railroad crossing, in the southwest corner of Capitola. The site was previously occupied by a skilled nursing facility. The skilled nursing facility building was demolished in 2022 and the site is currently vacant. The project consists of a mix of 1-bedroom, 2bedroom, and 3-bedroom apartment units, configured in 4 buildings, totaling 60,805 square feet.

The project site is located in the RM-M (Multi-Family Residential, Medium Density) Zoning District. Surrounding land uses and structures include a mix of commercial developments, 3 mobile home parks, and single-family homes.

The proposed buildings are laid out in two staggered L-shape formations on the property surrounding the exterior common area uses. The architectural style is described as coastal contemporary with pitched gable roofs, articulated facades patios/balconies, and breezeways. Vehicular access to the property is accessed by a two-way drive aisle off of $38^{\text {th }}$ Avenue and runs along the south property line to a surface parking lot at the rear of the property. All ground floor units will be accessible units to remove the cost of elevator installation.

The project will include sustainability features including low water use landscaping, on-site stormwater retention areas, designated parking spaces for electric vehicle charging, all electrical appliances, all electric heating and cooling, and long-term and short-term bike parking. The project will also provide approximately 4,265 square feet of support uses, including a community room, kitchen, two laundry rooms, resident services room, mail room, and a property manager's office. Exterior amenities include a multi-use landscaped exterior plaza with a dedicated children's play area, community dining and game area, long-term bike storage area, a fenced dog run, and a vegetable garden. The breakdown of unit type and affordability category is provided in the table below.

## Affordability Unit Mix/Income Levels:

| Unit Size | \%AMI | Units | Gross Rent | Utility Allowance | Monthly Rent | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Income } \\ & \hline \text { Limits } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Income } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Studio/1BA | 30 | 1 | \$864 | \$163 | \$701 | \$39,540 | Extremely LowIncome |
| Studio/1BA | 40 | 2 | \$1,152 | \$163 | \$989 | \$52,720 | Very LowIncome |
| Studio/1BA | 50 | 1 | \$1,441 | \$163 | \$1,278 | \$65,900 | LowIncome |
| $1 \mathrm{BD} / 1 \mathrm{BA}$ | 30 | 4 | \$926 | \$182 | \$744 | \$44,490 | Extremely LowIncome |
| $1 \mathrm{BD} / 1 \mathrm{BA}$ | 40 | 1 | \$1,235 | \$182 | \$1,053 | \$59,320 | Very LowIncome |
| $1 \mathrm{BD} / 1 \mathrm{BA}$ | 50 | 4 | \$1,544 | \$182 | \$1,362 | \$74,150 | LowIncome |
| $1 \mathrm{BD} / 1 \mathrm{BA}$ | 60 | 8 | \$1,852 | \$182 | \$1,670 | \$88,980 | LowIncome |
| $2 \mathrm{BD} / 1$ BA | 30 | 4 | \$1,111 | \$240 | \$871 | \$53,370 | Extremely LowIncome |
| $2 \mathrm{BD} / 1 \mathrm{BA}$ | 40 | 1 | \$1,482 | \$240 | \$1,242 | \$71,160 | Very LowIncome |
| $2 \mathrm{BD} / 1$ BA | 50 | 4 | \$1,853 | \$240 | \$1,613 | \$88,950 | LowIncome |
| $2 \mathrm{BD} / 1 \mathrm{BA}$ | 60 | 1 | \$2,223 | \$240 | \$1,983 | \$106,740 | LowIncome |
| $2 \mathrm{BD} / 2 \mathrm{BA}$ | 60 | 3 | \$2,223 | \$240 | \$1,983 | \$106,740 | LowIncome |
| $3 \mathrm{BD} / 2 \mathrm{BA}$ | 30 | 4 | \$1,284 | \$305 | \$979 | \$61,290 | Extremely LowIncome |
| 3 BD/ 2 BA | 40 | 2 | \$1,712 | \$305 | \$1,407 | \$81,720 | Very LowIncome |
| $3 \mathrm{BD} / 2 \mathrm{BA}$ | 50 | 3 | \$2,1411 | \$305 | \$1,836 | \$102,150 | LowIncome |
| $3 \mathrm{BD} / 2 \mathrm{BA}$ | 60 | 4 | \$2,569 | \$305 | \$2,264 | \$122,580 | LowIncome |

*Unit mix and income thresholds are subject to minor changes depending on final project funding and amendments to regional income limits.

Based on the above affordability levels, the applicant requests a Density Bonus pursuant to California Government Code sections 65915-65918, allowing for up to $180 \%$ of the base zoning density allowance for projects that are $100 \%$ affordable, which yields the proposed 52 units.

The applicant is also requesting four incentives/concessions (State Density Bonus Law allows up to four concessions for $100 \%$ affordable projects) related to private open space requirements for each apartment unit, an increase to the building height limit (from 30 feet to 40 feet 6 inches), reduction in replacement planting ratio, and reduction in the percentage of parking lot landscaping (Attachment 1 - Project Plans).

The applicant is also requesting reduced parking as allowed by State Density Bonus Law ratios, for a total of 70 parking spaces. The total parking count includes 4 EV chargers with 24 spaces being EV-capable or EV-ready. Bike parking is proposed with one long-term bike parking space per unit and seven shortterm bike parking spaces for the complex.

Background: The previous skilled nursing facility building was demolished in 2022. The prior development included a single-story building of approximately 30,000 square feet.

MidPen Housing purchased the site from the Central California Alliance for Health (CCAH) in 2022. MidPen and CCAH are partnering on several other Monterey and Santa Cruz County developments to provide supportive housing for high utilizers of the health care system.

On December 20, 2024, the Planning Department received the subject application.
Development and Design Review: On March 20, 2024, Development and Design Review staff reviewed the application and provided the applicant with the following direction:

Public Works Representatives, Erika Senyk and Kailash Mozumder: advised that HydroScience was issuing conditions of approval for the drainage plan and that the relocated crosswalk would need to be closer to the railroad crossing to improve visibility and safety.

Building Official, Eric Martin: asked if the applicant had contacted utility purveyors to discuss how to cap existing utilities at the property line.

Senior Planner, Brian Froelich: asked the applicant to provide the breakdown of the unit mix and affordability levels.

Following the meeting, the applicant confirmed that utilities had been contacted to the extent possible and provided a unit mix and affordability breakdown. The applicant also agreed that moving the crosswalk outside the City boundary would complicate the project and agreed with the location closer to the railroad crossing.

Development Standards: The following table outlines the Zoning Code requirements for development in the Medium Density Multi-Family Residential (RM-M) Zoning District. The proposed project complies with the standards of the RM-M or requests concessions under the Density Bonus Law as noted below.

|  | RM-M | Proposed | Compliance |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Site Requirements | $40 \%$ | $26 \%$ | Yes |
| Building | $34,447 \mathrm{sf}$ | $22,473 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |
| Coverage | 1 unit per 2,900sf <br> 15 per acre <br> $100 \%$ | 1 unit per $1,650 \mathrm{sf}$ <br> 26 per acre <br> $180 \%$ | Density Bonus allows <br> $180 \%$ of permitted <br> density for $100 \%$ <br> affordable projects |


| Parking | 2.5 per unit (1 covered) 130 total Max. 30\% compact 5\% EV | 1.35 per unit 70 uncovered 10\% compact 4 EV <br> 7 EV capable 17 EV ready | Yes Govt. Code 65915(p)(1) 1 per 1BD unit 1.5 per 2BD \& 3BD units 66 Required |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Structure Requirements |  |  |  |
| Setbacks |  |  |  |
| Front ( $38^{\text {th }}$ Ave.) | 15 ft . | 18 ft . | Yes |
| Rear | $15 \% \text { of lot depth }$ $77 \mathrm{ft} .$ | 131 ft . | Yes |
| Interior Side -north (Railroad) | $10 \%$ of lot width (max. 7 ft .) | 7 ft . | Yes |
| Interior Side south | $10 \%$ of lot width (max. 7 ft .) | 29.5 ft . | Yes |
| Height, Maximum | 30 ft . | 40.5 ft . | Yes - With Concession |
| Residential Transition Standards Daylight Plane | No structure shall extend above or beyond a daylight plane having a height of twenty-five feet at the setback ( 7 ft .) from the residential property line and extending into the parcel at an angle of forty-five degrees. | Property to the south is residentially zoned. Building C is 37 ft tall at 24 ft . from property line. The daylight plane at this location is 42 ft . | Yes |
| Landscaped Area | 5\% | 29\% | Yes |
| Common Open Space | 15\% | 26\% | Yes |
| Private Open Space | 48 sf per individual unit | 0\% | Yes - With Concession |

Discussion: This section outlines the project's consistency with the Zoning Code and applicable state law and further describes the proposed development; evaluates the project architecture, landscaping and exterior lighting, trees, and transportation; and provides a summary of the environmental review process that was completed for the project.

## Application of State Density Bonus Law

## State Density Bonus

The California Density Bonus Law (Government Code 65915-65918) was first enacted in 1979. Since 2019, the California Legislature has further amended and expanded the law with increased options and benefits for developers and reduced regulatory authority for local government. The subject property is in the RM-M zoning district that allows for multi-family uses by right. The RM-M zone regulates building coverage, setbacks, height, and limits density to one unit per 2,900 square feet of lot area. The site is 86,118 square feet and yields 29 units with the base zoning density ratio.

The applicant is requesting consideration of additional density pursuant to Density Bonus Law that allows up to $180 \%$ of the base zoning density allowance for projects that are $100 \%$ affordable, which yields the proposed 52 units. (Attachment 6 - Government Code 65915-65918)

## Incentives/Concessions

With the provision of $100 \%$ affordable units, the project is eligible for four incentives/concessions, which are considered a reduction in site development standards, a modification of Zoning Code requirements, or architectural design requirements that result in identifiable and actual cost reductions for the project (Government Code § 65915). Below is a summary of the proposed concessions:

- Building Height - increase from 30 feet tall to 40.5 feet tall
- Private Open Space - omission of 48 square foot per unit requirement
- Tree Mitigation Planting Ratio - reduction from the 2:1 requirement
- Parking Lot Landscape Percentage - reduction from the $20 \%$ requirement

Pursuant to Government Code $\S 65915(\mathrm{~d})$, a city is required to grant requested incentives/concessions unless it makes a written finding based on substantial evidence that: 1) the concession does not result in identifiable and actual cost reductions to provide for the affordable housing; 2) the concession would create a specific adverse impact to health, safety, the physical environment or historic resources for which there is no feasible mitigation; or 3) the concession is contrary to federal or state law. A "specific, adverse impact" means "a significant, quantifiable, direct, and unavoidable impact, based on objective, identified written public health or safety standards, policies, or conditions as they existed on the date the application was deemed complete" (§ 65589.5(d)(2)). Conditions that would have a specific, adverse impact upon the public health and safety "arise infrequently." In addition, Government Code section 65915, subdivision (r) states: "this chapter shall be interpreted liberally in favor of producing the maximum number of total housing units."

## Height

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 17.48.020.A, height is measured as the vertical distance from the assumed ground surface to the highest point of the building. The existing topography has a very slight upslope of five feet from the southwest corner to the northeast corner and can be described as generally flat. The proposed grading plan shows cut and fill to prep level building pads and for vehicular circulation and parking. The applicant proposes a concession to the maximum height of 30 feet for the RM-M district to allow up to 40.5 feet, which accommodates three floors and an articulated roof design. All buildings comply with the transitional standards as outlined below.

## Private Open Space

Section 17.16.030 requires that $50 \%$ of the units in a multi-family development have at least 48 square feet of private open space. The applicant has planned for extensive communal open space areas and uses and is requesting use of a concession to forgo this requirement due to the design and construction costs of providing both public and private open space and amenities for tenants.

## Parking Lot Landscape Percentage

The new parking lot includes 70 parking spaces and is required to be $20 \%$ landscaped with one shade tree per every five parking spaces (14). The applicant is proposing 16 trees in proximity to the parking lot to exceed the shading requirement. The proposed parking lot areas are 18,350 square feet. The applicant is proposing landscape breaks and island areas in the new parking lot area that will provide 1,930 square feet ( $10.5 \%$ ), which is short of the $20 \%$ requirement. The applicant proposes a concession to reduce the parking lot landscape percentage requirement.

## Tree Replacement Ratio

The site contains 43 existing trees and the applicant is proposing removal of all the trees. The existing trees range in size from four to 30 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH).

The trees proposed for removal are in locations critical to project feasibility (circulation, buildings, and drainage) and the most common species are palms (27) and paperbark (9) trees. Mitigation planting is typically a $2: 1$ ratio of 24 " box trees. The applicant has requested a concession to the typical mitigation and instead proposes a landscape plan that includes 71 total replacement trees (1:1.65) and will provide $43 \%$ canopy coverage at maturity, which far exceeds the city's goal of $15 \%$ canopy for each parcel. The majority (51) of the replacement trees will be 24 " box sized.

It is staff's assessment that the requested incentives/concessions are appropriate and will result in identifiable and actual cost reductions consistent with the State Density Bonus Law and the City's ministerial requirements with respect to those requests. The project is also conditioned to comply with the provisions for affordable housing under Government Code § 65915.

## Reduced Parking Requirements

The proposed parking lot is located to the rear of the multi-family buildings, which is preferred per Section 17.20.040 E. The zoning ordinance requires 2.5 parking spaces per multi-family unit, totaling 130 parking spaces for the proposed project. Pursuant to Government Code section 65915(p)(1), upon the request of the developer, a city shall not require a vehicular parking ratio, inclusive of parking for persons with a disability and guests, of a development meeting the density bonus criteria that exceeds the following ratios:

- 1 parking space per studio or 1 bedroom
- 1.5 parking spaces per 2- \& 3-bedroom units

As a $100 \%$ affordable density bonus project, the project qualifies for reduced parking requirements subject to state-level parking ratios. Following the state's ratios and applying them to the proposed unit mix yields a requirement for 66 parking spaces. The applicant is proposing 70 parking spaces and therefore satisfies this requirement.

The proposal also includes 4 EV chargers with 24 additional spaces that are EV-capable and EV-ready. Bike parking meets standards with one long-term parking space per unit and seven short-term parking spaces.

## Additional Development Requirements

Residential Transitions Standards
The standard for Daylight Plane is as follows: No structure shall extend above or beyond a daylight plane having a height of twenty-five feet at the setback from the residential property line and extending into the parcel at an angle of forty-five degrees.

Staff Analysis: The applicant has requested the use of a concession for building height up to 40.5 feet where 30 feet is the standard. The property to the south is a residentially zoned mobile home park and daylight plane standards are applicable. Building C is 37 feet tall at 24 feet from the property line. The daylight plane at this location is 42 feet in height. This is the closest of any of the buildings to the daylight plane. In summary, the project complies with the daylight plane requirement and the applicant is using a concession to exceed the height limit.

## Design Review and Objective Standards

The proposed architectural design is "Coastal Contemporary", with materials consisting of board and batten, lap siding, shingle siding, gray vinyl windows, and asphalt shingle roof. Each of the buildings incorporates a varied accent color theme to add visual interest and distinction. All roofs are fully sloped with no mechanical wells. Roof slopes primarily follow a $3: 12$ slope, except for the gable ends that feature a 5:12 roof slope. The applicant anticipates mounting solar panels on the sloped roofs.

Multifamily residential projects necessitate a review of the design by a City-contracted design professional and issuance of a design permit by the Planning Commission. RRM Design was contracted by City staff to complete the third-party review of the project for an overall architectural evaluation and review of the City's Objective Standards for Multifamily Residential in Chapter 17.82. RRM's review memo is included as Attachment 4 and the applicant's responses are included as Attachment 5. A highlight of the applicant's responses to RRM's comments are below:

- Added railings to the street-facing porches.
- Added windows and massing breaks in several locations.
- Added color changes and trim to add vertical articulation.
- Added wood trim to surround all windows.
- Modified columns to be wider with a solid base at street-facing porches.
- Extended the screening tree line along the south property line.


## Signs

The application does not include signs. For multifamily properties a Master Sign Permit is required for one or more signs, is limited to 20 square feet total, and requires Planning Commission review.

## Landscaping and Lighting

Under CMC 17.72.050, parcels within the RM-M zoning district must have landscaping along all property frontages. Residentially zoned parcels do not have a minimum percentage requirement. The proposed landscape plan includes landscaping throughout the project site, so complies with the landscaped area requirement. The landscape irrigation system is required to be on a separate dedicated water meter (Section 17.72.050 B2).

The applicant demonstrated compliance with the Soquel Creek Water District's Maximum Allowable Water Use as required by Section 17.72.060 B1 (plan sheet PL3.2).

Landscape lighting is proposed throughout the site and complies with outdoor lighting standards pursuant to 17.96.110. All lighting will be down cast and have shields, cutoffs, or frosted lenses to prevent light trespass. All light standards in the parking lot will be less than 15 feet tall.

## Storm Drainage

The storm drain design is categorized as a Tier 4 project, per the City's Stormwater Technical Guide. Tier 4 development projects create and replace 22,500 square feet or more of impervious surface and need to meet the requirements of State Resolution No. R3-2013-0032.

Tier 4 projects must design for the following:

- Meet all Tier 1 to Tier 4 Performance Requirements.
- Treat runoff onsite with an appropriately sized retention system (8,316 cubic feet).
- Prevent any offsite discharge for $95^{\text {th }}$ percentile rainfall events using Stormwater Control Measures.
- Low Impact Design which directs runoff from impervious surface to bio retention and landscaped areas.
- Control peak flows to not exceed pre-project flows for the 2-year through 10-year events.

The project was plan checked by a consultant, Hydroscience Engineers Inc., to ensure compliance with the following requirements:

- Surface stormwater is directed into 18 below-grade detention chambers.
- The total volume of bioretention can accommodate a storm event that delivers 1.9 inches of rain.

HydroScience concluded that the project concept and preliminary design appear feasible, but requested additional information to verify the Post Construction Monitoring requirements and provided recommended conditions of approval.

## Traffic Analysis

The project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic. The project is a $100 \%$ affordable housing project, which is screened out (exempt) from traffic-vehicle miles traveled (VMT) review. The City's adopted VMT threshold and accompanying guidelines follow CEQA Guidelines Section 15063(c)(3)(C) and the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA, which allows for the development of "screening criteria" that can be used to identify projects that are not expected to cause a significant impact on transportation without conducting a detailed VMT analysis. Affordable residential development is screened out; the OPR Technical Advisory provides data to support the conclusion that adding affordable housing to infill locations generally improves jobs-housing match, in turn, shortening commutes and reducing VMT. Accordingly, Capitola's screening criteria provide that projects that are a $100 \%$ affordable residential development or the residential component of a mixed-use development, in infill locations shall be assumed to have a less than significant impact on transportation for CEQA purposes. The project is both a $100 \%$ affordable residential project and located in an infill location.

Notwithstanding the exempt status of affordable housing projects regarding VMT, the City commissioned a project-specific traffic analysis by Dudek (Attachment 3). The project was evaluated following the standards of the City of Capitola's General Plan. The traffic analysis is based on the older methodology of evaluation, Level of Service (LOS). CEQA no longer focuses on LOS-based analyses because such analyses tend to result in mitigation measures calling for new or expanded roadways, which leads to more VMT and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. Staff commissioned the analysis for this project not for CEQA purposes, but as a way to understand the proportionality of impacts to peak hour traffic.

