

TITLE

World Logistics Center

Land Use and Zoning Entitlements Initiative

SUMMARY

On August 25, 2015, the Moreno Valley City Council approved the World Logistics Center project (“WLC Project”) which is described as a master-planned development encompassing up to 40.6 million square feet of building area specifically designed to support large-scale logistics operations. The WLC Project, as approved by the City Council, is planned to be located in the eastern portion of Moreno Valley south of State Highway 60 between Redlands Boulevard and Gilman Springs Road, north of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area.

The City Council’s approval of the WLC Project included the following legislative actions (“Project Approvals”): (a) adoption of Ordinance No. 900 that approved a Change of Zone, adopted the World Logistics Center Specific Plan (“WLC Specific Plan”), established the pre-zoning of an 85 acre annexation site located along Gilman Springs Road and Alessandro Boulevard, and repealed the Moreno Highlands Specific Plan; (b) adoption of Resolution No. 2015-57 that approved several General Plan Map and Text Amendments; and (c) adoption of Resolution No. 2015-59 that requested LAFCO to initiate proceedings to allow the City to annex the aforementioned 85 acre annexation site.

This initiative proposes to repeal the Project Approvals and replace them with a set of WLC Project land use and zoning entitlements that are substantially the same as the City Council’s Project Approvals. This also includes the imposition of a set of Conditions of Development that incorporates the Mitigation Measures set forth in the WLC Project Environmental Impact Report certified by the City Council.

Moreover, if this initiative is approved, the City Council will not be precluded from amending the initiative-approved WLC Specific Plan, the City’s General Plan and the City’s Zoning Map (Atlas) to allow additional uses in the WLC Specific Plan that are permitted in the City’s Industrial, Light Industrial and Business Park Zones in order to diversify the City’s economy.

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