

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE RIVERSIDE ALIVE PROJECT, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT RELATED THERETO PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.

WHEREAS, the City of Riverside (“City”) owns a 108,000-gross-square-foot convention facility (“Riverside Convention Center”) and associated surface parking lot (“Lot 33”), comprising a 10.28-acre site in Downtown Riverside (the “Site”); and

WHEREAS, the City is considering a new mixed-use entertainment and hospitality development and expansion of the Riverside Convention Center (the “Riverside Alive Project” or “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the City elected to conduct the necessary environmental review pursuant to CEQA to analyze a maximum likely development intensity for the Project site; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), the State of California CEQA Guidelines (“State CEQA Guidelines”) (California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, Sections 15000 et seq.) and the City of Riverside (“City”) CEQA Guidelines (collectively “CEQA Regulations”) an Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) was prepared for the Project; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Section 15082(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the City prepared and distributed a Notice of Preparation (“NOP”), which included the Initial Study, to all appropriate responsible and trustee agencies and to all organizations and individuals requesting notice, state that an EIR would be prepared for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the NOP was posted with the State Clearinghouse on October 9, 2024, (SCH#2024100396), beginning a 30-day public review period; and

WHEREAS, any responses to the NOP were considered in the preparation of the Draft EIR and interested agencies and individuals were contacted to secure their input; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Draft EIR was completed and a Notice of Completion (“NOC”) and the
2 Draft EIR was filed with the State Clearinghouse on or about May 19, 2025, in accordance with
3 the provisions of section 15085 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and

4 WHEREAS, the Notice of Availability for the DEIR was published in the Press Enterprise
5 and distributed to a variety of government agencies, organizations and interested parties, including:
6 local jurisdictions, tribal governments, state and federal agencies, resource agencies, water districts
7 and boards, transportation agencies, community groups and organizations, business organizations,
8 chambers of commerce, universities and school districts, senior/aging organizations, interested
9 parties and members of the public; and the DEIR was also posted on the City’s website and made
10 available for review at City Hall at 3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522, and at the Riverside
11 Public Library, Orange Terrace Branch at 20010-B Orange Terrace Parkway, Riverside, CA
12 92508; and

13 WHEREAS, the NOC and the NOA provided a 45-day public review period beginning
14 May 23rd, 2025, and ending July 7th, 2025; and

15 WHEREAS, the City received written and oral comments on the Draft EIR during this
16 public comment period, as well as after the close of the public comment period; and

17 WHEREAS, all comments on the Draft EIR concerning environmental issues that were
18 received during the public review period were evaluated by the City as the Lead Agency in
19 accordance with Section 15088 of the State CEQA Guidelines and responded to in accordance
20 with the law; and

21 WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the Draft
22 EIR on August 28, 2025; and

23 WHEREAS, the Final EIR dated December 24, 2025, for the Project consists of the May
24 23, 2025, Draft EIR, comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR, responses to
25 comments on the Draft EIR, appendices to the DEIR, changes to the Draft EIR, and a Mitigation
26 Monitoring and Reporting Program (collectively “FEIR”); and

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1 WHEREAS, the FEIR includes comments received on the Draft EIR and written responses
2 to those comments, the focus of which is on the disposition of significant environmental issues
3 raised in the comments, as specified by CEQA Guidelines section 15088(b); and

4 WHEREAS, the FEIR contains the elements required by the CEQA Regulations, including,
5 but not limited to: (a) identification, description and discussion of all potentially significant
6 environmental effects of the proposed Project; (b) a description of mitigation measures proposed
7 to minimize potential significant environmental effects on the project identified in the FEIR; (c) a
8 description of those potential environmental effects which cannot be avoided or can be mitigated
9 but not to a level of insignificance; (d) a description of a range of reasonable alternatives to the
10 proposed Project and evaluation of the comparative merits and potential significant environmental
11 effects of the alternatives; (e) a discussion of cumulative impacts in accordance with the
12 requirements of section 15130 of the State CEQA Guidelines; (f) a discussion of growth inducing
13 impacts; (g) a discussion of significant irreversible environmental changes; (h) a discussion of
14 energy conservation; and (i) a list of all federal, state and local agencies, other organizations and
15 private individuals consulted in preparing the FEIR and the firm preparing the FEIR; and