The results of the traffic analysis concluded that the LOS-related impacts of the proposed project would be less than significant. The project creates a total of 26 vehicle trips during the AM peak and a total of 24 trips during the PM peak period. The trip generation modeling for the previous use, the 80-bed Capitola Manor Skilled Nursing Facility, would have accounted for 14 vehicle trips during the AM peak and 18 during the PM peak period. The proposed project results in a net increase of 12 AM peak period trips and 6 PM peak period trips.

## Crosswalk Relocation

The applicant hosted a neighborhood outreach meeting prior to submitting an application to the City. They received feedback from nearby residents that the existing painted crosswalk does not provide enough visibility for traffic that is approaching from the north due to the rail crossing and grade changes. The applicant has agreed to relocate and upgrade the crosswalk with the project. Condition of Approval \#33 requires that the applicant install a lighted crosswalk at the north edge of the property, nearest the rail crossing to elevate the crosswalk and make it more visible from all directions.

Sustainability Features
The applicant proposes to incorporate the following sustainability features into the project:

- 4 EV chargers
- 17 EV-ready parking spaces
- 7 EV-capable parking spaces
- Solar Panels are expected to be added
- Low water use and native landscaping
- Storm water retention system
- All electric appliances
- All electric heating and cooling
- Short- and long-term bike parking

CEQA: Section 15332 of the CEQA Guidelines exempts infill development projects that meet certain criteria.

The City contracted with environmental consultant Dudek to prepare a detailed environmental analysis under CEQA for the proposed project (Attachment 2). Aside from the concessions allowed via Density Bonus Law, the project is consistent with both the City's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The site is within City limits and is surrounded by developed sites and urban uses. No known habitat or rare or threatened species have been identified on the subject site. Potential for traffic, noise, air quality, water quality, soil vapor, and cultural resources impacts were all evaluated and will be effectively mitigated by following current City codes and the recommended project conditions of approval. The site is well served by available public utilities and services.

Therefore, the City has documented that the project qualifies for the Categorical Exemption found in CEQA Guidelines section 15332, the infill exemption, and that none of the potential exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption apply to this project or the project site.

## Findings:

## Design Permit Findings

A. The proposed project is consistent with the general plan, local coastal program, and any applicable specific plan, area plan, or other design policies and regulations adopted by the city council.
Community Development staff, the Development and Design Review Committee, consultant RRM, and the Planning Commission have all reviewed the project. The proposed project, as conditioned, is consistent with local long range and implementation planning documents. The project meets the Design Review Criteria.
B. The proposed project complies with all applicable provisions of the zoning code and municipal code.
Community Development Staff, the Design and Development Review Committee, and the Planning Commission have all reviewed the project. The proposed 56,950 square foot multi-family development complies with all development standards of the RM-M zoning district and/or applicable state law.
C. The proposed project has been reviewed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
Section 15332 of the CEQA Guidelines exempts infill development projects that meet certain criteria. The city contracted with environmental consultant Dudek to prepare a detailed environmental analysis under CEQA for the proposed project (Attachment 2). The project is consistent with the General Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and applicable state law. The site is within City limits and is surrounded by developed sites and urban uses. No known habitat or rare or threatened species have been identified on the subject site. Potential for traffic, noise, air quality, soil vapor, and water quality were all evaluated and will be effectively mitigated by following current City codes and the recommended project conditions of approval. The site is well served by available public utilities and services.
D. The proposed development will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare or materially injurious to the properties or improvements in the vicinity.
The proposed multifamily development will not have an impact to public, health, safety, and welfare. The buildings will be fire sprinkled and will be served by all necessary public utilities.
E. The proposed project complies with all applicable design review criteria in Section
17.120.070 (Design Review Criteria).

Community Development Staff, the Design and Development Review Committee, design consultant RRM, and the Planning Commission have all reviewed the project. The proposed 56,950 square foot multifamily development and supporting improvements comply with the applicable design review criteria as described by RRM.
F. For projects in residential neighborhoods, the proposed project maintains the character, scale, and development pattern of the neighborhood.
The project site is in a multi-family residential zone with professional office, retail, single-family, and mobile home park uses in nearby proximity. The design complies with local standards, with the exception of state-permitted concessions. The proposed use does not introduce any new or unusual impacts.

## Coastal Findings:

1. The project is consistent with the LCP land use plan, and the LCP implementation program. The proposed project conforms to the City's certified Local Coastal Plan (LCP) land use plan and the LCP implementation program.
2. The project maintains or enhances public views. The proposed project has no permanent impact on view or coastal access.
3. The project maintains or enhances vegetation, natural habitats and natural resources. The proposed project has no impact on coastal vegetation, habitats, or resources.
4. The project maintains or enhances low-cost public recreational access, including to the beach and ocean.
The project has no impact on recreation access or cost.
5. The project maintains or enhances opportunities for visitors.

The project has no impact on visitors and opportunities.
6. The project maintains or enhances coastal resources.

The proposed multifamily project has no negative impact on coastal resources.
7. The project, including its design, location, size, and operating characteristics, is consistent with all applicable design plans and/or area plans incorporated into the LCP.
The proposed multifamily project allows Capitola to produce needed affordable housing units in an area that is zoned for this type of use. The project is consistent with the LCP.
8. The project is consistent with the LCP goal of encouraging appropriate coastal development and land uses, including coastal priority development and land uses (i.e., visitor-serving development and public access and recreation).
The project will not obstruct public access and has no impact on recreation or visitor opportunities and experiences. The project allows the City to produce affordable housing and deliver the required RHNA units to the region.

## Recommended Conditions of Approval:

## General Conditions

1. The project approval consists of a Design Permit, State Density Bonus and Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a multifamily at 1098 38 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Avenue. Application \#23-0525 was approved by the Planning Commission on April 4, 2024.
2. Prior to construction, a building permit shall be secured for any new construction or modifications to structures authorized by this permit. Final building plans shall be consistent with the plans
approved by the Planning Commission. All construction and site improvements shall be completed according to the approved plans.
3. At the time of submittal for building permit review, the Conditions of Approval must be printed in full on the construction plans.
4. During construction, any construction activity shall be subject to a construction noise curfew, except when otherwise specified in the building permit issued by the City. Construction noise shall be prohibited between the hours of nine p.m. and seven-thirty a.m. on weekdays. Construction noise shall be prohibited on weekends with the exception of Saturday work between nine a.m. and four p.m. or emergency work approved by the building official. §9.12.010B.
5. Prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, compliance with all conditions of approval shall be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director. Upon evidence of non-compliance with conditions of approval or applicable municipal code provisions, the applicant shall remedy the non-compliance to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director or shall file an application for a permit amendment for Planning Commission consideration. Failure to remedy a non-compliance in a timely manner may result in permit revocation.
6. This permit shall expire 24 months from the date of issuance. The applicant shall have obtained an approved building permit commenced construction before this date to prevent permit expiration. Applications for extension may be submitted by the applicant prior to expiration.
7. The planning and infrastructure review and approval are transferable with the title to the underlying property so that an approved project may be conveyed or assigned by the applicant to others without losing the approval. The permit cannot be transferred off the site on which the approval was granted.
8. The project applicant shall designate a "disturbance coordinator" who will be responsible for responding to any local complaints regarding construction noise or activity. The coordinator (who may be an employee of the general contractor) will determine the cause of the complaint and will require that reasonable measures warranted to correct the problem be implemented. The name and telephone number of the disturbance coordinator shall be conspicuously posted at the construction site fence and on any notifications sent to neighbors. The sign/banner must also list an emergency after-hours contact number for emergency personnel.
9. Green Waste is the City's exclusive hauler for recycling and disposal of construction and demolition debris. For all debris boxes, contact Green Waste. Using another hauler may violate City Code Section 8.04 and result in Code Enforcement action.
10. Upon receipt of certificate of occupancy, garbage and recycling containers shall be placed out of public view and inside the trash enclosure on non-collection days.
11. Bicycle parking is required to be accommodated with seven short term bike parking spaces and 52 long term bike parking spaces. The design and specifications of the bike parking spaces shall be further detailed in the plans for Building Permit plan check. The long-term bike parking shall be equipped with a security camera or fully enclosed with a lockable gate.
12. Amplified sound is limited to interior areas only.

## Planning Department Conditions

13. Prior to making any changes to the approved plans, modifications must be specifically requested and submitted in writing to the Community Development Department. Any significant changes to the size or exterior appearance of the structure shall require Planning Commission approval.
14. Prior to issuance of a building permit, all Planning fees associated with Permit \#23-0525 shall be paid in full.
15. Air-conditioning equipment or other mechanical equipment shall be screened from view and fall within allowable city-permitted decibel levels. Additional details showing equipment locations and any mechanical screens shall be shown on the building permit plans.
16. The trash enclosures shall be covered, gated, and maintained to provide a clean and sanitary area. The trash enclosures construction shall be completed, prior to final inspection.
17. Outdoor luminaires shall be energy-efficient fixtures controlled by motion sensors and incorporate cut-off controls and outdoor lighting controls. All building and parking lot lighting shall be shielded to prevent light from shining in the neighboring properties and be Dark Sky compliant. The applicant shall provide a lighting plan and photometric plan with the submittal of plans for building permit plan check.
18. No rooftop equipment is to be visible to the general public. Any necessary roof screening is to match the color of the building as closely as possible. Plans for any necessary screening shall be submitted to the Community Development Department prior to, or in conjunction with the building permit submittal.
19. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the Building Permit plans will be routed for plan approval to the following entities: Santa Cruz County Sanitation Department, Soquel Creek Water District and Central Fire Protection District.
20. The Applicant or permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Capitola, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the City of Capitola or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul an approval of the Planning Commission, City Council, Community Development Director, or any other department, committee, or agency of the City concerning a development, variance, permit, or land use approval; provided, however, that the Applicant's or permittee's duty to so defend, indemnify, and hold harmless shall be subject to the City's promptly notifying the Applicant or permittee of any said claim, action, or proceeding and the City's full cooperation in the Applicant's or permittee's defense of said claims, actions or proceedings.
21. Prior to issuance of building permits, the building plans must show that any existing overhead utility lines within the property and any new utility lines will be underground to the nearest utility pole.
22. Prior to occupancy, the Landscape Architect shall certify in writing that the landscaping and irrigation has been installed in accordance with all aspects of the approved landscape plans, subject to final approval by the Community Development Director.
23. If prehistoric or historic-period cultural materials are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities, it is recommended that all work within 100 feet of the find be halted until a qualified archaeologist and Native American representative can assess the significance of the find. Prehistoric materials might include obsidian and chert-flaked stone tools (e.g., projectile points, knives, scrapers) or tool-making debris; culturally darkened soil ("midden") containing heat-affected rocks and artifacts; stone milling equipment (e.g., mortars, pestles, handstones, or milling slabs); and battered-stone tools, such as hammerstones and pitted stones. Historic-period materials might include stone, concrete, or adobe footings and walls; filled wells or privies; and deposits of metal, glass, and/or ceramic refuse. If the find is determined to be potentially significant, the
archaeologist, in consultation with the Native American representative, will develop a treatment plan that could include site avoidance, capping, or data recovery.
24. In the event of the discovery of human remains during construction or demolition, there shall be no further excavation or disturbance of the site within a 50 foot radius of the location of such discovery, or any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent remains. The Santa Cruz County Coroner shall be notified and shall make a determination as to whether the remains are Native American. If the Coroner determines that the remains are not subject to their authority, they shall notify the Native American Heritage Commission, which shall attempt to identify descendants of the deceased Native American. If no satisfactory agreement can be reached as to the disposition of the remains pursuant to this State law, then the landowner shall reinter the human remains, and items associated with Native American burials on the property in a location not subject to further subsurface disturbance. A final report shall be submitted to the City's Community Development Director prior to release of a Certificate of Occupancy. This report shall contain a description of the mitigation programs and its results, including a description of the monitoring and testing resources analysis methodology and conclusions, and a description of the disposition/curation of the resources. The report shall verify completion of the mitigation program to the satisfaction of the City's Community Development Director.
25. In the event that a fossil is discovered during construction of the project, excavations within 50 feet of the find shall be temporarily halted or delayed until the discovery is examined by a qualified paleontologist, in accordance with Society of Vertebrate Paleontology standards. If the find is determined to be significant and if avoidance is not feasible, the paleontologist shall design and carry out a data recovery plan consistent with the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology standards.
26. To the extent practicable, tree removal shall be performed from September 1 through January 31 to avoid the general nesting period for birds. If tree removal cannot be performed during this period, precutting surveys will be performed no more than two days prior to beginning work activities to locate any active nests as follows: The owner/applicant shall be responsible for the retention of a qualified biologist to conduct a survey of the project site and surrounding 300 feet for active nests-with particular emphasis on nests of migratory birds-if tree cutting will begin during the bird nesting season, from February 1 through August 31. If active nests are observed on either the project site or the surrounding area, the project owner/applicant, in coordination with the appropriate city staff, shall establish no-disturbance buffer zones around the nests, with the size to be determined in consultation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (usually $100^{\prime}$ for perching birds and 300' for raptors). The no-disturbance buffer will remain in place until the biologist determines the nest is no longer active or the nesting season ends. If construction ceases for three days or more and then resumes during the nesting season, an additional survey will be necessary to avoid impacts on active bird nests that may be present.
27. The applicant shall continue to work with the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency (CSCHSA) to manage and evaluate soil vapor. The applicant shall provide the Planning Department with final permit documentation associated with all additional testing results, remediation plans (if required), soil management plans, and vapor intrusion mitigation systems that are conditions of approval or requirements of CSCHSA, prior to issuance of Building Permits. If required, the vapor intrusion membrane or system shall be coordinated with the Building Permit drawings (i.e. foundation, utilities, storm water, etc..), prior to issuance of Building Permits.
28. The applicant shall provide a construction operations plan for review and approval by the Building Official and the Community Development Director, prior to issuance of Building Permits. The construction operation plan shall address truck traffic issues regarding dust, noise, and vehicular and pedestrian traffic safety on $38^{\text {th }}$ Avenue and surrounding roadways, storage of construction materials, placement of sanitary facilities, parking for construction vehicles, clean-up area, and
parking for construction personnel. A debris box (trash dumpster) shall be placed on site for collection of construction debris. Arrangements must be made with GreenWaste for the debris box since they have a franchise with the City of Capitola.
29. No signs are approved as part of this application. A Sign Permit application shall be submitted in compliance with Chapter 17.80 of the zoning ordinance and shall include all signage proposed for the project site.
30. Inspections by the Planning Department are required for the foundation, final framing, prefinal after application of exterior materials, and final inspection.
31. A separate water service and water meter for irrigation will be required.
32. The applicant shall provide four electric vehicle charging stations with the plans for building permit plan check.
33. The property at $109838^{\text {th }}$ Avenue shall be deed restricted to provide continued affordability of $100 \%$ low-income affordable housing rental units in the approved ratio and affordability categorized for a period of no less than 55 years. Low-income household cannot exceed 80\% of the median family income level for Santa Cruz County as published by California Department of Housing and Community Development. The owner shall enter into an agreement with the City so as to assure compliance with the provisions of the State Density Bonus affordable housing requirement for all units on site to be deed restricted as a low-income rental as defined in Section 50053 of the Health and Safety Code. The deed restriction shall be in a form suitable for recordation as authorized by the Community Development Director and City Attorney.

## Public Works Department Conditions

34. Prior to building permit application submittal, the applicant shall provide the additional requested information and revisions outlined in the HydroScience Memo dated March 20, 2024 (Capitola Preliminary Stormwater Control Plan Review for 1098 38th Ave Apartments, Capitola) to verify the Post Construction Monitoring requirements and support the stormwater plan review process for a Tier 4 project.
35. Prior to issuance of building permits, submit a site plan that includes a crosswalk on the northern limit of the frontage on 38th Ave. The crosswalk ramps should utilize Caltrans 2018 Standard Details on page A88A and include appropriate signage and an RRFB as required by the Public Works Director.
36. Prior to issuance of building permits, the applicant shall submit a detailed draft Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Plan prepared and certified by a Registered Civil Engineer and in accordance with the current Post Construction Requirements (PCRs) for a Tier 4 project for review and approval by the Public Works Director.
37. Prior to issuance of building permits, a drainage plan, grading, sediment and erosion control plan, shall be submitted to the City and approved by Public Works. The plans shall be in compliance with the requirements specified in Capitola Municipal Code Chapter 13.16 Storm Water Pollution Prevention and Protection.
38. Prior to issuance of building permits, submit a site plan that includes stormwater temporary construction sediment and erosion control measures (e.g., access to construction site, equipment and material storage locations and duration of placement, stockpile protection location and detail, wattle locations and detail, inlet protection detail, containment of trash/debris, location of portable toilet and containment/protection, etc.). The plans shall be in compliance with the requirements specified in Capitola Municipal Code Chapter 13.16 Storm Water Pollution Prevention and Protection.
39. Public Works Standard Detail BMP STRM (Stormwater Pollution Prevention and Protection for Construction Projects) shall be printed in full and incorporated as a sheet in the construction plans with the date and signature. All construction shall be done in accordance with the Public Works Standard Detail BMP STRM.
40. Prior to the issuance of the building permit the applicant shall submit plans detailing all improvements or modifications that impact or interface with the public right of way. At a minimum these details will include the limits of any existing or proposed curb drains, ADA compliant driveway approach, or any other modification to the curb/gutter/sidewalk. The extent of all improvements or modifications shall be limited to those areas fronting the property boundaries (38th Avenue) and shall not impact the frontage of any adjacent parcels.
41. Applicant shall notify the Public Works Department $\mathbf{2 4}$ hours in advance of the commencement of work. A pre-construction inspection must be conducted by the grading official, or appointed staff to verify compliance with the approved erosion and sediment control plan. All BMPs, sediment and erosion control measures shall be installed prior to the start of construction and shall be maintained throughout project duration.
42. Prior to any work in the City-road right of way, an encroachment permit shall be acquired by the contractor performing the work. No material or equipment storage may be placed in the road right of- way.
43. Utility connections - All utility connections made in the public right of way will be completed in a manor so that the final paving is completed as one uniform patch rather than multiple trench line patches.
44. Prior to final occupancy approval, the Engineer of Record shall inspect and provide record drawings of construction of stormwater management improvements and certify to the City that the construction meets the intent of the approved design drawings, Stormwater Control Plan, and City Post Construction Requirements.
45. Prior to final occupancy approval, the applicant shall submit a final Operation and Maintenance Plan including any revisions resulting from changes made during construction for review and approval by the Public Works Director and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder.
46. Prior to final occupancy approval, the applicant shall enter into and record in the Office of the County Recorder, any agreements identified in the Stormwater Control Plan which pertain to the transfer of ownership, right-of-entry for inspection or abatement, and/or long-term maintenance of the stormwater treatment BMPs.
47. General Site Maintenance: Keep work site clear of debris and advise drivers not to tracking mud, dirt or gravel into the street, and sweep daily, cover all stockpiles and excavation spoils.

