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# W11b

## ADDENDUM

February 6, 2023

TO: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Parties

FROM: South Central Coast District Staff

SUBJECT: **Addendum to Item W11b, De Minimis Amendment Determination for City of Santa Barbara LCP Amendment No. LCP-4-SBC-22-0042-1 (Senate Bill 9) For the Commission Meeting of Wednesday, February 8, 2023**

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The purpose of this addendum is to respond to public comment letters received since publication of the staff report. The correspondence received is included under the correspondence tab for this item on the Commission's website.

### **I. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED, STAFF'S RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE**

Two correspondence letters have been received from public members expressing opposition to the proposed LCP amendment raising concerns that the increase in allowed residential development within areas zoned for single-family residential use would result in parking and traffic impacts, increased urban stormwater runoff, and further strain on limited water resources within the City. The letters did not raise issues regarding the amendment's consistency with specific policies or provisions of the City of Santa Barbara's Local Coastal Program or any policies of the Coastal Act.

As described in the January 19, 2023 staff report, the proposed LCP amendment seeks to modify existing standards and adds new standards relating to two-residential unit development to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 9 (SB 9)<sup>1</sup> in the coastal zone. The proposed amendment makes clear that the existing coastal resource protection requirements of the certified LCP will apply to two-residential unit development. Therefore, implementation of SB 9 in the City of Santa Barbara is not expected to have direct or indirect impacts to coastal resources or public access.

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<sup>1</sup> SB 9, which went into effect January 1, 2022, amends Government Code Section 66452.6 and adds Government Code Sections 65852.21 and 66411.7.

Much of the City of Santa Barbara's coastal zone consists of already-developed residential areas with adequate public services that may be appropriate for in-fill two-residential unit development, both inside and outside of the coastal zone. The City has carefully crafted SB 9 provisions that reflect the City's unique coastal zone attributes and, at the same time, relax standards for two-residential unit development overall to help incentivize and facilitate their construction. The result is a set of provisions that will adequately protect coastal resources as required by the LCP while increasing housing stock in the City's coastal zone. Therefore, staff has determined that the proposed amendment will not adversely affect coastal resources and that the proposed amendment is consistent with the policies of the certified LUP.