

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 18-66

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AFFIRMING EXISTING GENERAL
PLAN AND ZONING CODE LAND USE DESIGNATIONS
FOR RANCHO SAN JOAQUIN GOLF COURSE
PROPERTY

WHEREAS, The Rancho San Joaquin Golf Course (“Golf Course”) is located within City of Irvine Planning Area 19, with a General Plan and Zoning Code designations of “Recreation,” “Water Bodies,” “Medium Density Residential” (as to a 3.78-acre parcel containing the golf clubhouse and parking lot), and “Commercial Recreation” (as to a 5 acre parcel at the north of the Golf Course, containing the Shir H-Ma’alot church overflow parking lot); and

WHEREAS, the Golf Course has for decades been an important amenity to the City of Irvine generally, and the surrounding neighborhood in particular, from recreational, aesthetic, and open space standpoints (among others); and

WHEREAS, the Golf Course has been listed for sale, and members of the Irvine Community have expressed concern that the buyer/new-owner of the Golf Course will seek to redevelop it in a manner that is incompatible with the existing long established development of the surrounding properties, which redevelopment would require a General Plan amendment and/or a Zoning Code change; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently engaged in a process of comprehensively updating its General Plan, and through that process the community has ranked “Neighborhood Preservation & Enhancement” as the most important guiding principal; and

WHEREAS, consistent with community input, the City has identified the preservation and protection of existing neighborhoods as a central factor that will guide the City’s land use decisions in the General Plan amendment process; and

WHEREAS, printed materials generated in connection with the sale of the Golf Course property have falsely suggested that the City was considering amendments to the land use designations on the Golf Course property; and

WHEREAS, responding to community concerns that the City would change the General Plan and/or Zoning Code designations for the Golf Course property, on August 16, 2018, the Irvine Planning Commission held a special public meeting, at which (i) dozens of members of the public spoke, (ii) the Planning Commission deliberated at length, and (iii) the Planning Commission unanimously voted to reaffirm the existing land use designations for the Golf Course property; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2018 Mayor Wagner and Mayor Pro Tempore Shea placed an item on the August 28, 2018 City Council agenda, requesting that the City Council reaffirm that it has no intent to change the General Plan and/or Zoning Code designations applicable to the Golf Course property; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2018 the City Council conducted a public meeting on the Golf Course property, which was attended by hundreds of interested citizens, and during which dozens of individuals spoke on the matter; and

WHEREAS, those providing testimony at the August 28, 2018 expressed concern that changes to the General Plan and/or Zoning Code designations for the Golf Course, and resulting redevelopment of that property, would deprive the community of an important amenity, negatively impact the neighborhood character, impair open space and aesthetic values, and result in significant land use incompatibilities (among other concerns); and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of public testimony, and after extensive City Council deliberations, on August 28, 2018 the City Council directed the preparation of a resolution stating the City Council's intent that the current land use designations for the Golf Course property should not be changed.

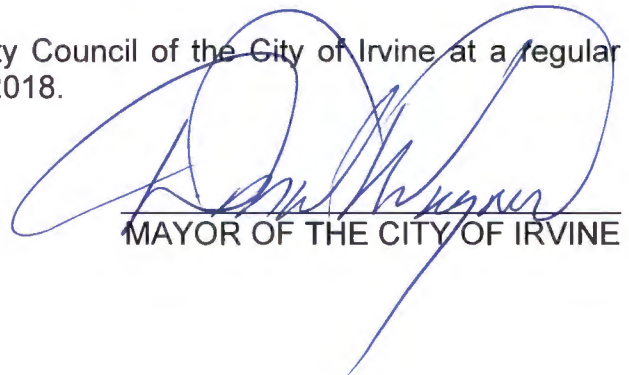
NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Irvine DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. The City Council finds and determines that the current General Plan and Zoning Code designations for the Golf Course property accurately and appropriately reflect the values of the community and City Council's vision and intent for the development of that property. As such, the City Council has no intent to amend the General Plan and/or Zoning Code to allow for a change in allowable uses on or development of the Golf Course property.

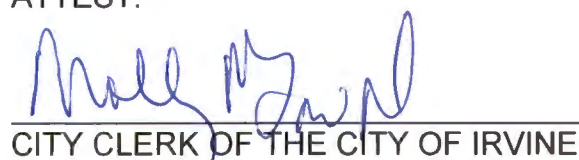
SECTION 3. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Irvine at a regular meeting held on the 12th day of September 2018.



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS
CITY OF IRVINE)

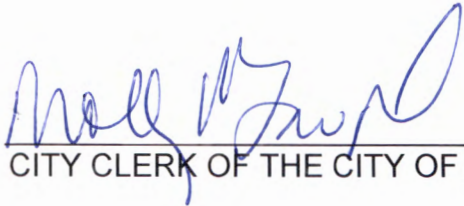
I, MOLLY MCLAUGHLIN, City Clerk of the City of Irvine, HEREBY DO CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Irvine, held on the 12th day of September 2018.

AYES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Schott, Shea, and Wagner

NOES: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Fox and Lalloway

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE