



Legislation Text

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Resolution making findings and a determination that the environmental effects of the proposed Security Building (B38) at 380 DNA Way at the Genentech Campus were sufficiently analyzed under the Genentech Master Plan Update Environmental Impact Report under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15168.

WHEREAS, Genentech (“Applicant”) has proposed construction of a 12,100 square foot office building to serve as a Security Building (“Project”) for the Genentech Campus at 380 DNA Way (“Project Site”); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project is located within the Genentech Master Plan (GMP) zoning district; and

WHEREAS, the applicant seeks approval of a Conditional Use Permit (UP22-0004), and Design Review (DR22-0008), for the Project; and

WHEREAS, approval of the applicant’s proposal is considered a “project” for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§21000, et seq.) (“CEQA”); and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved a Genentech Campus Master Plan Update in 2020, which articulates the vision for growth and development throughout the Genentech Campus; and

WHEREAS, the City Council certified the Genentech Campus Master Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) in December, 2020 (State Clearinghouse number 2017052064) in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, which analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the development of the Genentech Campus; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations (“SOC”) in December 2020, in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, which carefully considered each significant and unavoidable impact identified in the EIR and found that the significant environmental impacts are acceptable in light of the project’s economic, legal, social, technological and other benefits; and

WHEREAS, the City and applicant prepared an Initial Study for the Project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(4), which study concluded that CEQA Guidelines Section 15168 because pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15162 the Project is within the scope of the Genentech Campus Master Plan EIR and would not result in any new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of any previously identified effects beyond those disclosed and analyzed in the Genentech Master Plan EIR certified by City Council nor would new mitigation be required; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2022, the Planning Commission for the City of South San Francisco held a lawfully

noticed public hearing to solicit public comment and consider the proposed entitlements and environmental effects of the Project and take public testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission exercised its independent judgment and analysis, and considered all reports, recommendations, and testimony before making a determination on the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that based on the entirety of the record before it, which includes without limitation, the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§21000, et seq.) (“CEQA”) and the CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations §§15000, et seq.); the South San Francisco General Plan and General Plan EIR; the Genentech Campus Master Plan, the Genentech Campus Master Plan Program EIR and Statement of Overriding Considerations; the Plan Bay Area and Plan Bay Area EIR, the B38 Initial Study; all site plans, and all reports, minutes, and public testimony submitted as part of the Planning Commission’s duly noticed July 7, 2022 meeting; and any other evidence (within the meaning of Public Resources Code Sections 21080(e) and 21082.2), the Planning Commission of the City of South San Francisco hereby finds as follows:

SECTION 1 **FINDINGS**

A. General Findings

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and made a part of this Resolution.
2. Exhibit A attached to this Resolution, B38 Security Building Initial Study, is incorporated by reference and made a part of this Resolution, as if set forth fully herein.
3. The documents and other material constituting the record for these proceedings are located at the Planning Division for the City of South San Francisco, 315 Maple Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080, and in the custody of the Chief Planner, Tony Rozzi.

B. CEQA Findings

1. For the reasons stated in this Resolution, there is not substantial evidence in the record to support a fair argument that approval of the Project will result, as contemplated in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, in significant environmental effects beyond those adequately evaluated and addressed by the Genentech Campus Master Plan Update Program EIR nor would the Project require any new mitigation measures and therefore, the Project is within the scope of the Genentech Campus Master Plan Update Program EIR and the Program EIR may be used for this later activity pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168 because:
 - a. The Project is a subsequent project within the scope of the Project Description as analyzed in the Program EIR for the 2020 Genentech Master Plan;
 - b. The Project will have no significant environmental effects not previously addressed in the 2020

Genentech Master Plan Program EIR, and will not have any significant effects that are more severe than those previously addressed in the 2020 Genentech Master Plan Program EIR

- c. No substantial changes to the Genentech Master Plan are proposed as part of this Project. No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the 2020 Genentech Master Plan Program EIR was certified, and no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the 2020 Genentech Master Plan Program EIR was certified as complete, has become available.
- d. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required.
- e. All applicable regulations and mitigation measures identified in the 2020 Genentech Master Plan Program EIR will be applied to the Project or otherwise made conditions of approval of the Project.

SECTION 2 **DETERMINATION**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission of the City of South San Francisco hereby makes the findings contained in this Resolution and determines that the environmental effects of the proposed Project were sufficiently analyzed under the 2020 Genentech Master Plan Program EIR (EIR) pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15168.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

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