



Agenda Item LO2

**Approvals:**

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## AGENDA REPORT

SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Date: July 7, 2020

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**Department:** Community Development  
City Attorney

**Prepared By:** Scott C. Smith, City Attorney

**Subject:** *DIRECTION TO CITY STAFF TO DISCONTINUE WORK ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE RANCHO SAN CLEMENTE SPECIFIC PLAN AND THE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE RANCHO SAN CLEMENTE SPECIFIC PLAN AREA*

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no fiscal impact.

**Background:** On August 20, 2019, the City Council initiated the exploration of an amendment to the Rancho San Clemente Specific Plan to consider adding public safety uses as an allowed use in specific nonresidential areas of Rancho San Clemente. "Public safety uses" are not defined in the Specific Plan, but it may include temporary public camping or a police substation, when authorized by the City. This effort was in addition to the review of site feasibility of City-owned property to consider additional sites as potentially appropriate for establishing an interim camp site or shelter in the future.

On December 17, 2019, the City Council initiated exploration of an amendment to the General Plan to change the land use designation for the property to allow for use of the parcel as a temporary camp location for public health, safety, and welfare purposes, if determined by the City.

**Discussion:** As explained above, the City Council initiated a Specific Plan amendment on August 20, 2019 and a General Plan amendment on December 17, 2019 authorizing staff work on allowing public safety uses within the Rancho San Clemente Specific Plan area. This item concerns the City Council's direction to City staff to discontinue work on these amendments.

As directed by the amendment initiations, the City staff began work on the planning and environmental analysis and preparation required for the amendments. However, the City's proposed budget for fiscal year 2020-21 did not include funding for the amendments. Therefore, work

on these amendments will not be pursued at this time. Because the City Council initiated the amendments, discontinuing work on the amendments requires City Council direction.

***Environmental  
Review:***

Ceasing work on the Specific Plan amendment and General Plan amendment would not, in itself, in any way impact or alter the physical environment. Accordingly, this action is exempt from environmental review under State CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(3) (the general-rule exemption).

***Recommended  
Action:***

STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the City Council: Direct City staff to discontinue work on the amendment to Rancho San Clemente Specific Plan initiated on August 20, 2019 and the General Plan amendment to the Rancho San Clemente Specific Plan area initiated on December 17, 2019.

***Attachments:*** None.

***Notification:*** None.