

**RESOLUTION NO. PC-2024-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT (DA-20-05) TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COSTA MESA AND INTERINSURANCE EXCHANGE OF THE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (DA-94-01) TO ALLOW FOR A 20 YEAR TIME EXTENSION THAT WOULD EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 31, 2044; AND TO UPDATE THE RATE AND METHODOLOGY FOR CALCULATING TRAFFIC IMPACT FEES; AND, TO AMEND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SETBACK OF A FUTURE PARKING STRUCTURE; LOCATED AT 3333 FAIRVIEW ROAD**

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA FINDS AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, First Amendment (DA-20-05) to the Development Agreement between the City of Costa Mesa and Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club of Southern California (DA-94-01) was filed by Jennifer J. Farrell Esg., authorized agent for the property owner, Interinsurance Exchange Automobile Club of Southern California, requesting approval of the following, which are depicted in more specific detail in Exhibit B attached hereto:

- A 20-year time extension that would expire on October 31, 2044,
- Update to the rate and methodology for calculating traffic impact fees, and
- Update to the setback of a future parking structure.

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was held by the Planning Commission on July 22, 2024 with all persons having the opportunity to speak for and against the proposal;

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, the project is within the scope of the June 20, 1994-certified Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) #1045 (State Clearinghouse No. 94021036) for the Auto Club Expansion project. The effects of the project were examined in the 1994 FEIR, and all feasible mitigation measures and alternatives developed in the 1994 FEIR are incorporated into this project and no new mitigation measures are required. Therefore, the 1994 FEIR for the Automobile Club Expansion project is determined to be adequate to serve as the environmental

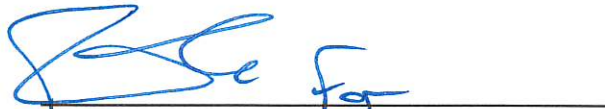
documentation for this project, that no further environmental review is required, and that all requirements of CEQA are satisfied.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the evidence in the record and the findings contained in Exhibit A, and modifications as shown in Exhibit B, the Planning Commission hereby recommends approval of First Amendment (DA-20-05) to the Development Agreement between the City of Costa Mesa and Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club of Southern California (DA-94-01) with respect to the property described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Costa Mesa Planning Commission does hereby find and determine that adoption of this Resolution is expressly predicated upon the activity as described in the staff report for the First Amendment (DA-20-05) to the Development Agreement between the City of Costa Mesa and Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club of Southern California (DA-94-01) and compliance of all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any section, division, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this resolution, or the document in the record in support of this resolution, are for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of July, 2024.**



Adam Ereth, Chair  
Costa Mesa Planning Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE )ss  
CITY OF COSTA MESA )

I, Scott Drapkin, Secretary to the Planning Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. PC-2024-17 was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City of Costa Mesa Planning Commission held on July 22, 2024 by the following votes:

AYES: Toler, Klepack, Rojas, Zich

NOES: Martinez

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Ereth, Andrade

  
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Scott Drapkin, Secretary  
Costa Mesa Planning Commission

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## EXHIBIT A

### FINDINGS

DA-20-05 is a request for 20-year time extension that would expire on October 31, 2044, and to also amend provisions of Development Agreement DA-94-01 pertaining to the rate and methodology for calculating Traffic Impact Fees and the setback for a future parking structure. The requested amendments do not change the previously approved project plans. Therefore, the findings, and the facts in support of those findings, contained in the Ordinances and Resolutions for Final Environmental Impact Report #1045, General Plan Amendment (GP-94-01A), Rezone (R-94-01), Planning Action (PA-94-15), Tentative Parcel Map (S-94-120), and Development Agreement (DA-94-01) remain true and in effect. The following findings, and facts in support of those findings, pertain only to the scope of the proposed amendments.

Pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 88-53, Development Agreement Procedures and Requirements, and Government Code Section 65865(c), staff recommends approval of the requested amendments, based on the following assessment of facts and findings:

- The Development Agreement between the City of Costa Mesa and Developer is:
  - Consistent with the objectives, policies, general land uses and programs specified in the General Plan and with the General Plan as a whole;
  - Compatible with the uses authorized in, and the existing land use regulations prescribed for, the zoning district in which the real property is and will be located; and
  - Is in conformity with and will promote public convenience, general welfare, and good land use practice.

The proposed amendment to the DA is consistent with General Plan policies and objectives, primarily objective LU-6C, in that the long-term build-out of the AAA office campus will support the retention and expansion of the City's employment base with diverse and quality employment opportunities. Additionally, the City's Land Use Element specifies that the "Urban Center Commercial" Land Use District is intended to "allow for high-intensity mixed-use commercial development within a limited area", and identifies that one of the four major developments located within the Urban Center Commercial Land Use District is the "Automobile Club of Southern California". The proposed development is also compatible with the existing land uses located North of Interstate 405 which includes larger developments such as The South Coast Plaza, Metro Pointe, IKEA and the Segerstrom Center for the Arts. Lastly, AAA has operated from this site since 1980 without any impacts to surrounding uses, including the nearby residential developments.

