

PC RESOLUTION NO. 2025-

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA AMMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE TEMECULA MUNICIPAL CODE TO 1) REMOVE ELECTION SIGN LANGAUGE FOR NONCOMMERCIAL OFF-PREMISES SIGNS ASSOCIATED WITH STATE, FEDERAL, OR LOCAL ELECTIONS 2) CREATE A NEW SECTION WITHIN TITLE 17 ESTABLISHING CITYWIDE STANDARDS FOR ELECTION SIGNS AND MAKE A FINDING OF EXEMPTION UNDER CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(B)(3)”

Section 1. Procedural Findings. The Planning Commission of the City of Temecula does hereby find, determine and declare that:

A. Over the last few election cycles, candidates and Council Members have expressed a desire to reform the existing practice related to enforcement of election signs. Staff initiated work on an update to Title 17 (Zoning) of the Temecula Municipal Code to create a new Section to address citywide issues related to election signs (Long Range Project Application No. LR25-0123).

B. The Ordinance was processed including, but not limited to a public notice, in the time and manner prescribed by State and local law.

C. The Planning Commission, at a regular meeting, considered the proposed amendments to Title 17 (Zoning) of the Temecula Municipal Code on October 15, 2025, at a duly noticed public hearing as prescribed by law, at which time the City staff and interested persons had an opportunity to and did testify either in support or in opposition to this matter.

D. The proposed amendments to Title 17 are consistent with the City of Temecula General Plan and each element thereof.

E. At the conclusion of the Planning Commission hearing and after due consideration of the testimony, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt the Ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

F. All legal preconditions to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred.

Section 2. Further Findings. In recommending adoption of the proposed Ordinance, the Planning Commission of the City of Temecula does hereby make the following additional findings as required by Section 17.01.040 (Relationship to the General Plan) of the Temecula Municipal Code:

A. The proposed uses are allowed in the land use designation in which the use is located, as shown on the land use map, or is described in the text of the general plan. Specifically, the proposed uses address traffic, visual appearance, and public safety issues..

The proposed Ordinance implements new citywide requirements for election related signage. These signs are temporary in nature. The Code currently has minimal election signage requirements. Adopting this Ordinance will further Goal 6 of the Land Use Element which specifies, "A development pattern that preserves aesthetics and enhances the environmental resources of the Planning Area," This is achieved by having specific election sign requirements that help to eliminate the aesthetic blight these signs have created citywide during election seasons. In addition, it must be noted that aesthetics are considered an environmental resource per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

B. The proposed uses are in conformance with the goals, policies, programs and guidelines of the elements of the General Plan.

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C. The proposed uses are to be established and maintained in a manner which is consistent with the General Plan and all applicable provisions contained therein.

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Section 3. Environmental Compliance. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the proposed Ordinance No. 2025- (Ordinance Regulating Election Signage) is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15061 (b) (3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment. The Ordinance will have no adverse environmental effects because it regulates temporary election signs. The Planning Commission, therefore, recommends

that the City Council of the City of Temecula adopt a Notice of Exemption for the proposed Ordinance.

Section 4. Recommendation. The City of Temecula Planning Commission hereby recommends the City Council approve Long Range Planning Application No LR25-0123, a proposed Citywide Ordinance as set forth on Exhibit “A”, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance will become effective January 1, 2026.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City of Temecula Planning Commission this 15th day of October, 2025.

Lanae Turley-Trejo, Chair

ATTEST:

Matt Peters
Secretary

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE)ss
CITY OF TEMECULA)

I, Matt Peters, Secretary of the Temecula Planning Commission, do hereby certify that the foregoing PC Resolution No. 2025- was duly and regularly adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Temecula at a regular meeting thereof held on the 15th day of October, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

NOES: PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAIN: PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

ABSENT: PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

Matt Peters
Secretary