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**CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of
Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

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CALL TO ORDER

10 Chair Spears called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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ROLL CALL

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14 Present: Chair Spears, Vice Chair Hutt, Commissioners Catalano, Denison, Desai,
15 Frierman-Hunt

16 Absent: Commissioner Pevsner

17 Staff: Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation
18 Jennifer Peterson, Administrative Analyst
19 Aleks Giragosian, Deputy City Attorney
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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23 Commissioner Catalano moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Denison
24 seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2017

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28 Vice Chair Hutt moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Catalano seconded.
29 Motion carried with Commissioner Frierman-Hunt abstaining.
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AUDIENCE COMMENTS

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DISCUSSION

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**DISCUSSION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER
17.56 – NON CONFORMING USES ORDINANCE**

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40 Director Gonzalez delivered the Staff Report.

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42 Chair Spears commended Vice Chair Hutt on the leadership of the subcommittee, which
43 was seconded by Commissioner Frierman-Hunt. Chair Spears invited Commissioner
44 Hutt to lead the discussion.
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46 Vice Chair Hutt lead the Commission's review of the revised draft ordinance.
47 The Commission agreed to have staff return with draft ordinance for a public hearing.
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49 **Recently Signed Affordable Housing Bills**

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51 Deputy City Attorney Giragosian delivered the staff report and Power Point
52 presentation.

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54 The Commission discussed the application of the housing bills to the city.
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56 **Public Comment**

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58 Barbara Leigh Kline
59 Ms. Kline inquired about the City's ability to push back on RHNA numbers, and inquired
60 if we can force the state to work with the City.
61 She also was concerned that AB72 could create a regulatory taking.
62 Ms. Kline was also concerned that the Kensington Development will not count towards
63 our required RHNA numbers.
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65 **ORAL COMMUNICATION**

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67 **Audience**

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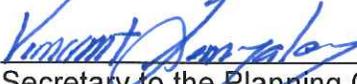
70 **Planning Commission**

71 Chair Spears commended staff, noting that a property on East Montecito that had been
72 out of compliance for a number of years has finally been mitigated.
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74 **Planning & Community Preservation Staff**

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76 Director Gonzalez noted that the next scheduled Planning Commission meeting
77 conflicts with the Honors Dinner. He stated that it is up to the Commission if they would
78 like to cancel that meeting to allow members and staff to attend the Honors Dinner.
79 Vice Chair Hutt suggested combining agendas for both the December 7th & 21st
80 meetings, and meet on December 14th. Director Gonzalez stated that we could check
81 the City calendar for availability.
82 The Commission agreed by consensus to cancel the December 7th meeting and to
83 follow up to see if the 14th is available.
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86 Chair Spears adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at 9:13p.m

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89 Secretary to the Planning Commission
90 Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning & Community Preservation