## Attachments:

1. Project Plans - March 5, 2024
2. CEQA Draft NOE prepared by Dudek
3. Transportation Technical Memorandum prepared by Dudek - February 8, 2024
4. RRM Design Review Memo - January 26, 2024
5. Applicant's Response to Design Review Memo - March 7, 2024
6. California Density Bonus Law (Government Code 65915-65918)
7. Design Review Criteria

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## CITY OF CAPITOLA

Notice of Exemption

To: $\quad$ Clerk of the Board
County of Santa Cruz
Governmental Center
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: City of Capitola, Community Development Department, 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010
Project Title: $38^{\text {th }}$ Avenue Apartment Project
Project Address: 1098 38 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Avenue
Project Location: City of Capitola (see Figure 1) County of: Santa Cruz
Project Description: The project consists of a Coastal Development Permit, Design Permit, and Density Bonus request for construction of a 52 -unit, $100 \%$ affordable housing project on a 1.9 -acre site at the east side of $38^{\text {th }}$ Avenue just south of the railroad crossing. The project includes a mix of 1-bedroom, 2bedroom, and 3-bedroom apartment units configured in four buildings. Three of the proposed buildings have three floors while one building has two floors. The buildings would also include laundry rooms, community rooms with kitchens, offices and property management/resident services, and equipment and utility spaces. Other on-site amenities would include outdoor dining and gathering areas, including two protected courtyards, pedestrian pathways, a central plaza, lawn, community dining area, café tables and chairs, raised vegetable beds, and outdoor areas.

The project would utilize the State Density Bonus law, which allows 100\% affordable housing projects to utilize the $80 \%$ density bonus increase and up to four concessions/incentives from the City's development standards. The project includes four requested concessions for (1) private open space requirements, (2) maximum building height requirements, (3) tree replacement ratio less than 2:1, and (4) parking lot landscape less than $20 \%$. The project would not provide private open space. In lieu of private open space, the project would provide approximately 22,830 square feet of common open space area ( $26 \%$ of the site). The project also is requesting a concession to allow for increased maximum building height from 30 to 40.5 feet, a replacement of trees at less than $2: 1$ ratio due to potential for crowding and overplanting, and to reduce the required parking lot landscape percentage to less than $20 \%$.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: MidPen Housing
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Capitola

## Exempt Status: (check one)

$\qquad$ Ministerial Project (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268).
Categorically Exempt (Section 15332).
Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)).
Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)).
Statutory Exemption (Code/Section $\qquad$ ).
The project clearly will not have a significant effect on the environment (15061(b)(3)).

Reasons why project is exempt: CEQA provides "categorical exemptions" which are applicable to categories of projects and activities that the Natural Resources Agency has determined generally do not pose a risk of significant impacts on the environment. The Class 32 categorical exemption is for "infill development" projects that meet the following criteria:
(a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations;
(b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses;
(c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species;
(d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality; and
(e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

The proposed project meets all of the foregoing criteria to claim the application of the infill exemption as summarized below, which is based on a detailed review of how the project meets the above criteria and does not meet any of the exceptions to an exemption.
(a) The project is consistent with General Plan and zoning land use designations and all applicable General Plan policies and zoning regulations. The property is designated Multi-Family Residential (R-M) in the City's General Plan. The R-M General Plan designation applies to areas primarily intended for multifamily residential development. All residential uses are permitted in the R-M designation, including multi-family structures; therefore, the project is consistent with the permitted uses in this land use designation. City review also finds that the project is consistent with the policies of the General Plan.

The maximum permitted residential density in the R-M designation is between 10 and 20 dwelling units per acre (du/ac) depending upon the zoning classification (RM-L at $10 \mathrm{du} / \mathrm{ac}$, RM-M at $15 \mathrm{du} / \mathrm{ac}$, and RM-H at $20 \mathrm{du} / \mathrm{ac}$ maximums). The project has requested a density bonus that allows the project to exceed the General Plan density of $15 \mathrm{du} / \mathrm{ac}$ in the R-M designation and RM-M zoning district. The project also includes four requested concessions for private open space requirements, maximum building height requirements, reduction in tree replacement planting ratio, and reduction in parking lot landscape percentage as part of the density bonus request pursuant to provisions in state law. Therefore, the project is consistent with zoning regulations pursuant to provisions under the State Density Bonus law, which allow for waivers and concessions to the City's zoning regulations, the approval of which would not render the project inconsistent with City zoning requirements. The court decision in Wollmer v. City of Berkeley expressly held that the waivers and concessions a city was required to grant for a density-bonus-eligible project did not result in planning and zoning inconsistencies that disqualified the project from the categorical exemption for infill development, because the mandatory nature of the waivers meant that those standards were inapplicable to the project.

In summary, the project is consistent with the applicable General Plan land use designation and all applicable General Plan policies as well as with the applicable zoning designation and regulations.
(b) The approximately 1.9 -acre site is located within City limits, is less than 5 acres in size, and is surrounded by existing developed urban residential uses adjacent to the site on the north, west, and south, and commercial uses to the east that front $41^{\text {st }}$ Avenue.
(c) The project site was previously developed, but the former building has been demolished. Remnants of the building foundation and parking area remain. The site is not within mapped areas of potential sensitive habitat as depicted in the City's General Plan, and there are no known endangered or threatened species on or adjacent to the site due to the site's location within a developed urban area. Thus, the project has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species.
(d) The project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. The project is a $100 \%$ affordable housing project, which is screened out from traffic and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reviews. The City's adopted VMT threshold and accompanying guidelines follow CEQA Guidelines Section 15063(c)(3)(C) and the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA, which allows for development of "screening criteria" that can be used to identify projects that are not expected to cause a significant impact on transportation without conducting a detailed VMT analysis. Affordable residential development is screened out; the OPR Technical Advisory provides data to support the conclusion that adding affordable housing to infill locations generally improves jobs-housing match, in turn shortening commutes and reducing VMT. Accordingly, the Capitola's screening criteria provides that projects that are a $100 \%$ affordable residential development or the residential component of a mixed-use development, in infill locations shall be assumed to have a less-than-significant impact on transportation. The project is both a $100 \%$ affordable residential project and located in an infill location.

The project would not result in a substantial increase in permanent or temporary noise levels as a residential use within a developed residential neighborhood. Existing City regulations include performance standards that prohibit generation of loud, boisterous, irritating, penetrating, or unusual noise that is defined and regulated in the Capitola Municipal Code.

Air pollutant emissions generated during project construction and operation would not exceed significance thresholds established for different criteria pollutants by the Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) as the number of proposed residential units is well below MBARD screening levels for potentially significant impacts as a result of residential apartment development. Emissions from construction activities represent temporary impacts that are typically short in duration, depending on the size, phasing, and type of project, and MBARD CEQA Guidelines indicate that projects with grading of less than 2.1 acres per day would not result in significant emissions. The project site is less than 2.1 acres in size.

The proposed project does not involve any discharges that would violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements, and would not result in significant impacts to water quality. The project would be designed to comply with regulations contained in the

City's Municipal Code regarding stormwater runoff water quality impacts. A stormwater plan review has since completed, and concluded that the project complies with City requirements.
(e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services, as existing utility infrastructure and public services already serve the project area. The project would connect to existing utility infrastructure adjacent to the project site. The project would result in an incremental increase in demand for utilities and public services but would not exceed available capacities.

The City has further considered whether the project is subject to any of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption found at CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. This section prohibits the use of categorical exemptions under the following circumstances:
(a) for certain classes of projects ( $3,4,5,6$, and 11) due to location;
(b) when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, is significant;
(c) where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances;
(d) where the project may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway;
(e) where the project is located on a state designated hazardous waste site; and
(f) where the project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Section 15300.2 (a) does not apply to this project because the Class 32 category of projects is not excluded on the basis of location.

There is no evidence of a potential significant cumulative impact (b) because successive projects of the same type in the same place have not been approved and are not proposed. Additionally, there is no evidence to conclude that significant impacts would occur based on past project approvals in the surrounding area or that the proposed project's impacts are cumulatively considerable when evaluating any cumulative impacts associated with air quality, noise, transportation, or water quality as a result of other approved projects in the surrounding area. Other development projects in the vicinity of the project have been limited and/or small-sized projects and would not result in project-level or cumulatively significant impacts. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

The project would not result in any significant effects on the environment due to unusual circumstances (c). The project site's immediate area has similar General Plan and zoning designations as the project property and is comprised of an assortment of detached single-family homes, multi-family housing, mobile home parks, and commercial uses. There are no "unusual circumstances" that differentiate the project or project site from the general class of similarly situated projects. For example, other properties in the project vicinity and within other areas of the City could develop a similar affordable housing project, utilizing waivers and concessions permitted under the provisions of the State Density Bonus law. The project is located in a developed urban neighborhood and is directly surrounded by urban uses, including existing multi-family housing, and sensitive resources are not present. There are
no features that distinguish the project or project site from other properties in the area that have the same General Plan land use designation and zoning as the project. For these reasons, the project would not result in any significant effects on the environment due to unusual circumstances, and exception (c) does not apply to the project.

The project would not result in damage to scenic resources or a scenic highway (d). There are no designated state scenic highways within the City, and the project site is not located near a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. Therefore, the project would not result in damage to scenic resources within a state scenic highway. Thus, this exception does not apply to the project.

The site is not a hazardous waste site (e). The project site is not located on any of the Cortese List online databases, including the California Department of Toxic Substance Control lists of hazardous waste and substances sites or hazardous waste facilities subject to corrective action; and State Water Resources Control Board lists of leaking underground storage tank sites, solid waste disposal sites, or active Cease and Desist Orders and Cleanup and Abatement Orders. There are no known former or current hazardous materials release sites on or adjacent to the project site. Therefore, the project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code §65962.5 and this exception does not apply to the project.

A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) followed by two subsurface investigation programs were completed for the project and potential contamination was not found to be significant, but recommendations were made for potential use of vapor intrusion measures and implementation of a soil management plan during construction that are being reviewed with the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency, and would be implemented by the project based on County review..

The former building on the project site has been demolished, there are no existing structures on the site that would be considered historical resources, and the project site is not located within a designated historic district. An archaeological-historical records search and cultural resources review was conducted for the project and it was concluded that the project would not result in any significant impacts to archaeological or historic resources. Therefore, the project would not result in a substantial adverse change to the significance of a historical resource (f), and this exception does not apply to the project.

Therefore, the City is able to document that the project qualifies for the Categorical Exemption found at CEQA Guidelines section 15332, the infill exemption, and that none of the potential exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption apply to this project or the project site.

## Lead Agency

Contact Person: Brian Froelich, Senior Planner
Phone: (831) 475-7300 x 259

Department: Community Development
Address: 420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola, CA 95010

## Signature:

Title: Senior Planner

Date: $\qquad$
Signed by Lead Agency
Signed by Applicant

## If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No Date Received for filing at County Clerk:

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SOURCE: Google Maps, 2024

## TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

| To: | Brian Froelich, AICP, Senior Planner, City of Capitola |
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| From: | Jeanney Keo, Transportation Planner |
|  | Dennis Pascua, Transportation Services Manager |
| Subject: | Trip Generation and Vehicle Miles Traveled Screening Analysis for the $38^{\text {th }}$ Avenue |
|  | Apartments Project, City of Capitola |
| Date: | February 8, 2024 |
| cc: | Stephanie Strelow, Dudek |
| Attachments: | Figure 1 - Project Location |
|  | Figure 2 - Site Plan |

The following technical memorandum provides a trip generation and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) screening analysis for the proposed $38^{\text {th }}$ Avenue Apartments Project (project), located in the City of Capitola (City). This analysis has been prepared consistent with the trip generation methodology from the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and VMT guidelines per the City of Capitola's SB 743 Implementation Guidelines (June 2020).

Per Senate Bill 743 (SB 743), the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) amended the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines to provide an alternative to the level of service (LOS) metric for evaluating transportation impacts. CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3(b) requires the VMT metric for determining the significance of transportation impacts. Under the current CEQA guidelines, LOS, or vehicle delay, is not used to determine transportation impacts, and VMT has been adopted as the most appropriate measure of transportation impacts.

The following analysis was conducted to determine whether further transportation (VMT) analysis would be required for the proposed project, and as below, the proposed project would not require further transportation analysis due to it being a 100\% affordable housing project and its relatively low trip generation estimates.

## 1 Project Description

The project is the construction of a $100 \%$ affordable housing project consisting of four apartment buildings totaling approximately 61,215 square feet (SF) with a total of 52 dwelling units (DU). The project site is a vacant parcel located on the east side of $38^{\text {th }}$ Avenue, south of existing private railroad tracks (planned pedestrian/bicycle Coastal Rail Trail) within the City. Regional access to the project area is provided by California State Route 1 to the north, while local access to the project site is provided by 38th Avenue, 41st Avenue to the east, Capitola Road to the north, and Portola Drive to the south. A mid-block crosswalk on 38th Avenue, on the eastern boundary of the site, will be restored and maintained by the project. Figure 1 illustrates the project's location and Figure 2 illustrates the project's site plan.

## 2 Existing Setting

The project site is vacant and is located in the southwest portion of the City in a predominantly residential neighborhood consisting of existing mobile home parks, and single- and multi-family homes. There is some commercial development behind the project to the east, along 41 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Avenue. The following describes the existing transportation setting.

## Roadways

The following roadways are in the vicinity of the project site:
38 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Avenue is a two-lane, undivided, north-south roadway classified as a Collector in the City's General Plan. Onstreet parking is not permitted along this roadway and there are no designated bike facilities, but there are paved, continuous sidewalks along the west side, and periodically along the east side of the roadway. There is a midblock crosswalk that provides connection to the southeastern portion of the project site. The posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour (MPH). $38^{\text {th }}$ Avenue provides access to Capitola Road, Brommer Street, and Portola Drive.

41st Avenue is a four-lane, majority-divided, north-south roadway classified as an Arterial in the City's General Plan. On-street parking is permitted along both sides of the roadway south of the railroad tracks, and not permitted north of the tracks. There is a Class II (striped) bike lane, as well as paved, continuous sidewalks along both sides of the roadway. The posted speed limit is $35 \mathrm{MPH} .41^{\text {st }}$ Avenue provides access to Highway 1.

Capitola Avenue is a four-lane, divided, east-west roadway classified as an Arterial in the City's General Plan. Onstreet parking is not permitted along the roadway and there is a Class II (striped) bike lane, as well as paved, continuous sidewalks along both sides of the roadway. The posted speed limit near the project site is 25 MPH.

Portola Drive is a four-lane, undivided, east-west roadway classified as an Arterial in the City's General Plan. The eastern portion of Portola Drive provides primary vehicular access to the public beaches and the Capitola Village area. On-street parking is permitted in sections along the roadway, and there is a Class II (striped) bike lane, as well as paved, continuous sidewalks along both sides of the roadway. The posted speed limit is 30 MPH .

## Transit Facilities

Bus transit service and paratransit service in the City of Capitola is provided by Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit (Metro), which serves the entirety of Santa Cruz County. The closest bus stops to the project site are located on both sides of $38^{\text {th }}$ Avenue, adjacent to the project site. These stops are served by Route $3 \mathrm{~A} / 3 \mathrm{~B}$ and the nearest transit hub is located at 41st Avenue and Capitola Road, approximately 0.5 miles from the project site.

There are three bus routes that serve the project site: Route 2, Route $3 \mathrm{~A} / 3 \mathrm{~B}$, and Route 55 . Route 2 provides service between Capitola and Watsonville and runs on weekdays from 6:15 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. with 30-minute headways, and on weekends from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. also with 30-minute headways. Route 3A/3B provides service between Capitola and the University of California, Santa Cruz, and runs on weekdays from 5:55 a.m. to 10:25 p.m. with 60-minute headways, and on weekends from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. with 60-minute headways. Route 55 provides service between Capitola and Rio Del Mar and runs on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. with 100-minute headways, and on weekends at 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

## Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

The City of Capitola's General Plan Mobility Element (2019) includes several bicycle classifications and provides a comprehensive and updated overview of the City's current and future recommendations to enhance multi-modal facilities:

Class I Bike Paths: Class I multi-use paths (frequently referred to as "bicycle paths") are physically separated from motor vehicle travel routes, with exclusive rights-of-way for non-motorized users like bicyclists and pedestrians.

Class II Bicycle Lanes: Bicycle lanes are one-way route types that carry bicycle traffic in the same direction as the adjacent motor vehicle traffic. They are typically located along the right side of the street (although can be on the left side) and are between the adjacent travel lane and curb, road edge, or parking lane. They are not physically separated from motor vehicle traffic.

Class III Bicycle Routes: A bicycle route is a suggested bicycle path of travel marked by signs designating a preferred path between destinations. They are recommended where traffic volumes and roadway speeds are fairly low ( 35 mph or less). They do not have pavement marking and are not separated from traffic, rather are a share the road facility.

There are no existing bicycle facilities adjacent to the project site along 38 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Avenue, but a Class II Bicycle Lane exists on $41^{\text {st }}$ Avenue. Per the Mobility Element, the proposed facilities in the vicinity of the project include Class II facilities along $38^{\text {th }}$ Avenue. As noted above, the majority of adjacent streets to the project site provide sidewalks. Per the Mobility Element, streets with missing sidewalks are to be addressed by the City via the Capitol Improvement Program.

Additionally, the County of Santa Cruz expects to expand the Coastal Rail Trail (County of Santa Cruz) along the railroad tracks along the northern boundary of the project site, expanding pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the vicinity. The Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 and 11 is an approximately 4.5 mile ADA-accessible bicycle/pedestrian path that generally extends along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (SCBRL) corridor, from $17^{\text {th }}$ Avenue in the City of Santa Cruz, to State Park Drive in the Seacliff neighborhood in the County of Santa Cruz. Segment 10 will run along the northern border of the project site, providing bicycle and pedestrian connectivity with local schools, parks, beaches, community recreation centers, and multiple residential and commercial neighborhoods. These two segments are fully funded, and a schedule for construction is expected to be released in the Spring of 2024.

## 3 Trip Generation

### 3.1 Proposed Project

Table 1 provides a summary of trip generation estimates for the project based on trip rates from Trip Generation, 11th Edition (2021), for an Affordable Housing land use (ITE Code 223).

Table 1. Project Trip Generation Summary

| Land Use | ITE Code | Size/Units | Daily | AM Peak Hour |  |  | PM Peak Hour |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | In | Out | Total | In | Out | Total |
| Trip Rates and Trip Generation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Affordable Housing ${ }^{1}$ | 223 | Per DU | 4.81 | 0.15 | 0.36 | 0.50 | 0.27 | 0.19 | 0.46 |
| Project Trip Generation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $38^{\text {th }}$ Avenue Apartments |  | 52 DU | 250 | 8 | 18 | 26 | 14 | 10 | 24 |
|  |  | Total Trips | 250 | 8 | 18 | 26 | 14 | 10 | 24 |

Notes: DU = dwelling unit
Some of the totals may not match exactly due to rounding.
1 Trip rates from the Institute of Transportation Engineers, Trip Generation, 11th Edition, 2021. Land Use Code 223 - Affordable Housing.

As shown in Table 1, the proposed project would generate approximately 250 daily trips, with 26 trips ( 8 inbound and 18 outbound) in the AM peak hour, and 24 trips ( 14 inbound and 10 outbound) in the PM peak hour.

The City's General Plan seeks to maintain the established LOS C (General Plan Policy MO-3.3) or better at intersections throughout the City of Capitola, and would require new developments to pay its fair share of costs for any transportation improvements (General Plan Policy MO-3.5) needed as a result of the project's traffic adding significant impacts to the local roadways.. Significant impacts for intersections are created when traffic from the proposed project causes the LOS to fall below the City LOS threshold and causes any impacted intersections to deteriorate further per the criteria indicated. Consistent with the significant impact criteria documented in the City of Capitola General Plan, the City considers LOS C as the standard, but accepts a lower standard as the minimum acceptable at signalized and unsignalized intersections within the Village Area, along Bay Avenue, and along 41st Avenue where LOS D is the minimum acceptable standard. Based on the relatively low project peak hour trip generation estimates above, the proposed project would not have a measurable effect to existing LOS.