16 WHEREAS, the City Council held a duly noticed hearing on the FEIR on January 6, 2026,
17 at which time additional written and oral testimony was received; and

18 WHEREAS, the City Council has been presented with and is familiar with the information
19 in the administrative record, including the Staff Reports and the written and verbal testimony
20 submitted thereon, and has reviewed and considered the information in the FEIR for completeness
21 and compliance with the CEQA Regulations, has independently reviewed and analyzed the FEIR
22 and has duly heard and considered the Staff Reports and all written and oral arguments presented
23 at its meeting of January 6, 2026; and

24 WHEREAS, the City Council certifies that (1) the FEIR for the Project has been completed
25 in compliance with CEQA; (2) that the FEIR was presented to the City Council, and that the City
26 Council reviewed and considered the information contained in the FEIR prior to making a decision
27 on the Project; and (3) the FEIR reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis, and has
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1 reviewed and considered all comments received during the public review process and at the public
2 hearings; and

3 WHEREAS, the City Council found that the Project identified in the FEIR incorporated
4 alterations or mitigation measures that avoid or substantially lessen potentially significant
5 environmental effects associated with the Project to the fullest extent feasible; and

6 WHEREAS, the City has not received any comments or additional information that
7 constitutes substantial new information requiring recirculation under Public Resources Code
8 section 21092.1 and State CEQA Guidelines section 15088.5; and

9 WHEREAS, all requirements of the CEQA Regulations have been satisfied by the City in
10 the EIR, which is sufficiently detailed so that all of the potentially significant environmental effects
11 of the Project have been adequately evaluated.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,
13 California, and making the following findings, as follows:

14 Section 1: The above recitals are hereby found and determined to be true and correct and
15 are hereby incorporated herein as if stated in full.

16 Section 2: The City Council hereby makes the following findings and conclusions:

17 (a) The FEIR for the Project has been completed and processed in compliance with the
18 requirements of CEQA;

19 (b) The FEIR was presented to the City Council, and the City Council, as the decision
20 making body for the City, reviewed and considered the information contained in
21 the FEIR and the administrative record as a whole, which includes, but is not
22 limited to, staff reports, testimony and information received, and scientific and
23 factual data presented in evidence during the review process, prior to approving the
24 Project; and

25 (c) The FEIR reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis.

26 Section 3: The City Council hereby finds that any changes to the FEIR in response to
27 comments received on the Draft EIR merely clarify, amplify or make insignificant modifications

1 to an already adequate EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(b) and that no
2 significant new information has been received that would require recirculation.

3 Section 4: The City Council finds that the Record of Proceedings for the proposed Project
4 consists of the following documents, among others:

- 5 • The Notice of Preparation and all other public notices issued by the City of Riverside and
6 in conjunction with the proposed Project.
- 7 • The Draft and Final EIRs, including appendices and technical studies included or
8 referenced in the Draft and Final EIRs.
- 9 • All comments submitted by agencies or members of the public during the public comment
10 period on the Draft EIR and after the close of the public comment period, including those received
11 prior to the Planning Commission and City Council meetings.
- 12 • All Findings and resolutions adopted by the City of Riverside decision makers in
13 connection with the proposed Project and all documents cited or referred to therein.
- 14 • All reports, studies, memoranda, maps, staff reports, or other planning documents relating
15 to the proposed Project prepared by Albert A. Webb Associates, Inc., consultants to the City of
16 Riverside, those reports, technical memoranda relating to the proposed project prepared by dB
17 Associates Inc., and South Environmental LLC.
- 18 • All documents and information submitted to the City of Riverside by responsible trustee,
19 or other public agencies, or by individuals or organizations, in connection with the proposed
20 Project, up through the date that the City approved the proposed Project.
- 21 • Any documentary or other evidence submitted to the City of Riverside at such information
22 sessions, public meetings, and public hearings.
- 23 • Matters of common knowledge to the City of Riverside, including but not limited to
24 applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

