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Date: August 20, 2020

To: **COMMISSIONERS AND INTERESTED PERSONS**

From: **JOHN AINSWORTH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Subject: **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION** that the action by the City of San Diego, certifying the City's Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LCP-6-SAN-19-0141-2 (Civic San Diego Dissolution), is adequate to effectively certify its local coastal program (for Commission review at its meeting of September 9-11, 2020)

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## BACKGROUND

At its March 12, 2020 meeting, the Coastal Commission certified, with suggested modifications, the City of San Diego Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LCP-6-SAN-19-0141-2, regarding the dissolution of Civic San Diego. By its action adopting Ordinance Nos. 21224 and 21225 on August 13, 2020, the City Council has acknowledged and accepted all of the Commission's suggested modifications. The modifications addressed mapping errors, implemented view corridor requirements along Kettner Boulevard, and eliminated references to the Marina Planned District Ordinance which was repealed. In 2012, the City formed Civic San Diego, a nonprofit development agency, and granted it the authority to plan and permit development in the Centre City community. In 2019, the City reached a settlement agreement that included the dissolution of Civic San Diego and the return of all permitting and planning functions to the City. The subject amendment would implement the terms of the settlement agreement.

As provided for in Section 13544 of the Commission's Code of Regulations, the Executive Director must determine if the action of the City of San Diego is legally sufficient to finalize Commission review of the LCP amendment. The City's actions have been reviewed and determined to be adequate by the Executive Director. Section 13554 of the Commission's Code of Regulations then requires this determination be reported to the Commission for its concurrence.

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission **CONCUR** with the Executive Director's determination as set forth in the attached letter (to be sent after Commission endorsement).

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September 14, 2020

Mayor Kevin Faulconer  
City of San Diego  
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San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Certification of the City of San Diego Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LCP-6-SAN-19-0141-2 (Civic San Diego Dissolution)

Dear Mayor Faulconer:

The California Coastal Commission has reviewed the City's Ordinance Nos. 21224 and 21225 together with the Commission's action of March 12, 2020 certifying City of San Diego Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LCP-6-SAN-19-0141-2 pertaining to the dissolution of Civic San Diego. In accordance with Section 13544 of the Commission's Code of Regulations, I have made the determination that the City's actions are legally adequate, and the Commission has concurred at its meeting of September 10, 2020.

By its action on August 13, 2020, the City has formally acknowledged and accepted the Commission's certification of the Local Coastal Program Amendment including all suggested modifications. The modifications addressed mapping errors, implemented view corridor requirements along Kettner Boulevard, and eliminated references to the Marina Planned District Ordinance which was repealed. The City may now issue coastal development permits in conformance with the certified local coastal program for this area.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate you and all other elected or appointed officials, staff and concerned citizens for continuing to work towards full implementation of the Coastal Act. We remain available to assist you and your staff in any way possible as you continue to develop and implement the City's local coastal program.

Sincerely,

John Ainsworth  
Executive Director