## $4 \quad$ VMT Screening Analysis

CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3 states that "generally, vehicle miles traveled (VMT) is the most appropriate measure of transportation impacts," and define VMT as "the amount and distance of automobile travel attributable to a project." It should be noted "automobile" refers to on-road passenger vehicles, specifically cars and light trucks. Heavy-duty truck VMT does not need to be included in the analysis, per Senate Bill 743 requirements. Other relevant considerations may include the effects of the project on transit and non-motorized traveled.

The City's SB 743 Implementation Guidelines provide details on appropriate screening thresholds that can be used to identify when a proposed land use project is anticipated to result in a less than significant VMT impact without conducting a more detailed analysis. A land use project would need to only meet one of the seven screening thresholds to result in a less than significant finding. The seven VMT screening criteria are: 1) Small Projects; 2) Projects Near High Quality Transit; 3) Local-Serving Retail; 4) Affordable Housing; 5) Local Essential Service; 6) Map-Based Screening; and 7) Redevelopment Projects.

Based on the screening criteria, the project would meet the Affordable Housing criteria and therefore would screen out of further VMT analysis and can be presumed to have a less than significant impact to VMT:

- Affordable Housing1: The proposed project is a $100 \%$ affordable residential development in an infill location, thus, according to the City's guidelines, shall be assumed to have a less than significant impact on transportation.


## 5 Conclusions

Based on the trip generation analysis above, the proposed project would generate approximately 250 daily trips, with 26 trips in the AM peak hour, and 24 trips in the PM peak hour. Based on the relatively low project peak hour trip generation estimates above, the proposed project would not have a measurable effect to existing LOS.

Based on the VMT screening analysis above, the project is a $100 \%$ Affordable Housing development that can be expected to shorten commutes and overall reduce VMT. Therefore, the proposed project would be screened out from conducting further VMT analysis and is presumed to have a less than significant VMT impact and the project would not require any mitigation.

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## Figure 1 Project Location



SOURCE: Google Maps, 2024

Figure 2 Site Plan


## MEMORANDUM

| Date: January 26, 2024 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| To: Brian Froelich, Senior Planner | Organization: City of Capitola |
| From: RRM Design Group | Title: Design Review Team |
| Project Name: $38^{\text {th }}$ Avenue Apartments | Project Number: I783-08-CU24 |
| Topic: 1098 38th Avenue Apartments Design Peer Review |  |

Dear Brian,
We have reviewed the proposed design for compliance with the City of Capitola Objective Standards (OS) Ordinance, found within Chapter 17.82 - Objective Standards for Multifamily and Mixed-Use Residential Development within the City Municipal Code.

Project documents reviewed include PA0.1 Title Sheet, PA0. 2 Amenity Map, PA0. 3 Existing Site Context, PS1.1 Boundary and Topographic Survey, PS1.2 Boundary and Topographic Survey, PS1.3 Boundary and Topographic Survey, C1.0 Grading and Drainage Plan West, C1.1 Grading and Drainage Plan East, C2.0 Utility Plan, C3.0 Public Improvements Plan, C4.0 Stormwater Control Plan, C5.0 Off-Site Storm Drain Plan \& Profile, PA1.1 Architectural Site Plan, PA1.2 Fire Access Plan, PA1.3 Site Lighting Plan, PA1.4 Unit Mix Plans, PAA2.1 Building A - Floor Plans, PAA2.2 Building A - Floor and Roof Plan, PAA3.1 Building A - Exterior Elevations, PAB2.1 Building A - Floor Plans, PAB2.2 Building A - Floor and Roof Plan, PAB3.1 Building A - Exterior Elevations, PAC2.1 Building A - Floor Plans, PAC2.2 Building A - Floor and Roof Plan, PAC3.1 Building A - Exterior Elevations, PAD2.1 Building A - Floor Plans, PAD2.2 Building A Floor and Roof Plan, PAD3.1 Building A - Exterior Elevations, PA2.1 Studio and 1Bedroom Unit Plans, PA2.2 2-Bedroom Unit Plans, PA2.3 3-Bedroom Unit Plans, PA4.1 Design Narrative, PA4.2 Exterior Conceptual Renderings, PA4.3 Exterior Conceptual Renderings, PA4.4 Exterior Conceptual Renderings, PA4.5 Architectural Character Contemporary California Craftsman, PA5.1 Materials Board, PA6.1 Objective Design Standards, L1.1 Tree Protection and Removal Plan, L2.1 Tree Mitigation Plan, L2.2 Landscape Plan, L2.3 Open Space, L2.4 Fencing Exhibit, L2.5 Landscape Materials Exhibit, L3.1 Irrigation Plan and Schedule, L3.2 Irrigation Notes, L4.1 Planting List, JT1.01 Dry Utility Standards, JT1.02 Dry Utility Intent.

## Neighborhood Character and Patterns

According to the City of Capitola Zoning Map, the project site is zoned Multi-Family Residential, Medium Density (RM-M). The parcel is currently vacant and located along $38^{\text {th }}$ Avenue, within a generally single-family neighborhood. The area immediately surrounding the project site is characterized by a variety of land uses, including singlefamily residential parcels to the north, commercial parcels to the east, and mobile-home residential parcels to the west and the south.

## Project Design Review

The project proposes to construct 52 units of affordable family housing available to lowincome households on a 1.98-acre site. Based upon a review of the project plan set, the applicant proposes an architectural style that most closely resembles "Contemporary Coastal" and will be referred to as such going forward within this review.


Project Location

## Site Planning

Site planning involves an understanding of appropriate building placement and configuration, but also the consideration of surrounding uses, landscape design, adjacent uses, hardscape, and parking. The applicant has successfully designed the site to be consistent with OS 17.82.040.A, by providing attractive transitions from the public to private realm while also engaging the public street frontage. Additionally, the applicant complies with OS 17.82.040.B.1.a, which requires developments located in the Residential Multifamily (RM) and Mixed Use, Neighborhood (MU-N) zones to include a minimum sidewalk width of 6 feet along the public right-of-way. Proposed interior sidewalks are shown at 6 -feet which also complies with OS 17.060.B.4, which requires sidewalks at a minimum of 6 feet connecting building entrances with public streets.

In reviewing the Site Plan, the applicant has appropriately provided parking spaces at the rear of the site to conceal proposed parking from the public realm/street frontage (OS 17.82.050.A). In addition, according to OS 17.82.050.B.2, the maximum width of a new driveway crossing a public sidewalk is 20 feet for a two-car driveway. The applicant is currently proposing a 24 feet driveway on the western side of the project site for vehicular access. The applicant should consider reducing this driveway access dimension to 20 feet (OS 17.82.050.B.2), unless public safety requirements dictate otherwise. Additionally, the applicant has successfully incorporated street facing patios and provided a landscaping buffer adjacent to the sidewalk to enhance the public streetscape (OS 17.82-3.B.2).

While the proposed refuse storage areas are appropriately screened from the public view by a solid enclosure, the applicant should reconsider the location of the western enclosure, as it is located near proposed open space. Moving the enclosure to the eastern parking lot will ensure unwanted odors are not impacting the front yard courtyard, assuming this works for trash company and client program.

Consider re-locating trash enclosure to eastern parking lot to avoid conflict with frontyard courtyard.


The applicant is currently proposing four street trees along $38^{\text {th }}$ Avenue, however, there must be at least one street tree for every 30 feet of linear feet of sidewalk. Consider adding an additional street tree as there is a 60 foot gap between the middle street trees provided (OS 17.82.040.B.2.a). Additionally, street trees should be provided within the sidewalk (OS 17.82.040.B.2.a) in tree wells a minimum of 36 inches in width and 36 inches in length (OS 17.82.040.B.2.c).

## Architecture

The applicant has successfully proposed a project that aesthetically complements the surrounding neighborhood by providing well designed affordable housing units that respect the scale and is compatible with nearby uses. The Western Elevations of Building A and Building B facing $38^{\text {th }}$ Avenue successfully offer welcoming building frontages that serve as an appropriate transition from the public realm to the private realm (OS 17.82.060.A). While the proposed project complies with the OS Entry Design standards, the applicant should consider adding railing and/or other design intervention to the public street facing porches to create further definition between the private and public realms (OS 17.82.060.C).


Building A Porch


Building B Porch


Railing Example
Consider adding a railing to the porch to create further seperation of the private and public realms.

Building massing, or the way the building is sized and appears, is a primary and important component of building design. The applicant has appropriately provided projecting and recessed elements throughout the project design to break up the façade and minimize a boxy appearance (OS 17.82.070 B.1). In reviewing the Floor Plans, the applicant has appropriately provided a projecting or recessed element of at least 2 feet in depth at every 25 feet or less on the street-facing façades of Building $A$ and Building $B$ (OS 17.82.070.B.1.a). To further enhance the design of Building $C$ and Building $D$, the applicant should consider adding additional massing breaks on the West, East, or South Elevations to provide greater variation.

Articulation and detailing are important components to help provide richness and depth within a project design. In reviewing Building A, the applicant has appropriately proposed various articulation elements, such as bumping out sections of the building to provide enhanced visual interest and incorporating setbacks on the upper levels to break up large elevations (OS 17.82.080.A.2). However, in reviewing the North, East, and South Elevations, the applicant should consider adding additional articulation to create more interest at Building A and to break-up blank space to provide architectural integrity on all sides of the structure (OS 17.82.080.A.3).


## Building A North Elevation

Articulation and detailing are important components to help provide richness and depth within a project design. In reviewing Building A, the applicant has appropriately proposed various articulation elements, such as bumping out sections of the building to provide enhanced visual interest and incorporating setbacks on the upper levels to break up large elevations (OS 17.82.080.A.2). However, in reviewing the North, East, and South Elevations, the applicant should consider adding additional articulation to create more interest at Building A and to break-up blank space to provide architectural integrity on all sides of the structure (OS 17.82.080.A.3).


In reviewing the proposed elevations for Building C, there are opportunities for further articulation and detailing on the East, West, and South Elevations to enhance the overall building design. Specifically, the South Elevation presents opportunities to utilize twostory massing and vertical articulation elements to break up the three-story wall plane to increase building variation. For example, the applicant may consider extending the lower floors or using setbacks on upper floors as the building currently lacks vertical articulation (OS 17.82.080.A.3). Create additional articulation detailing through proposing a diverse set of window sizes and heights that coincide with varying stacking articulation elements that differ from floor to floor.

## Explore opportunities

 to enhance the project through pop-outs or upper floor setbacks.Modify window sizes and locations to provide variety across the South Elevation.


Building C South Elevation
Building D has similar opportunities as Building C to further enhance the design of the structure by adding further articulation and detailing to the North, East, and South Elevations (OS 17.82.080.A.3).

Roof forms are important in conveying the architectural style and providing visual interest within a project. In reviewing the project design, the applicant has appropriately proposed gable style roof forms, which are considered appropriate with the proposed architectural style. The Western Elevations of Building A and B have successfully proposed roof eaves projecting at least two feet from the street facing building wall (OS 17.82.080.B.4.a), however, the applicant should consider raising the pitch of the roof above each patio space and raise the overall height of the patio to enhance the prominence of the entry way along the public realm and to ensure consistency within the roof design and proposed architectural style.


Consider raising the pitch of the roof and raising the overall height of the patio to enhance the entryway.

Generally, the applicant has successfully proposed stylistically appropriate windows throughout the project design. The applicant should ensure door styling and windows with divided lite details are carried throughout project submittal and final construction. In reviewing the Building Elevations, the applicant has appropriately proposed various window sizes to enhance visual interest on Building A and Building B, however, explore opportunities to provide differing window sizes, heights, and consider pairing window variety with stackable elements on the South Elevation of Building $C$ to improve the project design. Roof and Window Details are provided on Sheet PA4.5 with the intention that wood trim would be applied at window headers only. The applicant should consider extending the wood trim around the entire window, similar to the door approach shown at the Entry Porch Detail. In addition, the applicant should consider modifying the proposed column style to more closely reflect the image shown on Sheet PA4.5, depicting columns with stone base to add greater variation to the materials being utilized within the project design (OS 17.82.080.A.1).

## Extend window trim around entire window, simlar to the example below.



Window Detail


Example of Window Trim

Consider updating columns to the example shown below.


Proposed Columns


Example of Columns

The applicant has successfully proposed primary building entryway designs that feature covered elements that are visible from the public realm/street and are also connected to the public sidewalk (OS 17.82.060.C.1.a). However, the applicant should explore ways to further enhance the prominence of the entryways through inclusion of additional design interventions such as, raising the height of the primary entrance or recessing the entryway.

Colors and materials provide and add visual interest to a building design. In reviewing the proposed color palette Balmy, Secret Cove, Kind Green, Rockwood Blue Green, Jardin, Greenfield, Dockside Blue, and Smoky Blue, are consistent with the selected architectural style (OS 17.82.080.B.3.h). The proposed material palette of Asphalt Shingle, Board and Batten, Lap Siding, and Shingle Siding are appropriate for the "Contemporary" style (OS 17.82.080.B.3.i). On the Roof and Window Detail the materials transition on the outside corner, the applicant should ensure that materials transition at inside corners instead of outside corners. Separately, on the North Elevation of Building B and the West Elevation of Building $C$, there is a wood railing material proposed that is not used anywhere else on the project, consider removing or using similar railing styles. Overall, the applicant has proposed an appropriate color and materials palette that is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood uses and the coastal aesthetic of the City.

## General Comments

Consider extending the proposed trees along the southern property line to cover the entire boundary line to further screen the project from adjacent uses.

## Design Recommendations

The following recommendations are made to better respond to the proposed "Contemporary Coastal" architectural style and to enhance the overall project design.

## Site Planning

1. Consider reducing driveway access dimension from 24 feet to 20 feet (OS 17.82.050.B.2).
2. Explore ways to relocate western trash enclosure to the eastern parking lot to maintain proposed open space.
3. Consider adding an additional street tree to remove 60 foot gap between the middle street trees provided (OS 17.82.040.B.2.a).
4. Provide street trees within the sidewalk (OS 17.82.040.B.2.a)
5. Street trees must be in wells that are a minimum of 36 inches in width and 36 inches in length (OS 17.82.040.B.2.c).

## Architecture

6. Consider adding railing to the public street facing porches to create further separation from the public realm (OS 17.82.060.C).
7. Explore opportunities for further massing breaks along the western, eastern, and southern elevations on Buildings $C$ and $D$.
8. Consider adding additional articulation to the northern, eastern, and southern elevations of Building A and break-up blank space (OS 17.82.080.A.3).
9. Update the western elevation of Building B to ensure structural consistency.
10. Consider breaking up Building B on the Eastern Elevation with articulation elements to remove blank space (OS 17.82.080.A.3).
11. Examine the possibility of extending the lower floors or using setbacks on upper floors on the eastern, western, and southern elevations of Building C (OS 17.82.080.A.3).
12. Explore ways to add additional articulation detailing through differing window sizes and heights that coincide with varying stacking articulation elements that differ from floor to floor.
13. Consider further enhancing the design of Building $D$ by adding articulation and variation to the northern, eastern, and southern elevations (OS 17.82.080.A.3).
14. Consider raising the pitch of the roof above Building $A$ and Building $B$ patio space to enhance the prominence of the entry way along the public realm.
15. Extend the wood trim around the entire window.
16. Modify window sizes and heights across the South Elevation on Building $C$ and consider pairing window variety with stackable articulation elements.
17. Consider modifying the proposed column style to the image shown on Sheet PA4.5 depicting columns with stone base to add variation to the building (OS 17.82.080.A.1).

Overall, we feel the applicant has proposed a project that is appropriate to the location and surrounding context of the site. However, as addressed above, we have a few design concerns regarding massing, articulation, and windows, among others, that will have to be adequately addressed by the applicant to ensure a project that appropriately addresses the existing neighborhood context while also being consistent with City's Objective Standards Ordinance and desire for high-quality new developments.

Very truly yours,

## RRM DESIGN GROUP

38th Ave Capitola
[01 PLAN CHECK RESPONSES ]

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## Design Review

| \# | Comment | Response | Reference Sheet/s |
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| 1 | Consider reducing driveway access dimension from 24 feet to 20 feet (OS 17.82.050.B.2). | Drive aisle is shown at 24 ' to accommodate the fire access road requirements. The access road width and requirements were coordinated with Central Fire prior to planning submittal. | PA1.1 |
| 2 | Explore ways to relocate western trash enclosure to the eastern parking lot to maintain proposed open space. | One trash enclosure is shown at the SW corner of the parking lot. The second trash enclosure is located more centrally on the site to provide easy access for residents and staff in Buildings $A$ and $B$ towards the west of the property. Both enclosures are located along the southern driveway to accommodate Green Waste pickup. To minimize impact on open space, both trash enclosures are designed in a similar style as the residential buildings, open away from the open space, and include a hose bib for regular maintenance and cleaning. Please see trash enclosure drawings on sheet PA5.2 for more details. | PA1.1 + PA5.2 |
| 3 | Consider adding an additional street tree to remove 60 foot gap between the middle street trees provided (OS 17.82.040.B.2.a). | An additional tree has been added adjacent to the sidewalk to distribute trees more evenly along the 38th St frontage. Due to utility conflicts, sight triangle, and rooflines, even distribution is not advisable, but the revision has attempted to meet the spirit of the comment. | PL2.1 + PL2.2 |
| 4 | Provide street trees within the sidewalk (OS 17.82.040.B.2.a) | Sidewalks are designed at 4 ft width to match adjacent neighborhood sidewalks. With this width, the addition of 36 "x36" street tree wells would not allow for adequate clear line of travel. The plans show trees on the property in close proximity to the property line as an alternative to street trees within the sidewalk. This approach was reviewed with Brian Froelich during the comment review meeting on 2/7/24 and this approach was agreed upon as the best option for this section of street frontage. | PL2.2 |
| 5 | Street trees must be in wells that are a minimum of 36 inches in width and 36 inches in length (OS 17.82.040.B.2.c). | See response to item 4 above. |  |
| 6 | Consider adding railing to the public street facing porches to create further separation from the public realm (OS 17.82.060.C). | Railing along street facing porches has been incorporated. See updated street facing elevations PAA3.1, PAB3.1 and rendering on PA4.2 | PAA3.1 + PAB3.1 |
| 7 | Explore opportunities for further massing breaks along the western, eastern, and southern elevations on Buildings C and D. | We added vertical variation through a more varied window scheme and two-toned color approach that we believe helps to break up these elevations while maintaining cost feasibility. See elevations on sheets PAC3.1 and PAD3.1 <br> We explored additional vertical breaks and awnings along these elevations, and found that they added cost and complexity without a significant benefit beyond the strategies above and did not see opportunities to repeat these strategies on other facades and buildings for a cohesive design. | PAC3.1 + PAD3.1 |
| 8 | Consider adding additional articulation to the northern, eastern, and southern elevations of Building A and break-up blank space (OS 17.82.080.A.3). | Building A has been updated to provide more articulation via windows, changes in plane, and accent colors to better align with strategies employed on other buildings. See updated Building A elevations on PAA3.1 and renderings on PA4.2 and PA4.4. | PAA3.1 + PA4.2 + PA4.4. |
| 9 | Update the western elevation of Building B to ensure structural consistency. | The roofline beyond has been updated to provide a gap between the roof lines to visually clarify. See updated Building B Elevation on PAB3.1 | PAB3.1 |
| 10 | Consider breaking up Building B on the Eastern Elevation with articulation elements to remove blank space (OS 17.82.080.A.3). | Windows added where appropriate with plans. Please see updated Building B Elevation on PAB3.1 | PAB3.1 |