25 Section 5: Potential environmental effects have been studied and, except as stated in
26 Section 8 below, there is no substantial evidence in the record, as a whole, that supports any
27 argument that the Project, as designed and mitigated, may cause a significant effect on the
28 environment. No facts, reasonable assumptions predicated on facts, testimony supported by

1 adequate factual foundation, or expert opinion supported by facts has been submitted that refute
2 the conclusions reached by the FEIR, studies, data and reports. Nor does anything in the record
3 alter the environmental determination, as presented, based upon investigation and independent
4 assessment of those studies, data and reports. No new significant impacts have been raised by any
5 commenting individual or entity, nor has any significant new information been added to the FEIR
6 that would require recirculation under State CEQA Guidelines section 15088.5.

7 Section 6: The FEIR dated December 24, 2025, for the Project reflects the independent
8 judgment of the City based upon the findings and conclusions stated in the FEIR, staff reports, and
9 in consideration of testimony and information received, and scientific and factual data presented
10 in evidence during the review process.

11 Section 7: The City Council finds that the FEIR dated December 24, 2025, has fully
12 examined the environmental impacts of the Project and, based on the information in the
13 administrative record, including the analysis in the FEIR, has determined that the impacts on
14 aesthetics, agricultural and forestry resources, air quality (except cumulatively considerable net
15 increase of any criteria pollutant for which the Project region is in not-attainment, generating
16 greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, and cumulative impacts to air quality and
17 greenhouse gas emissions), biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils,
18 hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral
19 resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation, tribal cultural
20 resources, utilities and service systems, and wildfire either have no impact, are less than significant
21 or are potentially significant but that with mitigation the impacts are reduced to less than significant
22 based on findings and analysis contained in the FEIR (collectively “Findings”).

23 Section 8: The City Council finds that the FEIR dated December 24, 2025, has fully
24 examined the environmental concerns associated with the Project and, based on the information in
25 the administrative record, including the analysis in the FEIR, has determined that the following
26 significant impacts, identified in the FEIR, cannot be mitigated to a level of insignificant: air
27 quality (cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the Project
28 region is in not-attainment) and greenhouse gas emissions (generate greenhouse gas emissions,

1 either directly or indirectly), and cumulative impacts to air quality and from greenhouse gas
2 emissions.

3 Section 9: With the exception of the impacts identified in Section 8 above, the City
4 Council finds that the Project, including all mitigation measures, conditions, permits and approvals
5 will not have any other significant adverse unmitigated impacts on the environment. Potential
6 environmental effects have been studied and there is no substantial evidence in the record, as a
7 whole, that supports any argument that the Project, as designed and mitigated, would cause a
8 significant effect on the environment, except as to the impacts identified in Section 8. No facts,
9 reasonable assumptions predicated on facts, testimony supported by adequate factual foundation,
10 or expert opinion supported by facts has been submitted that refute the conclusions reached by the
11 FEIR, studies, data and reports. Nor does anything in the record alter the environmental
12 determination, as presented, based upon investigation and independent assessment of those studies,
13 data and reports.

14 Section 10: The FEIR dated December 24, 2025, for the Project has been completed and
15 processed in compliance with the requirements of the CEQA Regulations (both state and local),
16 and based on the entirety of the administrative record is hereby certified.

17 Section 11: The City Council hereby finds that the locations of documents and other
18 materials which constitute the record of proceedings upon which its decision is based are the
19 Community & Economic Development Department, Planning Division and the City Clerk's Office
20 located at 3900 Main Street, Riverside, California 92522, and the custodian of such records shall
21 be the Community & Economic Development Director and the City Clerk, respectively.

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1 ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2026.
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7 PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
8 Mayor of the City of Riverside
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10 Attest:
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13 DONESIA GAUSE
14 City Clerk of the City of Riverside
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16 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
17 foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council on the _____
18 day of _____, 2026, by the following vote, to wit:
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20 Ayes:
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22 Noes:
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24 Abstain:
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26 Absent:
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28 IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of
the City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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19 DONESIA GAUSE
20 City Clerk of the City of Riverside
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