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SUBJECT: Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) Consistency Review of Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Add Chapter 19.47 Lighting Regulations Ordinance to City of Camarillo Municipal Code

Dear Amanda,

As we have been discussing, the City is considering amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the Camarillo Municipal Code (CMC), with an anticipated public hearing before the Planning Commission in early December, as follows:

- Amend Chapters 19.12, 19.14, 19.16, 19.18, 19.21, 19.22, 19.23, 19.24, 19.25, 19.26, 19.27, 19.28, 19.30, 19.32, and 19.44. which are to be amended to indicate that in these zones exterior lighting is permitted subject to the procedures and regulations in accordance with a proposed new Chapter 19.47 – Lighting Regulations ordinance.
- Add Chapter 19.47, which is a comprehensive Lighting Regulations ordinance applicable in all zones, (except for light fixtures within the public right-of-way) that would also allow the Director of Community Development to review and approve lighting plans for new lighting, subject to requirements of the proposed ordinance to ensure safety, meet current practices for modern development projects and reduce glare and light spillover. (Draft ordinance attached)
- And for the Planning Commission to make a recommendation to the City Council of approval of a resolution adopting the City of Camarillo Lighting Fixture Guide. (Draft Lighting Fixture Guide attached)

The proposed ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) under the State CEQA Guidelines (Chapter 3 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations beginning at Section 15000), specifically: Section 15061(b)(3), exempts this ordinance because the item is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA; and Section 15308 exempts this ordinance because, actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. In this case the City by implementing regulations on light use enhances the environment by reducing light pollution. Therefore, this item is exempt from CEQA.

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In December, 2022, we anticipate a public hearing before the Planning Commission, and they will be requested to review the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment, open a public hearing, accept public input, and formulate a recommendation to the City Council, with their review anticipated in January, 2023.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph Vacca, Director, Community Development

Attached: Draft Camarillo Chapter 19.47 Lighting Regulations ordinance
 Draft Camarillo Lighting Fixture Guide

cc: Greg Ramirez, City Manager
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 ZOA to Chpt 19.47 case file