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| 11 | Examine the possibility of extending the lower floors or using setbacks on upper floors on the eastern, western, and southern elevations of Building C (OS 17.82.080.A.3). | We have updated the design to incorporate a color change, trim piece, and window variation at the upper levels in order to add vertical variation throughout the building. See updated Building C elevations on PAC3.1. <br> Extending lower floors or stepping back upper floors created a more complex and costly structure in this building. Stacked floor plates allow the structure to be simplified, and keep overall construction pricing competative for financing. | PAC3.1 |
| 12 | Explore ways to add additional articulation detailing through differing window sizes and heights that coincide with varying stacking articulation elements that differ from floor to floor. | We appreciated this comment and added different window sizes along the upper level from the lower levels to add articulation. Great suggestion. We've implemented this strategy across all buildings for a cohesive apporach. See updated elevations: PAA3.1, PAB3.1, PAC3.1, PAD3.1 | PAA3.1, PAB3.1, PAC3.1, PAD3.1 |
| 13 | Consider further enhancing the design of Building $D$ by adding articulation and variation to the northern, eastern, and southern elevations (OS 17.82.080.A.3). | See updated elevations on PAD3.1 for additional variation through two-tone color, updated window variation, and increased porch roof slopes. | PAD3.1 |
| 14 | Consider raising the pitch of the roof above Building $A$ and Building $B$ patio space to enhance the prominence of the entry way along the public realm. | Roof pitch raised from 3:12 to 5:12 to match main gables, see elevations and detail 3/PA4.5 | PAA3.1 + PAB3.1 + PA4.5 |
| 15 | Extend the wood trim around the entire window. | Wood trim extended around window to match building field color. The header is left white and extends beyond the side trim to provide contemporary take on a traditional crafstman detail. Rather than the molded profile of traditional details, the extension and color emphasize the header. See detail 2/PA4.5 | PA4.5 |
| 16 | Modify window sizes and heights across the South Elevation on Building $C$ and consider pairing window variety with stackable articulation elements. | See response to item 12 above. See updated elevations on PAC3.1 | PAC3.1 |
| 17 | Consider modifying the proposed column style to the image shown on Sheet PA4.5 depicting columns with stone base to add variation to the building (OS 17.82.080.A.1). | We have modified the street facing porch columns to add a double column over a solid base. This proportion and solid base provide a more substantial and visually interesting column type along the street facing porches. In keeping with the siding materials on the building and accent color used at our Stair Entrance internal to the site, we are proposing a horizontal fiber cement siding base to match the accent color of Buildings A and B. Our team believes this adds prominence and variation in keeping with this comment. <br> We explored adding a stone material or natural wood material at these few column locations as well, however they felt odd and out of balance with the other buildings and facades. | PAA-3.1 + PAB-3.1 + PA4.5 |
| 18 | Enhance the prominence of the entryways through inclusion of additional design interventions such as, raising the height of the primary entrance or recessing the interventions such as, raising the height of the primary entrance or recessing the entryway | To increase the porch and entryway prominence, we have increased the porch roof slope to 5:12, added guardrails, and adjusted column design to provide proposed proportions and mass along the street frontage.The additional interventions noted such as increasing the height or recessing the entryway were evaluated and found to add cost and complexity to the project as well as reducing interior living space in the units. | PAA3.1 + PAB3.1 + PA4.5 |
| 19 | Consider extending the proposed trees along the southern property line to cover the entire boundary line to further screen the project from adjacent uses. | Trees extended along southern property line, see landscape plan sheet L2.2 | PL2.2 |

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    TITLE 7. PLANNING AND LAND USE [65000-66499.58] (Heading of Title 7 amended by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1536.)
        DIVISION 1. PLANNING AND ZONING [65000-66301] (Heading of Division 1 added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1536.)
CHAPTER 4.3. Density Bonuses and Other Incentives [65915-65918] (Chapter 4.3 added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 1207.)
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65915. (a) (1) When an applicant seeks a density bonus for a housing development within, or for the donation of land for housing within, the jurisdiction of a city, county, or city and county, that local government shall comply with this section. A city, county, or city and county shall adopt an ordinance that specifies how compliance with this section will be implemented. Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (s), failure to adopt an ordinance shall not relieve a city, county, or city and county from complying with this section.
(2) A local government shall not condition the submission, review, or approval of an application pursuant to this chapter on the preparation of an additional report or study that is not otherwise required by state law, including this section. This subdivision does not prohibit a local government from requiring an applicant to provide reasonable documentation to establish eligibility for a requested density bonus, incentives or concessions, as described in subdivision (d), waivers or reductions of development standards, as described in subdivision (e), and parking ratios, as described in subdivision (p).
(3) In order to provide for the expeditious processing of a density bonus application, the local government shall do all of the following:
(A) Adopt procedures and timelines for processing a density bonus application.
(B) Provide a list of all documents and information required to be submitted with the density bonus application in order for the density bonus application to be deemed complete. This list shall be consistent with this chapter.
(C) Notify the applicant for a density bonus whether the application is complete in a manner consistent with the timelines specified in Section 65943.
(D) (i) If the local government notifies the applicant that the application is deemed complete pursuant to subparagraph (C), provide the applicant with a determination as to the following matters:
(I) The amount of density bonus, calculated pursuant to subdivision (f), for which the applicant is eligible.
(II) If the applicant requests a parking ratio pursuant to subdivision (p), the parking ratio for which the applicant is eligible.
(III) If the applicant requests incentives or concessions pursuant to subdivision (d) or waivers or reductions of development standards pursuant to subdivision (e), whether the applicant has provided adequate information for the local government to make a determination as to those incentives, concessions, or waivers or reductions of development standards.
(ii) Any determination required by this subparagraph shall be based on the development project at the time the application is deemed complete. The local government shall adjust the amount of density bonus and parking ratios awarded pursuant to this section based on any changes to the project during the course of development.
(b) (1) A city, county, or city and county shall grant one density bonus, the amount of which shall be as specified in subdivision (f), and, if requested by the applicant and consistent with the applicable requirements of this section, incentives or concessions, as described in subdivision (d), waivers or reductions of development standards, as described in subdivision (e), and parking ratios, as described in subdivision (p), if an applicant for a housing development seeks and agrees to construct a housing development, excluding any units permitted by the density bonus awarded pursuant to this section, that will contain at least any one of the following:
(A) Ten percent of the total units of a housing development, including a shared housing building development, for rental or sale to lower income households, as defined in Section 50079.5 of the Health and Safety Code.

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(B) Five percent of the total units of a housing development, including a shared housing building development, for renta sale to very low income households, as defined in Section 50105 of the Health and Safety Code.
(C) A senior citizen housing development, as defined in Sections 51.3 and 51.12 of the Civil Code, or a mobilehome park that limits residency based on age requirements for housing for older persons pursuant to Section 798.76 or 799.5 of the Civil Code. For purposes of this subparagraph, "development" includes a shared housing building development.
(D) Ten percent of the total dwelling units of a housing development are sold to persons and families of moderate income, as defined in Section 50093 of the Health and Safety Code, provided that all units in the development are offered to the public for purchase.
(E) Ten percent of the total units of a housing development for transitional foster youth, as defined in Section 66025.9 of the Education Code, disabled veterans, as defined in Section 18541, or homeless persons, as defined in the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301 et seq.). The units described in this subparagraph shall be subject to a recorded affordability restriction of 55 years and shall be provided at the same affordability level as very low income units.
(F) (i) Twenty percent of the total units for lower income students in a student housing development that meets the following requirements:
(I) All units in the student housing development will be used exclusively for undergraduate, graduate, or professional students enrolled full time at an institution of higher education accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges or the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. In order to be eligible under this subclause, the developer shall, as a condition of receiving a certificate of occupancy, provide evidence to the city, county, or city and county that the developer has entered into an operating agreement or master lease with one or more institutions of higher education for the institution or institutions to occupy all units of the student housing development with students from that institution or institutions. An operating agreement or master lease entered into pursuant to this subclause is not violated or breached if, in any subsequent year, there are not sufficient students enrolled in an institution of higher education to fill all units in the student housing development.
(II) The applicable 20-percent units will be used for lower income students.
(III) The rent provided in the applicable units of the development for lower income students shall be calculated at 30 percent of 65 percent of the area median income for a single-room occupancy unit type.
(IV) The development will provide priority for the applicable affordable units for lower income students experiencing homelessness. A homeless service provider, as defined in paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of Section 103577 of the Health and Safety Code, or institution of higher education that has knowledge of a person's homeless status may verify a person's status as homeless for purposes of this subclause.
(ii) For purposes of calculating a density bonus granted pursuant to this subparagraph, the term "unit" as used in this section means one rental bed and its pro rata share of associated common area facilities. The units described in this subparagraph shall be subject to a recorded affordability restriction of 55 years.
(G) One hundred percent of all units in the development, including total units and density bonus units, but exclusive of a manager's unit or units, are for lower income households, as defined by Section 50079.5 of the Health and Safety Code, except that up to 20 percent of the units in the development, including total units and density bonus units, may be for moderate-income households, as defined in Section 50053 of the Health and Safety Code. For purposes of this subparagraph, "development" includes a shared housing building development.
(2) For purposes of calculating the amount of the density bonus pursuant to subdivision (f), an applicant who requests a density bonus pursuant to this subdivision shall elect whether the bonus shall be awarded on the basis of subparagraph (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), or (G) of paragraph (1).
(c) (1) (A) An applicant shall agree to, and the city, county, or city and county shall ensure, the continued affordability of all very low and low-income rental units that qualified the applicant for the award of the density bonus for 55 years or a longer period of time if required by the construction or mortgage financing assistance program, mortgage insurance program, or rental subsidy program.
(B) (i) Except as otherwise provided in clause (ii), rents for the lower income density bonus units shall be set at an affordable rent, as defined in Section 50053 of the Health and Safety Code.
(ii) For housing developments meeting the criteria of subparagraph (G) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b), rents for all units in the development, including both base density and density bonus units, shall be as follows:
(I) The rent for at least 20 percent of the units in the development shall be set at an affordable rent, as defined in Section 50053 of the Health and Safety Code.
(II) The rent for the remaining units in the development shall be set at an amount consistent with the maximum rent levels for lower income households, as those rents and incomes are determined by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee.
(2) (A) An applicant shall agree to ensure, and the city, county, or city and county shall ensure, that a for-sale unit that qualified the applicant for the award of the density bonus meets either of the following conditions:
(i) The unit is initially occupied by a person or family of very low, low, or moderate income, as required, and it is offered at an affordable housing cost, as that cost is defined in Section 50052.5 of the Health and Safety Code and is subject to an equity sharing agreement.
(ii) The unit is purchased by a qualified nonprofit housing corporation pursuant to a recorded contract that satisfies all of the requirements specified in paragraph (10) of subdivision (a) of Section 402.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and that includes all of the following:
(I) A repurchase option that requires a subsequent purchaser of the property that desires to resell or convey the property to offer the qualified nonprofit corporation the right to repurchase the property prior to selling or conveying that property to any other purchaser.
(II) An equity sharing agreement.
(III) Affordability restrictions on the sale and conveyance of the property that ensure that the property will be preserved for lower income housing for at least 45 years for owner-occupied housing units and will be sold or resold only to persons or families of very low, low, or moderate income, as defined in Section 50052.5 of the Health and Safety Code.
(B) For purposes of this paragraph, a "qualified nonprofit housing corporation" is a nonprofit housing corporation organized pursuant to Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that has received a welfare exemption under Section 214.15 of the Revenue and Taxation Code for properties intended to be sold to low-income families who participate in a special nointerest loan program.
(C) The local government shall enforce an equity sharing agreement required pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A), unless it is in conflict with the requirements of another public funding source or law or may defer to the recapture provisions of the public funding source. The following apply to the equity sharing agreement:
(i) Upon resale, the seller of the unit shall retain the value of any improvements, the downpayment, and the seller's proportionate share of appreciation.
(ii) Except as provided in clause (v), the local government shall recapture any initial subsidy, as defined in clause (iii), and its proportionate share of appreciation, as defined in clause (iv), which amount shall be used within five years for any of the purposes described in subdivision (e) of Section 33334.2 of the Health and Safety Code that promote home ownership.
(iii) For purposes of this subdivision, the local government's initial subsidy shall be equal to the fair market value of the home at the time of initial sale minus the initial sale price to the moderate-income household, plus the amount of any downpayment assistance or mortgage assistance. If upon resale the market value is lower than the initial market value, then the value at the time of the resale shall be used as the initial market value
(iv) For purposes of this subdivision, the local government's proportionate share of appreciation shall be equal to the ratio of the local government's initial subsidy to the fair market value of the home at the time of initial sale.
(v) If the unit is purchased or developed by a qualified nonprofit housing corporation pursuant to clause (ii) of subparagraph (A) the local government may enter into a contract with the qualified nonprofit housing corporation under which the qualified nonprofit housing corporation would recapture any initial subsidy and its proportionate share of appreciation if the qualified nonprofit housing corporation is required to use 100 percent of the proceeds to promote homeownership for lower income households as defined by Health and Safety Code Section 50079.5 within the jurisdiction of the local government.
(3) (A) An applicant shall be ineligible for a density bonus or any other incentives or concessions under this section if the housing development is proposed on any property that includes a parcel or parcels on which rental dwelling units are or, if the dwelling units have been vacated or demolished in the five-year period preceding the application, have been subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of lower or very low income; subject to any other form of rent or price control through a public entity's valid exercise of its police power; or occupied by lower or very low income households, unless the proposed housing development replaces those units, and either of the following applies:
(i) The proposed housing development, inclusive of the units replaced pursuant to this paragraph, contains affordable units at the percentages set forth in subdivision (b).
(ii) Each unit in the development, exclusive of a manager's unit or units, is affordable to, and occupied by, either a lower or very low income household.
(B) For the purposes of this paragraph, "replace" shall mean either of the following:

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(i) If any dwelling units described in subparagraph $(A)$ are occupied on the date of application, the proposed housing development shall provide at least the same number of units of equivalent size to be made available at affordable re or affordable housing cost to, and occupied by, persons and families in the same or lower income category as those households in occupancy. If the income category of the household in occupancy is not known, it shall be rebuttably presumed that lower income renter households occupied these units in the same proportion of lower income renter households to all renter households within the jurisdiction, as determined by the most recently available data from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy database. For unoccupied dwelling units described in subparagraph (A) in a development with occupied units, the proposed housing development shall provide units of equivalent size to be made available at affordable rent or affordable housing cost to, and occupied by, persons and families in the same or lower income category as the last household in occupancy. If the income category of the last household in occupancy is not known, it shall be rebuttably presumed that lower income renter households occupied these units in the same proportion of lower income renter households to all renter households within the jurisdiction, as determined by the most recently available data from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy database. All replacement calculations resulting in fractional units shall be rounded up to the next whole number. If the replacement units will be rental dwelling units, these units shall be subject to a recorded affordability restriction for at least 55 years. If the proposed development is for-sale units, the units replaced shall be subject to paragraph (2).
(ii) If all dwelling units described in subparagraph (A) have been vacated or demolished within the five-year period preceding the application, the proposed housing development shall provide at least the same number of units of equivalent size as existed at the highpoint of those units in the five-year period preceding the application to be made available at affordable rent or affordable housing cost to, and occupied by, persons and families in the same or lower income category as those persons and families in occupancy at that time, if known. If the incomes of the persons and families in occupancy at the highpoint is not known, it shall be rebuttably presumed that low-income and very low income renter households occupied these units in the same proportion of low-income and very low income renter households to all renter households within the jurisdiction, as determined by the most recently available data from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy database. All replacement calculations resulting in fractional units shall be rounded up to the next whole number. If the replacement units will be rental dwelling units, these units shall be subject to a recorded affordability restriction for at least 55 years. If the proposed development is for-sale units, the units replaced shall be subject to paragraph (2).
(C) Notwithstanding subparagraph (B), for any dwelling unit described in subparagraph (A) that is or was, within the fiveyear period preceding the application, subject to a form of rent or price control through a local government's valid exercise of its police power and that is or was occupied by persons or families above lower income, the city, county, or city and county may do either of the following:
(i) Require that the replacement units be made available at affordable rent or affordable housing cost to, and occupied by, low-income persons or families. If the replacement units will be rental dwelling units, these units shall be subject to a recorded affordability restriction for at least 55 years. If the proposed development is for-sale units, the units replaced shall be subject to paragraph (2).
(ii) Require that the units be replaced in compliance with the jurisdiction's rent or price control ordinance, provided that each unit described in subparagraph (A) is replaced. Unless otherwise required by the jurisdiction's rent or price control ordinance, these units shall not be subject to a recorded affordability restriction.
(D) For purposes of this paragraph, "equivalent size" means that the replacement units contain at least the same total number of bedrooms as the units being replaced.
(E) Subparagraph (A) does not apply to an applicant seeking a density bonus for a proposed housing development if the applicant's application was submitted to, or processed by, a city, county, or city and county before January $1,2015$.
(d) (1) An applicant for a density bonus pursuant to subdivision (b) may submit to a city, county, or city and county a proposal for the specific incentives or concessions that the applicant requests pursuant to this section, and may request a meeting with the city, county, or city and county. The city, county, or city and county shall grant the concession or incentive requested by the applicant unless the city, county, or city and county makes a written finding, based upon substantial evidence, of any of the following:
(A) The concession or incentive does not result in identifiable and actual cost reductions, consistent with subdivision (k), to provide for affordable housing costs, as defined in Section 50052.5 of the Health and Safety Code, or for rents for the targeted units to be set as specified in subdivision (c).
(B) The concession or incentive would have a specific, adverse impact, as defined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 65589.5, upon public health and safety or on any real property that is listed in the California Register of Historical Resources and for which there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the specific, adverse impact without rendering the development unaffordable to low-income and moderate-income households.
(C) The concession or incentive would be contrary to state or federal law.
(2) The applicant shall receive the following number of incentives or concessions:
(A) One incentive or concession for projects that include at least 10 percent of the total units for lower income househol at least 5 percent for very low income households, or at least 10 percent for persons and families of moderate income

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(B) Two incentives or concessions for projects that include at least 17 percent of the total units for lower income households, at least 10 percent for very low income households, or at least 20 percent for persons and families of moderate income in a development in which the units are for sale.
(C) Three incentives or concessions for projects that include at least 24 percent of the total units for lower income households, at least 15 percent for very low income households, or at least 30 percent for persons and families of moderate income in a development in which the units are for sale.
(D) Four incentives or concessions for a project meeting the criteria of subparagraph (G) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b). If the project is located within one-half mile of a major transit stop or is located in a very low vehicle travel area in a designated county, the applicant shall also receive a height increase of up to three additional stories, or 33 feet.
(E) One incentive or concession for projects that include at least 20 percent of the total units for lower income students in a student housing development.
(3) The applicant may initiate judicial proceedings if the city, county, or city and county refuses to grant a requested density bonus, incentive, or concession. If a court finds that the refusal to grant a requested density bonus, incentive, or concession is in violation of this section, the court shall award the plaintiff reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit. This subdivision shall not be interpreted to require a local government to grant an incentive or concession that has a specific, adverse impact, as defined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 65589.5, upon health or safety, and for which there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the specific adverse impact. This subdivision shall not be interpreted to require a local government to grant an incentive or concession that would have an adverse impact on any real property that is listed in the California Register of Historical Resources. The city, county, or city and county shall establish procedures for carrying out this section that shall include legislative body approval of the means of compliance with this section.
(4) The city, county, or city and county shall bear the burden of proof for the denial of a requested concession or incentive.
(e) (1) In no case may a city, county, or city and county apply any development standard that will have the effect of physically precluding the construction of a development meeting the criteria of subdivision (b) at the densities or with the concessions or incentives permitted by this section. Subject to paragraph (3), an applicant may submit to a city, county, or city and county a proposal for the waiver or reduction of development standards that will have the effect of physically precluding the construction of a development meeting the criteria of subdivision (b) at the densities or with the concessions or incentives permitted under this section, and may request a meeting with the city, county, or city and county. If a court finds that the refusal to grant a waiver or reduction of development standards is in violation of this section, the court shall award the plaintiff reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit. This subdivision shall not be interpreted to require a local government to waive or reduce development standards if the waiver or reduction would have a specific, adverse impact, as defined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 65589.5, upon health or safety, and for which there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the specific adverse impact. This subdivision shall not be interpreted to require a local government to waive or reduce development standards that would have an adverse impact on any real property that is listed in the California Register of Historical Resources, or to grant any waiver or reduction that would be contrary to state or federal law.
(2) A proposal for the waiver or reduction of development standards pursuant to this subdivision shall neither reduce nor increase the number of incentives or concessions to which the applicant is entitled pursuant to subdivision (d).
(3) A housing development that receives a waiver from any maximum controls on density pursuant to clause (ii) of subparagraph (D) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (f) shall only be eligible for a waiver or reduction of development standards as provided in subparagraph (D) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) and clause (ii) of subparagraph (D) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (f), unless the city, county, or city and county agrees to additional waivers or reductions of development standards.
(f) For the purposes of this chapter, "density bonus" means a density increase over the otherwise maximum allowable gross residential density as of the date of application by the applicant to the city, county, or city and county, or, if elected by the applicant, a lesser percentage of density increase, including, but not limited to, no increase in density. The amount of density increase to which the applicant is entitled shall vary according to the amount by which the percentage of affordable housing units exceeds the percentage established in subdivision (b).
(1) For housing developments meeting the criteria of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b), the density bonus shall be calculated as follows:

| Percentage Low-Income Units | Percentage Density Bonus |
| :--- | :--- |
| 10 | 20 |
| 11 | 21.5 |
| 12 | 23 |


| 13 | 24.5 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 14 | 26 |
| 15 | 27.5 |
| 16 | 29 |
| 17 | 30.5 |
| 18 | 32 |
| 19 | 33.5 |
| 20 | 35 |
| 21 | 38.75 |
| 22 | 42.5 |
| 23 | 46.25 |
| 24 | 50 |

(2) For housing developments meeting the criteria of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b), the density bonus shall be calculated as follows:

| Percentage Very Low Income Units | Percentage Density Bonus |
| :--- | :--- |
| 5 | 20 |
| 6 | 22.5 |
| 7 | 25 |
| 8 | 27.5 |
| 9 | 30 |
| 10 | 32.5 |
| 11 | 35 |
| 12 | 38.75 |
| 13 | 42.5 |
| 14 | 46.25 |
| 15 | 50 |

(3) (A) For housing developments meeting the criteria of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b), the density bonus shall be 20 percent of the number of senior housing units.
(B) For housing developments meeting the criteria of subparagraph (E) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b), the density bonus shall be 20 percent of the number of the type of units giving rise to a density bonus under that subparagraph.
(C) For housing developments meeting the criteria of subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b), the density bonus shall be 35 percent of the student housing units.
(D) For housing developments meeting the criteria of subparagraph (G) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b), the following shall apply:
(i) Except as otherwise provided in clauses (ii) and (iii), the density bonus shall be 80 percent of the number of units for lower income households.
(ii) If the housing development is located within one-half mile of a major transit stop, the city, county, or city and county shall not impose any maximum controls on density.
(iii) If the housing development is located in a very low vehicle travel area within a designated county, the city, county, or city and county shall not impose any maximum controls on density.
(4) For housing developments meeting the criteria of subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b), the density bonus shall be calculated as follows:

| Percentage Moderate-Income Units | Percentage Density Bonus |
| :--- | :--- |
| 10 | 5 |
| 11 | 6 |


| 12 | 7 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 13 | 8 |
| 14 | 9 |
| 15 | 10 |
| 16 | 11 |
| 17 | 12 |
| 18 | 13 |
| 19 | 14 |
| 20 | 15 |
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| 29 | 24 |
| 30 | 25 |
| 31 | 26 |
| 32 | 27 |
| 33 | 28 |
| 34 | 29 |
| 35 | 30 |
| 36 | 31 |
| 37 | 32 |
| 38 | 33 |
| 39 | 34 |
| 40 | 35 |
| 41 | 38.75 |
| 42 | 42.5 |
| 43 | 46.25 |
| 44 | 50 |

(5) All density calculations resulting in fractional units shall be rounded up to the next whole number. The granting of a density bonus shall not require, or be interpreted, in and of itself, to require a general plan amendment, local coastal plan amendment, zoning change, or other discretionary approval.
(g) (1) When an applicant for a tentative subdivision map, parcel map, or other residential development approval donates land to a city, county, or city and county in accordance with this subdivision, the applicant shall be entitled to a 15-percent increase above the otherwise maximum allowable residential density for the entire development, as follows:

| Percentage Very Low Income | Percentage Density Bonus |
| :--- | :--- |
| 10 | 15 |
| 11 | 16 |
| 12 | 17 |
| 13 | 18 |
| 14 | 19 |


| 15 | 20 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 16 | 21 |
| 17 | 22 |
| 18 | 23 |
| 19 | 24 |
| 20 | 25 |
| 21 | 26 |
| 22 | 27 |
| 24 | 29 |
| 26 | 30 |
| 27 | 31 |
| 20 | 32 |
| 23 | 33 |
| 20 | 34 |

(2) This increase shall be in addition to any increase in density mandated by subdivision (b), up to a maximum combined mandated density increase of 35 percent if an applicant seeks an increase pursuant to both this subdivision and subdivision (b). All density calculations resulting in fractional units shall be rounded up to the next whole number. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to enlarge or diminish the authority of a city, county, or city and county to require a developer to donate land as a condition of development. An applicant shall be eligible for the increased density bonus described in this subdivision if all of the following conditions are met:
(A) The applicant donates and transfers the land no later than the date of approval of the final subdivision map, parcel map, or residential development application.
(B) The developable acreage and zoning classification of the land being transferred are sufficient to permit construction of units affordable to very low income households in an amount not less than 10 percent of the number of residential units of the proposed development.
(C) The transferred land is at least one acre in size or of sufficient size to permit development of at least 40 units, has the appropriate general plan designation, is appropriately zoned with appropriate development standards for development at the density described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 65583.2, and is or will be served by adequate public facilities and infrastructure.
(D) The transferred land shall have all of the permits and approvals, other than building permits, necessary for the development of the very low income housing units on the transferred land, not later than the date of approval of the final subdivision map, parcel map, or residential development application, except that the local government may subject the proposed development to subsequent design review to the extent authorized by subdivision (i) of Section 65583.2 if the design is not reviewed by the local government before the time of transfer.
(E) The transferred land and the affordable units shall be subject to a deed restriction ensuring continued affordability of the units consistent with paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (c), which shall be recorded on the property at the time of the transfer.
(F) The land is transferred to the local agency or to a housing developer approved by the local agency. The local agency may require the applicant to identify and transfer the land to the developer.
(G) The transferred land shall be within the boundary of the proposed development or, if the local agency agrees, within one-quarter mile of the boundary of the proposed development.
(H) A proposed source of funding for the very low income units shall be identified not later than the date of approval of the final subdivision map, parcel map, or residential development application.
(h) (1) When an applicant proposes to construct a housing development that conforms to the requirements of subdivision (b) and includes a childcare facility that will be located on the premises of, as part of, or adjacent to, the project, the city, county, or city and county shall grant either of the following:
(A) An additional density bonus that is an amount of square feet of residential space that is equal to or greater than the amount of square feet in the childcare facility.
(B) An additional concession or incentive that contributes significantly to the economic feasibility of the construction of childcare facility.
(2) The city, county, or city and county shall require, as a condition of approving the housing development, that the following occur:
(A) The childcare facility shall remain in operation for a period of time that is as long as or longer than the period of time during which the density bonus units are required to remain affordable pursuant to subdivision (c).
(B) Of the children who attend the childcare facility, the children of very low income households, lower income households, or families of moderate income shall equal a percentage that is equal to or greater than the percentage of dwelling units that are required for very low income households, lower income households, or families of moderate income pursuant to subdivision (b).
(3) Notwithstanding any requirement of this subdivision, a city, county, or city and county shall not be required to provide a density bonus or concession for a childcare facility if it finds, based upon substantial evidence, that the community has adequate childcare facilities.
(4) "Childcare facility," as used in this section, means a child daycare facility other than a family daycare home, including, but not limited to, infant centers, preschools, extended daycare facilities, and schoolage childcare centers.
(i) "Housing development," as used in this section, means a development project for five or more residential units, including mixed-use developments. For the purposes of this section, "housing development" also includes a subdivision or common interest development, as defined in Section 4100 of the Civil Code, approved by a city, county, or city and county and consists of residential units or unimproved residential lots and either a project to substantially rehabilitate and convert an existing commercial building to residential use or the substantial rehabilitation of an existing multifamily dwelling, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 65863.4, where the result of the rehabilitation would be a net increase in available residential units. For the purpose of calculating a density bonus, the residential units shall be on contiguous sites that are the subject of one development application, but do not have to be based upon individual subdivision maps or parcels. The density bonus shall be permitted in geographic areas of the housing development other than the areas where the units for the lower income households are located.
(j) (1) The granting of a concession or incentive shall not require or be interpreted, in and of itself, to require a general plan amendment, local coastal plan amendment, zoning change, study, or other discretionary approval. For purposes of this subdivision, "study" does not include reasonable documentation to establish eligibility for the concession or incentive or to demonstrate that the incentive or concession meets the definition set forth in subdivision (k). This provision is declaratory of existing law.
(2) Except as provided in subdivisions (d) and (e), the granting of a density bonus shall not require or be interpreted to require the waiver of a local ordinance or provisions of a local ordinance unrelated to development standards.
(k) For the purposes of this chapter, concession or incentive means any of the following:
(1) A reduction in site development standards or a modification of zoning code requirements or architectural design requirements that exceed the minimum building standards approved by the California Building Standards Commission as provided in Part 2.5 (commencing with Section 18901) of Division 13 of the Health and Safety Code, including, but not limited to, a reduction in setback and square footage requirements and in the ratio of vehicular parking spaces that would otherwise be required that results in identifiable and actual cost reductions, to provide for affordable housing costs, as defined in Section 50052.5 of the Health and Safety Code, or for rents for the targeted units to be set as specified in subdivision (c).
(2) Approval of mixed-use zoning in conjunction with the housing project if commercial, office, industrial, or other land uses will reduce the cost of the housing development and if the commercial, office, industrial, or other land uses are compatible with the housing project and the existing or planned development in the area where the proposed housing project will be located.
(3) Other regulatory incentives or concessions proposed by the developer or the city, county, or city and county that result in identifiable and actual cost reductions to provide for affordable housing costs, as defined in Section 50052.5 of the Health and Safety Code, or for rents for the targeted units to be set as specified in subdivision (c).
(I) Subdivision (k) does not limit or require the provision of direct financial incentives for the housing development, including the provision of publicly owned land, by the city, county, or city and county, or the waiver of fees or dedication requirements.
( $m$ ) This section does not supersede or in any way alter or lessen the effect or application of the California Coastal Act of 1976 (Division 20 (commencing with Section 30000) of the Public Resources Code). Any density bonus, concessions, incentives, waivers or reductions of development standards, and parking ratios to which the applicant is entitled under this section shall be permitted in a manner that is consistent with this section and Division 20 (commencing with Section 30000) of the Public Resources Code.
(n) If permitted by local ordinance, nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a city, county, or city and county from granting a density bonus greater than what is described in this section for a development that meets the requirements of this section or from granting a proportionately lower density bonus than what is required by this section for developments that do not meet the requirements of this section.
(o) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:
(1) "Designated county" includes the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Marin, Napa, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, and Ventura.
(2) "Development standard" includes a site or construction condition, including, but not limited to, a height limitation, a setback requirement, a floor area ratio, an onsite open-space requirement, a minimum lot area per unit requirement, or a parking ratio that applies to a residential development pursuant to any ordinance, general plan element, specific plan, charter, or other local condition, law, policy, resolution, or regulation.
(3) "Located within one-half mile of a major transit stop" means that any point on a proposed development, for which an applicant seeks a density bonus, other incentives or concessions, waivers or reductions of development standards, or a vehicular parking ratio pursuant to this section, is within one-half mile of any point on the property on which a major transit stop is located, including any parking lot owned by the transit authority or other local agency operating the major transit stop.
(4) "Lower income student" means a student who has a household income and asset level that does not exceed the level for Cal Grant A or Cal Grant B award recipients as set forth in paragraph (1) of subdivision (k) of Section 69432.7 of the Education Code. The eligibility of a student to occupy a unit for lower income students under this section shall be verified by an affidavit, award letter, or letter of eligibility provided by the institution of higher education in which the student is enrolled or by the California Student Aid Commission that the student receives or is eligible for financial aid, including an institutional grant or fee waiver from the college or university, the California Student Aid Commission, or the federal government.
(5) "Major transit stop" has the same meaning as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 21155 of the Public Resources Code.
(6) "Maximum allowable residential density" or "base density" means the maximum number of units allowed under the zoning ordinance, specific plan, or land use element of the general plan, or, if a range of density is permitted, means the maximum number of units allowed by the specific zoning range, specific plan, or land use element of the general plan applicable to the project. If the density allowed under the zoning ordinance is inconsistent with the density allowed under the land use element of the general plan or specific plan, the greater shall prevail. Density shall be determined using dwelling units per acre. However, if the applicable zoning ordinance, specific plan, or land use element of the general plan does not provide a dwelling-units-per-acre standard for density, then the local agency shall calculate the number of units by:
(A) Estimating the realistic development capacity of the site based on the objective development standards applicable to the project, including, but not limited to, floor area ratio, site coverage, maximum building height and number of stories, building setbacks and stepbacks, public and private open space requirements, minimum percentage or square footage of any nonresidential component, and parking requirements, unless not required for the base project. Parking requirements shall include considerations regarding number of spaces, location, design, type, and circulation. A developer may provide a base density study and the local agency shall accept it, provided that it includes all applicable objective development standards.
(B) Maintaining the same average unit size and other project details relevant to the base density study, excepting those that may be modified by waiver or concession to accommodate the bonus units, in the proposed project as in the study.
(7) (A) (i) "Shared housing building" means a residential or mixed-use structure, with five or more shared housing units and one or more common kitchens and dining areas designed for permanent residence of more than 30 days by its tenants. The kitchens and dining areas within the shared housing building shall be able to adequately accommodate all residents. If a local ordinance further restricts the attributes of a shared housing building beyond the requirements established in this section, the local definition shall apply to the extent that it does not conflict with the requirements of this section.
(ii) A "shared housing building" may include other dwelling units that are not shared housing units, provided that those dwelling units do not occupy more than 25 percent of the floor area of the shared housing building. A shared housing building may include 100 percent shared housing units.
(B) "Shared housing unit" means one or more habitable rooms, not within another dwelling unit, that includes a bathroom, sink, refrigerator, and microwave, is used for permanent residence, that meets the "minimum room area" specified in Section R304 of the California Residential Code (Part 2.5 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations), and complies with the definition of "guestroom" in Section R202 of the California Residential Code. If a local ordinance further restricts the attributes of a shared housing building beyond the requirements established in this section, the local definition shall apply to the extent that it does not conflict with the requirements of this section.
(8) (A) "Total units" or "total dwelling units" means a calculation of the number of units that:
(i) Excludes a unit added by a density bonus awarded pursuant to this section or any local law granting a greater density bonus.
(ii) Includes a unit designated to satisfy an inclusionary zoning requirement of a city, county, or city and county.
(B) For purposes of calculating a density bonus granted pursuant to this section for a shared housing building, "unit" means one shared housing unit and its pro rata share of associated common area facilities.

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(9) "Very low vehicle travel area" means an urbanized area, as designated by the United States Census Bureau, where the existing residential development generates vehicle miles traveled per capita that is below 85 percent of either regional veh

Item 6 A. miles traveled per capita or city vehicle miles traveled per capita. For purposes of this paragraph, "area" may include a travel analysis zone, hexagon, or grid. For the purposes of determining "regional vehicle miles traveled per capita" pursuant to this paragraph, a "region" is the entirety of incorporated and unincorporated areas governed by a multicounty or single-county metropolitan planning organization, or the entirety of the incorporated and unincorporated areas of an individual county that is not part of a metropolitan planning organization.
(p) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), and (4), upon the request of the developer, a city, county, or city and county shall not require a vehicular parking ratio, inclusive of parking for persons with a disability and guests, of a development meeting the criteria of subdivisions (b) and (c), that exceeds the following ratios:
(A) Zero to one bedroom: one onsite parking space.
(B) Two to three bedrooms: one and one-half onsite parking spaces.
(C) Four and more bedrooms: two and one-half parking spaces.
(2) (A) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if a development includes at least 20 percent low-income units for housing developments meeting the criteria of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) or at least 11 percent very low income units for housing developments meeting the criteria of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b), is located within one-half mile of a major transit stop, and there is unobstructed access to the major transit stop from the development, then, upon the request of the developer, a city, county, or city and county shall not impose a vehicular parking ratio, inclusive of parking for persons with a disability and guests, that exceeds 0.5 spaces per unit. Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if a development includes at least 40 percent moderate-income units for housing developments meeting the criteria of subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b), is located within one-half mile of a major transit stop, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 21155 of the Public Resources Code, and the residents of the development have unobstructed access to the major transit stop from the development then, upon the request of the developer, a city, county, or city and county shall not impose a vehicular parking ratio, inclusive of parking for persons with a disability and guests, that exceeds 0.5 spaces per bedroom.
(B) For purposes of this subdivision, "unobstructed access to the major transit stop" means a resident is able to access the major transit stop without encountering natural or constructed impediments. For purposes of this subparagraph, "natural or constructed impediments" includes, but is not limited to, freeways, rivers, mountains, and bodies of water, but does not include residential structures, shopping centers, parking lots, or rails used for transit.
(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if a development meets the criteria of subparagraph (G) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b), then, upon the request of the developer, a city, county, or city and county shall not impose vehicular parking standards if the development meets any of the following criteria:
(A) The development is located within one-half mile of a major transit stop and there is unobstructed access to the major transit stop from the development.
(B) The development is a for-rent housing development for individuals who are 55 years of age or older that complies with Sections 51.2 and 51.3 of the Civil Code and the development has either paratransit service or unobstructed access, within one-half mile, to fixed bus route service that operates at least eight times per day.
(C) The development is either a special needs housing development, as defined in Section 51312 of the Health and Safety Code, or a supportive housing development, as defined in Section 50675.14 of the Health and Safety Code. A development that is a special needs housing development shall have either paratransit service or unobstructed access, within one-half mile, to fixed bus route service that operates at least eight times per day.
(4) If the total number of parking spaces required for a development is other than a whole number, the number shall be rounded up to the next whole number. For purposes of this subdivision, a development may provide onsite parking through tandem parking or uncovered parking, but not through onstreet parking.
(5) This subdivision shall apply to a development that meets the requirements of subdivisions (b) and (c), but only at the request of the applicant. An applicant may request parking incentives or concessions beyond those provided in this subdivision pursuant to subdivision (d).
(6) This subdivision does not preclude a city, county, or city and county from reducing or eliminating a parking requirement for development projects of any type in any location.
(7) Notwithstanding paragraphs (2) and (3), if a city, county, city and county, or an independent consultant has conducted an areawide or jurisdictionwide parking study in the last seven years, then the city, county, or city and county may impose a higher vehicular parking ratio not to exceed the ratio described in paragraph (1), based upon substantial evidence found in the parking study, that includes, but is not limited to, an analysis of parking availability, differing levels of transit access, walkability access to transit services, the potential for shared parking, the effect of parking requirements on the cost of market-rate and subsidized developments, and the lower rates of car ownership for low-income and very low income individuals, including seniors and special needs individuals. The city, county, or city and county shall pay the costs of any new
study. The city, county, or city and county shall make findings, based on a parking study completed in conformity with this paragraph, supporting the need for the higher parking ratio.
(8) A request pursuant to this subdivision shall neither reduce nor increase the number of incentives or concessions to which the applicant is entitled pursuant to subdivision (d).
(q) Each component of any density calculation, including base density and bonus density, resulting in fractional units shall be separately rounded up to the next whole number. The Legislature finds and declares that this provision is declaratory of existing law.
(r) This chapter shall be interpreted liberally in favor of producing the maximum number of total housing units.
(s) Notwithstanding any other law, if a city, including a charter city, county, or city and county has adopted an ordinance or a housing program, or both an ordinance and a housing program, that incentivizes the development of affordable housing that allows for density bonuses that exceed the density bonuses required by the version of this section effective through December 31,2020 , that city, county, or city and county is not required to amend or otherwise update its ordinance or corresponding affordable housing incentive program to comply with the amendments made to this section by the act adding this subdivision, and is exempt from complying with the incentive and concession calculation amendments made to this section by the act adding this subdivision as set forth in subdivision (d), particularly subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (2) of that subdivision, and the amendments made to the density tables under subdivision (f).
(t) When an applicant proposes to construct a housing development that conforms to the requirements of subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) that is a shared housing building, the city, county, or city and county shall not require any minimum unit size requirements or minimum bedroom requirements that are in conflict with paragraph (7) of subdivision (o).
(u) (1) The Legislature finds and declares that the intent behind the Density Bonus Law is to allow public entities to reduce or even eliminate subsidies for a particular project by allowing a developer to include more total units in a project than would otherwise be allowed by the local zoning ordinance in exchange for affordable units. It further reaffirms that the intent is to cover at least some of the financing gap of affordable housing with regulatory incentives, rather than additional public subsidy.
(2) It is therefore the intent of the Legislature to make modifications to the Density Bonus Law by the act adding this subdivision to further incentivize the construction of very low, low-, and moderate-income housing units. It is further the intent of the Legislature in making these modifications to the Density Bonus Law to ensure that any additional benefits conferred upon a developer are balanced with the receipt of a public benefit in the form of adequate levels of affordable housing. The Legislature further intends that these modifications will ensure that the Density Bonus Law creates incentives for the construction of more housing across all areas of the state.
(Amended by Stats. 2022, Ch. 653, Sec. 1.5. (AB 2334) Effective January 1, 2023.)
65915.1. For purposes of Section 65915, affordable housing impact fees, including inclusionary zoning fees and in-lieu fees, shall not be imposed on a housing development's affordable units.
(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 346, Sec. 1. (AB 571) Effective January 1, 2022.)
65915.2. If permitted by local ordinance, nothing in Section 65915 shall be construed to prohibit a city, county, or city and county from requiring an affordability period longer than 55 years for any units that qualified the applicant for the award of the density bonus developed in compliance with a local ordinance that requires, as a condition of the development of residential units, that the development include a certain percentage of units that are affordable to, and occupied by, low-income, lower income, very low income, or extremely low income households and that will be financed without low-income housing tax credits.
(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 348, Sec. 1. (AB 634) Effective January 1, 2022.)
65915.5. (a) When an applicant for approval to convert apartments to a condominium project agrees to provide at least 33 percent of the total units of the proposed condominium project to persons and families of low or moderate income as defined in Section 50093 of the Health and Safety Code, or 15 percent of the total units of the proposed condominium project to lower income households as defined in Section 50079.5 of the Health and Safety Code, and agrees to pay for the reasonably necessary administrative costs incurred by a city, county, or city and county pursuant to this section, the city, county, or city and county shall either (1) grant a density bonus or (2) provide other incentives of equivalent financial value. A city, county, or city and county may place such reasonable conditions on the granting of a density bonus or other incentives of equivalent financial value as it finds appropriate, including, but not limited to, conditions which assure continued affordability of units to subsequent purchasers who are persons and families of low and moderate income or lower income households.
(b) For purposes of this section, "density bonus" means an increase in units of 25 percent over the number of apartments, to be provided within the existing structure or structures proposed for conversion.
(c) For purposes of this section, "other incentives of equivalent financial value" shall not be construed to require a city, county, or city and county to provide cash transfer payments or other monetary compensation but may include the reduction or waiver of requirements which the city, county, or city and county might otherwise apply as conditions of conversion approval.
(d) An applicant for approval to convert apartments to a condominium project may submit to a city, county, or city and county a preliminary proposal pursuant to this section prior to the submittal of any formal requests for subdivision map approvals. The city, county, or city and county shall, within 90 days of receipt of a written proposal, notify the applicant in writing of the manner
in which it will comply with this section. The city, county, or city and county shall establish procedures for carrying out this section, which shall include legislative body approval of the means of compliance with this section.
(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a city, county, or city and county to approve a proposal to convert apartments to condominiums.
(f) An applicant shall be ineligible for a density bonus or other incentives under this section if the apartments proposed for conversion constitute a housing development for which a density bonus or other incentives were provided under Section 65915.
(g) An applicant shall be ineligible for a density bonus or any other incentives or concessions under this section if the condominium project is proposed on any property that includes a parcel or parcels on which rental dwelling units are or, if the dwelling units have been vacated or demolished in the five-year period preceding the application, have been subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of lower or very low income; subject to any other form of rent or price control through a public entity's valid exercise of its police power; or occupied by lower or very low income households, unless the proposed condominium project replaces those units, as defined in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 65915, and either of the following applies:
(1) The proposed condominium project, inclusive of the units replaced pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 65915, contains affordable units at the percentages set forth in subdivision (a).
(2) Each unit in the development, exclusive of a manager's unit or units, is affordable to, and occupied by, either a lower or very low income household.
(h) Subdivision (g) does not apply to an applicant seeking a density bonus for a proposed housing development if their application was submitted to, or processed by, a city, county, or city and county before January 1, 2015.
(Amended by Stats. 2014, Ch. 682, Sec. 2. (AB 2222) Effective January 1, 2015.)
65915.7. (a) When an applicant for approval of a commercial development has entered into an agreement for partnered housing described in subdivision (c) to contribute affordable housing through a joint project or two separate projects encompassing affordable housing, the city, county, or city and county shall grant to the commercial developer a development bonus as prescribed in subdivision (b). Housing shall be constructed on the site of the commercial development or on a site that is all of the following:
(1) Within the boundaries of the local government.
(2) In close proximity to public amenities including schools and employment centers.
(3) Located within one-half mile of a major transit stop, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 21155 of the Public Resources Code.
(b) The development bonus granted to the commercial developer shall mean incentives, mutually agreed upon by the developer and the jurisdiction, that may include, but are not limited to, any of the following:
(1) Up to a 20-percent increase in maximum allowable intensity in the General Plan.
(2) Up to a 20-percent increase in maximum allowable floor area ratio.
(3) Up to a 20-percent increase in maximum height requirements.
(4) Up to a 20 -percent reduction in minimum parking requirements.
(5) Use of a limited-use/limited-application elevator for upper floor accessibility.
(6) An exception to a zoning ordinance or other land use regulation.
(c) For purposes of this section, the agreement for partnered housing shall be between the commercial developer and the housing developer, shall identify how the commercial developer will contribute affordable housing, and shall be approved by the city, county, or city and county.
(d) For purposes of this section, affordable housing may be contributed by the commercial developer in one of the following manners:
(1) The commercial developer may directly build the units.
(2) The commercial developer may donate a portion of the site or property elsewhere to the affordable housing developer for use as a site for affordable housing.
(3) The commercial developer may make a cash payment to the affordable housing developer that shall be used towards the costs of constructing the affordable housing project.

[^2](f) Nothing in this section shall preclude any additional allowances or incentives offered to developers by local governments pursuant to law or regulation.
(g) If the developer of the affordable units does not commence with construction of those units in accordance with timelines ascribed by the agreement described in subdivision (c), the local government may withhold certificates of occupancy for the commercial development under construction until the developer has completed construction of the affordable units.
(h) In order to qualify for a development bonus under this section, a commercial developer shall partner with a housing developer that provides at least 30 percent of the total units for low-income households or at least 15 percent of the total units for very low-income households.
(i) Nothing in this section shall preclude an affordable housing developer from seeking a density bonus, concessions or incentives, waivers or reductions of development standards, or parking ratios under Section 65915.
(j) A development bonus pursuant to this section shall not include a reduction or waiver of the requirements within an ordinance that requires the payment of a fee by a commercial developer for the promotion or provision of affordable housing.
(k) A city or county shall submit to the Department of Housing and Community Development, as part of the annual report required by Section 65400, information describing a commercial development bonus approved pursuant to this section, including the terms of the agreements between the commercial developer and the affordable housing developer, and the developers and the local jurisdiction, and the number of affordable units constructed as part of the agreements.
(I) For purposes of this section, "partner" means formation of a partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or other entity recognized by the state in which the commercial development applicant and the affordable housing developer are each partners, members, shareholders or other participants, or a contract or agreement between a commercial development applicant and affordable housing developer for the development of both the commercial and the affordable housing properties.
$(m)$ This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2028, and as of that date is repealed.
(Added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 637, Sec. 1. (AB 1551) Effective January 1, 2023. Repealed as of January 1, 2028, by its own provisions.)
65916. Where there is a direct financial contribution to a housing development pursuant to Section 65915 through participation in cost of infrastructure, write-down of land costs, or subsidizing the cost of construction, the city, county, or city and county shall assure continued availability for low- and moderate-income units for 30 years. When appropriate, the agreement provided for in Section 65915 shall specify the mechanisms and procedures necessary to carry out this section.
(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 1207.)
65917. In enacting this chapter it is the intent of the Legislature that the density bonus or other incentives offered by the city, county, or city and county pursuant to this chapter shall contribute significantly to the economic feasibility of lower income housing in proposed housing developments. In the absence of an agreement by a developer in accordance with Section 65915, a locality shall not offer a density bonus or any other incentive that would undermine the intent of this chapter.
(Amended by Stats. 2001, Ch. 115, Sec. 14. Effective January 1, 2002.)
65917.2. (a) As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
(1) "Eligible housing development" means a development that satisfies all of the following criteria:
(A) The development is a multifamily housing development that contains five or more residential units, exclusive of any other floor area ratio bonus or incentive or concession awarded pursuant to this chapter.
(B) The development is located within one of the following:
(i) An urban infill site that is within a transit priority area.
(ii) One-half mile of a major transit stop.
(C) The site of the development is zoned to allow residential use or mixed-use with a minimum planned density of at least 20 dwelling units per acre and does not include any land zoned for low density residential use or for exclusive nonresidential use.
(D) The applicant and the development satisfy the replacement requirements specified in subdivision (c) of Section 65915
(E) The development includes at least 20 percent of the units, excluding any additional units allowed under a floor area ratio bonus or other incentives or concessions provided pursuant to this chapter, with an affordable housing cost or affordable rent to, and occupied by, persons with a household income equal to or less than 50 percent of the area median income, as determined pursuant to Section 50093 of the Health and Safety Code, and subject to an affordability restriction for a minimum of 55 years.
(F) The development complies with the height requirements applicable to the underlying zone. A development shall not be eligible to use a floor area ratio bonus or other incentives or concessions provided pursuant to this chapter to relieve the
development from a maximum height limitation.
(2) "Floor area ratio" means the ratio of gross building area of the eligible housing development, excluding structured parking areas, proposed for the project divided by the net lot area. For purposes of this paragraph, "gross building area" means the sum of all finished areas of all floors of a building included within the outside faces of its exterior walls.
(3) "Floor area ratio bonus" means an allowance for an eligible housing development to utilize a floor area ratio over the otherwise maximum allowable density permitted under the applicable zoning ordinance and land use elements of the general plan of a city or county, calculated pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (b).
(4) "Major transit stop" has the same meaning as defined in Section 21155 of the Public Resources Code.
(5) "Transit priority area" has the same meaning as defined in Section 21099 of the Public Resources Code.
(b) (1) A city council, including a charter city council or the board of supervisors of a city and county, or county board of supervisors may establish a procedure by ordinance to grant a developer of an eligible housing development, upon the request of the developer, a floor area ratio bonus, calculated as provided in paragraph (2), in lieu of a density bonus awarded on the basis of dwelling units per acre.
(2) In calculating the floor area ratio bonus pursuant to this section, the allowable gross residential floor area in square feet shall be the product of all of the following amounts:
(A) The allowable residential base density in dwelling units per acre.
(B) The site area in square feet, divided by 43,560 .
(C) 2,250 .
(c) The city council or county board of supervisors shall not impose any parking requirement on an eligible housing development in excess of 0.1 parking spaces per unit that is affordable to persons and families with a household income equal to or less than 120 percent of the area median income and 0.5 parking spaces per unit that is offered at market rate.
(d) A city or county that adopts a floor area ratio bonus ordinance pursuant to this section shall allow an applicant seeking to develop an eligible residential development to calculate impact fees based on square feet, instead of on a per unit basis.
(e) In the case of an eligible housing development that is zoned for mixed-use purposes, any floor area ratio requirement under a zoning ordinance or land use element of the general plan of the city or county applicable to the nonresidential portion of the eligible housing development shall continue to apply notwithstanding the award of a floor area ratio bonus in accordance with this section.
(f) An applicant for a floor area ratio bonus pursuant to this section may also submit to the city, county, or city and county a proposal for specific incentives or concessions pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 65915.
(g) (1) This section shall not be interpreted to do either of the following:
(A) Supersede or preempt any other section within this chapter.
(B) Prohibit a city, county, or city and county from providing a floor area ratio bonus under terms that are different from those set forth in this section.
(2) The adoption of an ordinance pursuant to this section shall not be interpreted to relieve a city, county, or city and county from complying with Section 65915.
(Added by Stats. 2018, Ch. 915, Sec. 1. (AB 2372) Effective January 1, 2019.)
65917.5. (a) As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
(1) "Child care facility" means a facility installed, operated, and maintained under this section for the nonresidential care of children as defined under applicable state licensing requirements for the facility.
(2) "Density bonus" means a floor area ratio bonus over the otherwise maximum allowable density permitted under the applicable zoning ordinance and land use elements of the general plan of a city, including a charter city, city and county, or county of:
(A) A maximum of five square feet of floor area for each one square foot of floor area contained in the child care facility for existing structures.
(B) A maximum of 10 square feet of floor area for each one square foot of floor area contained in the child care facility for new structures.

For purposes of calculating the density bonus under this section, both indoor and outdoor square footage requirements for the child care facility as set forth in applicable state child care licensing requirements shall be included in the floor area of the child care facility.
(3) "Developer" means the owner or other person, including a lessee, having the right under the applicable zoning ordinan

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an application for development approvals for the development or redevelopment of a commercial or industrial project.
(4) "Floor area" means as to a commercial or industrial project, the floor area as calculated under the applicable zoning ordinance of a city council, including a charter city council, city and county board of supervisors, or county board of supervisors and as to a child care facility, the total area contained within the exterior walls of the facility and all outdoor areas devoted to the use of the facility in accordance with applicable state child care licensing requirements.
(b) A city council, including a charter city council, city and county board of supervisors, or county board of supervisors may establish a procedure by ordinance to grant a developer of a commercial or industrial project, containing at least 50,000 square feet of floor area, a density bonus when that developer has set aside at least 2,000 square feet of floor area and 3,000 outdoor square feet to be used for a child care facility. The granting of a bonus shall not preclude a city council, including a charter city council, city and county board of supervisors, or county board of supervisors from imposing necessary conditions on the project or on the additional square footage. Projects constructed under this section shall conform to height, setback, lot coverage, architectural review, site plan review, fees, charges, and other health, safety, and zoning requirements generally applicable to construction in the zone in which the property is located. A consortium with more than one developer may be permitted to achieve the threshold amount for the available density bonus with each developer's density bonus equal to the percentage participation of the developer. This facility may be located on the project site or may be located offsite as agreed upon by the developer and local agency. If the child care facility is not located on the site of the project, the local agency shall determine whether the location of the child care facility is appropriate and whether it conforms with the intent of this section. The child care facility shall be of a size to comply with all state licensing requirements in order to accommodate at least 40 children.
(c) The developer may operate the child care facility itself or may contract with a licensed child care provider to operate the facility. In all cases, the developer shall show ongoing coordination with a local child care resource and referral network or local governmental child care coordinator in order to qualify for the density bonus.
(d) If the developer uses space allocated for child care facility purposes, in accordance with subdivision (b), for purposes other than for a child care facility, an assessment based on the square footage of the project may be levied and collected by the city council, including a charter city council, city and county board of supervisors, or county board of supervisors. The assessment shall be consistent with the market value of the space. If the developer fails to have the space allocated for the child care facility within three years, from the date upon which the first temporary certificate of occupancy is granted, an assessment based on the square footage of the project may be levied and collected by the city council, including a charter city council, city and county board of supervisors, or county board of supervisors in accordance with procedures to be developed by the legislative body of the city council, including a charter city council, city and county board of supervisors, or county board of supervisors. The assessment shall be consistent with the market value of the space. A penalty levied against a consortium of developers shall be charged to each developer in an amount equal to the developer's percentage square feet participation. Funds collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be deposited by the city council, including a charter city council, city and county board of supervisors, or county board of supervisors into a special account to be used for child care services or child care facilities.
(e) Once the child care facility has been established, prior to the closure, change in use, or reduction in the physical size of, the facility, the city, city council, including a charter city council, city and county board of supervisors, or county board of supervisors shall be required to make a finding that the need for child care is no longer present, or is not present to the same degree as it was at the time the facility was established.
(f) The requirements of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 66000) and of the amendments made to Sections 53077, 54997, and 54998 by Chapter 1002 of the Statutes of 1987 shall not apply to actions taken in accordance with this section.
(g) This section shall not apply to a voter-approved ordinance adopted by referendum or initiative.
(Amended by Stats. 2008, Ch. 179, Sec. 112. Effective January 1, 2009.)
65918. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to charter cities.
(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 1207.)

## Design Permit Design Review Criteria

17.120.070 Design review criteria. When considering design permit applications, the city shall evaluate applications to ensure that they satisfy the following criteria, comply with the development standards of the zoning district, conform to policies of the general plan, the local coastal program, and any applicable specific plan, and are consistent with any other policies or guidelines the city council may adopt for this purpose. To obtain design permit approval, projects must satisfy these criteria to the extent they apply.
A. Community Character. The overall project design including site plan, height, massing, architectural style, materials, and landscaping contribute to Capitola's unique coastal village character and distinctive sense of place.
B. Neighborhood Compatibility. The project is designed to respect and complement adjacent properties. The project height, massing, and intensity is compatible with the scale of nearby buildings. The project design incorporates measures to minimize traffic, parking, noise, and odor impacts on nearby residential properties.
C. Historic Character. Renovations and additions respect and preserve existing historic structure. New structures and additions to non-historic structures reflect and complement the historic character of nearby properties and the community at large.
D. Sustainability. The project supports natural resource protection and environmental sustainability through features such as on-site renewable energy generation, passive solar design, enhanced energy efficiency, water conservation measures, and other green building techniques.
E. Pedestrian Environment. The primary entrances are oriented towards and visible from the street to support an active public realm and an inviting pedestrian environment.
F. Privacy. The orientation and location of buildings, entrances, windows, doors, decks, and other building features minimizes privacy impacts on adjacent properties and provides adequate privacy for project occupants.
G. Safety. The project promotes public safety and minimizes opportunities for crime through design features such as property access controls (e.g., placement of entrances, fences), increased visibility and features that promote a sense of ownership of outdoor space.
H. Massing and Scale. The massing and scale of buildings complement and respect neighboring structures and correspond to the scale of the human form. Large volumes are divided into small components through varying wall planes, heights, and setbacks. Building placement and massing avoids impacts to public views and solar access.
I. Architectural Style. Buildings feature an architectural style that is compatible with the surrounding built and natural environment, is an authentic implementation of appropriate established architectural styles, and reflects Capitola's unique coastal village character.
J. Articulation and Visual Interest. Building facades are well articulated to add visual interest, distinctiveness, and human scale. Building elements such as roofs, doors, windows, and
porches are part of an integrated design and relate to the human scale. Architectural details such as trim, eaves, window boxes, and brackets contribute to the visual interest of the building.
K. Materials. Building facades include a mix of natural, high quality, and durable materials that are appropriate to the architectural style, enhance building articulation, and are compatible with surrounding development.
L. Parking and Access. Parking areas are located and designed to minimize visual impacts and maintain Capitola's distinctive neighborhoods and pedestrian-friendly environment. Safe and convenient connections are provided for pedestrians and bicyclists.
M. Landscaping. Landscaping is an integral part of the overall project design, is appropriate to the site and structures, and enhances the surrounding area.
N. Drainage. The site plan is designed to maximize efficiency of on-site drainage with runoff directed towards permeable surface areas and engineered retention.
O. Open Space and Public Places. Single-family dwellings feature inviting front yards that enhance Capitola's distinctive neighborhoods. Multifamily residential projects include public and private open space that is attractive, accessible, and functional. Nonresidential development provides semi-public outdoor spaces, such as plazas and courtyards, which help support pedestrian activity within an active and engaging public realm.
P. Signs. The number, location, size, and design of signs complement the project design and are compatible with the surrounding context.
Q. Lighting. Exterior lighting is an integral part of the project design with light fixtures designed, located, and positioned to minimize illumination of the sky and adjacent properties.
R. Accessory Structures. The design of detached garages, sheds, fences, walls, and other accessory structures relates to the primary structure and is compatible with adjacent properties.
S. Mechanical Equipment, Trash Receptacles, and Utilities. Mechanical equipment, trash receptacles, and utilities are contained within architectural enclosures or fencing, sited in unobtrusive locations, and/or screened by landscaping.


## BAD RACKS

These racks have a "bad" label from their long history of damaging bikes, being low-security, and generally difficult to use.

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## MATERIALS \& FINISHES

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

## AVOID RUST \& CORROSION

Hollow racks with a closed base often build moisture internally and rust from the inside-out, reducing the lifespan of the product.

Look for racks with an opendesign, that not only drain moisture, but allow the interior to be coated with a protective

## WHAT'S BEST FOR THE BIKE?

Metal bike racks can scrape, dent, or chip bicycle frames.

Look for products that have protective guards around lockable loops to prevent metal-to-metal contact.

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PREVENTING THEFT
$\checkmark$ Solid tubing Square tubing is more difficult to cut than round, but solid materials will be the most theft-resistant.
Square tubing

Docks, post, and ring racks have lockable
 loops to lean bikes

# Capitola Planning Commission <br> Agenda Report 

Meeting: April 4, 2024
From: Community Development Department
Address: 2175 41 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Avenue, Suite A


Project Description: Application \#24-0070 for a Conditional Use Permit and Master Sign Program to transfer the location of an existing retail cannabis establishment (The Hook) from the current 4170 Gross Road location to 2175 41st Avenue, Suite A. Both locations are in the Regional Commercial (C$\mathrm{R})$ zoning district. The proposed relocation is not in the Coastal Zone.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends the Planning Commission approve Application \#24-007 based on the Conditions and Findings of Approval.

Property Owner: Novin Properties, INC
Representative: Bryce Berryessa, Filed: 2/16/2024
Background: The applicant was approved to operate a retail cannabis business at 4170 Gross Road on December 5, 2019.

On February 16, 2024, the applicant submitted a new application to relocate the business to $217541^{\text {st }}$ Avenue, Suite A. The City's Retail Cannabis Licensing Regulations do not require issuance of a new retail license to transfer to a new location, but does require a new Conditional Use Permit to review the new location.

Discussion: The existing structure at $217541^{\text {st }}$ Avenue is a one-story commercial building with four tenant spaces. The lot is flanked by Men's Warehouse to the south, a dental office to the north, and a residential neighborhood to the west. The building has no ingress/egress at the rear.

## Retail Cannabis License

Capitola Municipal Code (CMC) Chapter 5.36 titled Retail Cannabis Licenses contains the licensing requirements for retail cannabis businesses. Chapter 5.36 sets the maximum number of retail licenses at two within City limits.

Pursuant to section $5.36 .030(\mathrm{~A})(10)$ : "A cannabis retailer license does not run with the property. Licensees may change locations contingent upon obtaining a letter of referral from the City's Chief of Police, a conditional use permit for the new location, and approval from the state licensing agency for the new location."

Currently, the two retail licenses within the City are held by The Hook at 4170 Gross Road and Apothecarium at $185041^{\text {st }}$ Avenue. The Hook is seeking a CUP to relocate the establishment. The Apothecarium is currently in transition related to ownership but not location. Transfer of ownership requires review and approval by the Police Department but does not require review by Planning Commission.

## Conditional Use Permit

Under Capitola Municipal Code (CMC) §17.24.020(D)(1)(b), Retail Cannabis in the C-R Zoning District requires a conditional use permit. In order for the Planning Commission to approve a conditional use permit application for a retail cannabis establishment, the project must meet the following standards:

1. Distance from Schools and Churches. Retail cannabis establishments are not permitted within a path of travel of 1,000 feet from any schools and churches. The path of travel shall be measured following the shortest path of travel along a public right-of-way from the property line of the proposed retail cannabis establishment parcel to the church or school.

Staff Analysis: $217541^{\text {st }}$ Avenue is not within a path of travel of 1,000 feet from any schools or churches. The nearest school is Opal Cliffs Elementary School, which is over 4,000 feet away.
2. Distance between Retail Cannabis Establishments. A retail cannabis establishment shall not be located within a path of travel of 500 feet of another retail cannabis establishment. Path of travel is measured from the retail establishment suite on a multi-tenant property or the structure for a singletenant property.

Staff Analysis: 4170 Gross Road is approximately 1,450 feet from the other permitted retail cannabis establishment at $185041^{\text {st }}$ Avenue.
3. Independent Access. A retail cannabis establishment shall have an independent exterior entrance that is not shared with any other business or residence.

Staff Analysis: $217541^{\text {st }}$ Avenue, Suite A has an independent exterior entrance that is not shared with any other business or residence.

## Parking

The subject brick façade building includes a 9,539-square-foot commercial building at 2155, 2165, and $217541^{\text {st }}$ Avenue with four commercial tenant spaces. The subject tenant space was previously used by the self-service laundry business in the adjacent tenant space. Self-service laundry is classified as a "personal service" in the Zoning Ordinance and requires parking at a ratio of 1 parking space per 300 square feet of personal service. Retail uses also require 1 parking space per 300 square foot retail, so a change of use from personal service to retail is not an intensification of use and no additional parking is required pursuant to CMC Section 17.76.020(B)(2). Additionally, the total building size of 9,539 square feet and combination of retail and personal service uses yields a parking requirement of 32 parking spaces at a 1:300 square foot ratio. The existing parking lot has 32 onsite parking spaces and is compliant.

## Master Sign Permit

Pursuant to CMC Section 17.80.130.B, a master sign program is required for a commercial use with four or more tenants. The commercial building at $217541^{\text {st }}$ Avenue recently completed a tenant improvement to create four commercial tenant spaces and therefore is required to have a master sign program. The three existing tenants have one wall sign above each establishment. The applicant is proposing one monument sign and one window sign for the new tenant space. Suite A will be the only tenant permitted to have a monument sign. The property owner has agreed to this limitation for the monument sign (Attachment 4).

## Monument Sign

- 1 monument sign hand-painted aluminum
- 5.5 feet in diameter
- Mounted at 6 inches above final grade (top of sign shall not exceed eight feet above adjoining sidewalk)
- Sign Area: 23.76 square feet
- Located 5 feet behind the sidewalk per 17.80.80.C. 7

Window Sign:

- 1 window sign above entrance door
- Green Cross
- Sign Area 3 square feet
- Plexiglass with painted black wood frame

- Total Signage not to exceed 27 square feet

Master Sign Programs are required to comply with the design standards of CMC Section 17.80.130.F. as listed in underline below:

1. Master sign programs shall feature a unified and coordinated approach to the materials, size, type, placement, and general design of signs proposed for a project or property. Master sign programs may allow for variety in the design of individual signs.

Staff analysis: The subject property was developed in 1962 and the three original tenant spaces mounted their signs to center on the dominant, three-arch features. The new and smaller tenant space at $217541^{\text {st }}$ Avenue, Suite A is proposing a monument sign and a window sight to avoid disruption of the coordinated approach of the existing signage.
2. A master sign program may deviate from standards contained in this chapter relating to permitted sign height, number of signs, sign area, and type of sign. A master sign program may not allow prohibited signs as identified in CMC Section 17.80.060 (Prohibited signs).

Staff analysis: The City's sign code allows one square foot of signage for every linear foot of tenant or building frontage with a cap of the total combination of site signage at 50 square feet. The three existing tenant signs are nonconforming and far exceed the 50 square foot maximum. However, collectively, the signs are far less than the linear frontage of the building and they do not appear out of scale with the building. The Master Sign Program allows $217541^{\text {st }}$ Avenue, Suite to have signage in accordance with the current sign code relative to the unit's linear frontage and avoids disrupting the established pattern of wall signage at the property.

## CEQA:

This project is categorically exempt under Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act and is not subject to Section 753.5 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. The proposed project involves a retail use occupying an existing commercial space previously occupied by a personal service use. The project includes no additional floor. No adverse environmental impacts were discovered during project review by Planning staff or the Planning Commission.

## CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. The project approval consists of a conditional use permit and master sign permit for the relocation of an existing retail cannabis establishment (The Hook) from 4170 Gross Road to $217541^{\text {st }}$ Avenue. The proposed project is approved as indicated on the final plans reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission on April 4, 2024, except as modified through conditions imposed by the Planning Commission during the hearing.
2. Prior to construction, a building permit shall be secured for any new construction or modifications to structures authorized by this permit. Final building plans shall be consistent with the plans approved by the Planning Commission. All construction and site improvements shall be completed according to the approved plans.
3. At time of submittal for building permit review, the Conditions of Approval must be printed in full on the cover sheet of the construction plans.
4. Prior to making any changes to approved plans, modifications must be specifically requested and submitted in writing to the Community Development Department. Any significant changes to the size or exterior appearance of the structure shall require Planning Commission approval.
5. Prior to issuance of building permit, all Planning fees associated with Permit \#24-0070 shall be paid in full.
6. Prior to any work in the City road right of way, an encroachment permit shall be acquired by the contractor performing the work. No material or equipment storage may be placed in the road right-of-way.
7. The business owner shall apply for a Building Permit to install or relocate the existing secondary means of egress (door), prior to opening for business.
8. During construction, any construction activity shall be subject to a construction noise curfew, except when otherwise specified in the building permit issued by the City. Construction noise shall be prohibited between the hours of nine p.m. and seven-thirty a.m. on weekdays. Construction noise shall be prohibited on weekends with the exception of Saturday work between 9 AM and 4 PM or emergency work approved by the Building Official. §9.12.010B
9. Prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, compliance with all conditions of approval shall be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director and Chief of Police. Upon evidence of non-compliance with conditions of approval of the Conditional Use permit and/or the retail cannabis license, or applicable municipal code provisions, the applicant shall remedy the non-compliance to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director and Chief of Police. Failure to remedy a non-compliance in a timely manner may result in conditional use permit revocation and retail cannabis license revocation.
10. This permit shall expire on April 4, 2026, if the applicant has not obtained a referral from the Chief of Police and the appropriate state license(s) for retail sales of cannabis as required under Capitola Municipal Code $\S 5.36 .030(\mathrm{~A})(10)$. The applicant shall have an approved building permit and construction underway within 24 months of the Conditional Use approval date to prevent permit expiration.
11. Upon receipt of a certificate of occupancy, garbage and recycling containers shall be placed out of public view on non-collection days.
12. Signs shall be reviewed under a separate application.
13. The Conditional Use Permit shall only be valid as long as the commercial space is occupied by a business possessing a valid Retail Cannabis License from the City of Capitola.
14. The City's Community Development Department shall conduct a final inspection of the secondary egress, prior to opening for business.

## FINDINGS FOR CUP

A. The proposed use is allowed in the applicable Zoning District.

Community Development staff and the Planning Commission have reviewed the project. The proposed conditional use permit to relocate an existing retail cannabis business comply with the standards of the C-R zoning district. The project secures the purpose of the General Plan and design policies and regulations adopted by the City Council.
B. The proposed use is consistent with the General Plan, Local Coastal Plan, Zoning Code, and any applicable specific plan or area plan adopted by the City Council.
Community Development staff and the Planning Commission have reviewed the application for a conditional use permit for the relocation of an existing retail cannabis business. The project complies with all applicable provisions of applicable city standards.
C. The location, size, design, and operating characteristics of the proposed use will be compatible with the existing and planned land uses in the vicinity of the property.
Community Development staff and the Planning Commission have all reviewed the project. The proposed conditional use permit to relocate a retail cannabis business will be compatible with the properties and improvements in the vicinity.
D. The proposed use will not be detrimental to the public's health, safety, or welfare. Community Development staff and the Planning Commission have all reviewed the project. The proposed conditional use permit to relocate a retail cannabis business will not be detrimental to the public's health, safety, or welfare or materially injurious to the properties or improvements in the vicinity.
E. The proposed use is properly located within the City and adequately served by existing or planned services and infrastructure.
Community Development staff and the Planning Commission have reviewed the use and location. The use meets the applicable distancing standards and is adequately served by existing infrastructure.

## FINDINGS FOR SIGN PERMIT

A. The proposed signs are consistent with the General Plan, Local Coastal Program, Zoning Code, and any applicable specific plan or area plan adopted by the City Council.
The proposed signage is consistent with the General Plan, Local Coastal Program, and the Zoning Ordinance with the approval of the Master Sign Program. The Master Sign Program for this property allows for a coordinated approach to allow signage for the new tenant spaces without disrupting the existing symmetry and balance of the established building signage.
B. The proposed signs comply with all applicable standards in CMC Chapter 17.80 (Signs). CMC Chapter 17.80 allows for the establishment of Master Sign Programs to manage multi-tenant properties. Master Sign Programs are specifically allowed to deviate from CMC Chapter 17.80 to achieve a customized approach for signage of more complicated properties.
C. The proposed sign will not adversely impact public health, safety, or general welfare. The proposed signs will not have an adverse impact on public health, safety, or welfare. The signs are non-illuminated and comply with size and placement allowances for the respective tenant space.
D. The number, size, placement, design, and material of the proposed signs are compatible with the architectural design of buildings on the site.

The Master Sign Program is intended to address the unique architecture and established symmetrical design of the wall signage at the property. The tenant space at $217541^{\text {st }}$ Avenue, Suite A is only allowed to install a monument sign and window signage to respect the established aesthetic of the site.
E. The proposed signs are restrained in character and no larger than necessary for adequate identification.
The proposed signage complies with the allowed signage square footage pursuant to CMC Chapter 17.80 for the respective tenant space and is nonilluminated.

## Attachments:

1. Tenant Space Plans
2. Tenant Sign Exhibit
3. Master Sign Program
4. Owner Letter

Report Prepared By: Brian Froelich, Senior Planner
Reviewed By: Julia Gautho, City Clerk
Approved By: Katie Herlihy, Community Development Director

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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION <br>   



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## PROJECT SIGNAGE

## 2175 41st Ave

## Proposed Site Signage:

## Site / Monument Sign

Proposed: "The Hook" Circle, 5.5' Diameter Mounted @ + 24" = 23.76 ft 2
Hand-painted aluminum Sign Board
Sign placement is to be located 5' behind the sidewalk per 17.80.80C7
Window Sign: Front Exterior above Entrance Door
Proposed: One Green Cross .77' width x 2.32 ' Lengths $=3 \mathrm{ft} 2$
Plexiglass with Painted Black Wood Frame
Total Signage not to exceed 27ft2



SITE / MONUMENT SIGN

## Master Sign Program

March 29, 2024
2155, 2165, 2175, and $217541^{\text {st }}$ Avenue

## A. General Sign Regulations

1. All signs are subject to the Capitola Zoning Ordinance.
2. All new, replaced, and modified signs which are not otherwise exempt require a sign permit to be approved by the city.
B. Wall Signs
3. The tenant units at 2155,2165 , and $217541^{\text {st }}$ Avenue shall install or maintain wall signs that center above the prominent brick arch that frames the respective tenant space, and center vertically between the top of the arch and the top of the parapet wall directly above.
4. Replacement signage shall not exceed the size of existing signage for each respective tenant space.
5. Only units 2155,2165 , and $217541^{\text {st }}$ Avenue shall be permitted to have signs mounted to the brick building wall.
6. All wall signs shall be individual channel letter signs.

## C. Monument Signs

7. $217541^{\text {st }}$ Avenue, Suite A shall be permitted to locate one monument sign on the site.
8. The size of the monument sign for $217541^{\text {st }}$ Avenue, Suite A shall not exceed 24 square feet.
9. Only unit $217541^{\text {st }}$ Avenue, Suite A shall be permitted to install a monument sign.

To whom it may concern,
I, Abe Novin, hereby approve of the site plan, premises diagram, and signage plan for tenant improvements at 2175 41st Ave. Capitola, CA 95010, as provided to me and to the City of Capitola under conditional use and building permits submitted by Mr. Bryce Berryessa on behalf of Berryessa Holdings DBA The Hook. I understand that the City of Capitola will allow a single monument sign at the property as submitted by 'The Hook.'


Date: March 14, 2024


[^0]:    ${ }^{1} 54221$. As used in this article, the following definitions shall apply:
    (f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), "exempt surplus land" means any of the following:
    (C) Surplus land that a local agency is exchanging for another property necessary for the agency's use. "Property" may include easements necessary for the agency's use.
    (D) Surplus land that a local agency is transferring to another local, state, or federal agency, or to a third-party intermediary for future dedication for the receiving agency's use, or to a federally recognized California Indian tribe.

[^1]:    1 The OPR Technical Advisory provides data to support the conclusion that adding affordable housing to infill locations generally improves jobs-housing match, in turn shortening commutes and reducing VMT. Accordingly, the recommended screening criteria provide that projects that are 100\% affordable residential development, or the residential component of a mixed-use development, in infill locations shall be assumed to have a less than significant impact on transportation. (SB 743 Implementation, 2020)

[^2]:    (e) For purposes of this section, subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 65915 shall apply.