- The Development Agreement between the City of Costa Mesa and Developer will not:
  - Be detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare; and
  - Adversely affect the orderly development of property or the preservation of property values.

This AAA headquarters has operated at the site since 1980 and there have been no incompatibilities with the surrounding uses. The proposed use, size, and intensity of the project is consistent with the existing development within the general area located north of the 405 freeway, and would not be detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare of the community. There are no modifications proposed to the site's previously entitled development intensity and only minor considerations are proposed to improve the site's physical layout to avoid potential impacts to nearby residential development. As such, the extension of the DA will not be detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare, or adversely affect the orderly development of property or the preservation of property values.

**EXHIBIT B – REVISED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 20-05**

RECORDING REQUESTED BY AND WHEN  
RECORDED MAIL TO:

City of Costa Mesa  
PO Box 1200  
Costa Mesa, CA 92628-1200  
Attn: City Clerk

Space Above This Line for Recorder's Use (Exempt  
from Recording Fee per Gov't Code §6103 and §27383)

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO  
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF COSTA MESA  
AND  
THE INTERINSURANCE EXCHANGE OF THE  
AUTOMOBILE CLUB**

## FIRST AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

This First Amendment to Development Agreement (the "Amendment") is entered into as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 ("First Amendment Effective Date"), by and between the CITY OF COSTA MESA ("City"), and the INTERINSURANCE EXCHANGE OF THE AUTOMOBILE CLUB, formerly known as the Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club of Southern California ("Owner"). Each party may be referred to individually as "Party" or together as the "Parties".

### RECITALS

A. WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 65864 *et seq.* of the Government Code and the City's adopted rules and procedures, the Parties entered into that certain Development Agreement dated October 5, 1994 and recorded in the official records of Orange County, California on November 1, 1994, as instrument number 94-0641379 (the "Development Agreement"); and

B. WHEREAS, among other purposes, the City entered into the Development Agreement in furtherance of the City's policy to support the retention and expansion of businesses located in the City in order to increase employment, maintain a stable tax base, attract new businesses, and promote a diversified, stable, and healthy local economy; and

C. WHEREAS, the assurances provided by the Development Agreement were and remain necessary to provide the certainty which will allow the Owner to make the long-term commitments involved in consolidating its facilities and operations in the City; and

D. WHEREAS, the Project on the Property (as defined and described in the Development Agreement) has not been completed based, in part, by the interruption starting in early 2020 in the Owner's development and planning caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, uncertainty in space needs caused by the changing trends in remote and hybrid work, uncertainty in the configuration of spaces in buildings due to safety protocols and other changing trends, and the evolving business needs of the Owner, all of which merit additional time to complete the development of the Project; and

E. WHEREAS, extending the term of the Development Agreement and updating specified City fees, with all of the terms and conditions in the Development Agreement otherwise remaining the same, continue to further the City's policy to support the retention and expansion of businesses located in the City in order to increase employment, maintain a stable tax base, attract new businesses, and promote a diversified, stable, and healthy local economy; and

F. WHEREAS, the best interests of the citizens of Costa Mesa, and the public health, safety and welfare, are served by extending the term of the Development Agreement as provided herein; and

G. WHEREAS, the Amendment and the Project are consistent with the City's General Plan; and



H. WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 65868 of the Government Code and the City's adopted rules and procedures, this Amendment has been reviewed by City Staff, the Planning Commission, and the City Council; and

I. WHEREAS, the City and Owner have a mutual interest, based on the Recitals in the Agreement and as set forth herein above, to extend the term of the Development Agreement.

**AGREEMENT**

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms and conditions set forth herein, and for good and valuable consideration, the Parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. Except as expressly defined in this Amendment, all capitalized words and phrases shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in the Development Agreement.

2. The term of the Development Agreement shall be extended for an additional twenty (20) years ("Extension Term"), commencing on November 1, 2024, which is the first day after the last day of the 30-year term set forth in Section 2.3 of the Development Agreement. For purposes of the Agreement, the "term" or "Term" of the Agreement shall include the entire period for which the Development Agreement is operative, including the initial 30-year term and Extension Term.

3. To correct duplicative numbering in Article 2 of the Development Agreement, the second Section numbered "2.4" shall be renumbered to "2.5", and the Section numbers thereafter in Article 2 shall likewise be renumbered, so that the Sections numbered "2.5" and "2.6" shall be renumbered to "2.6" and "2.7", respectively.

4. The Owner notice addresses in the Development Agreement in Section 2.7(b), as modified by this Amendment, shall be deleted in their entirety and replaced with the following:

"If to OWNER:

Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club 3333  
Fairview Road, A410  
Costa Mesa, California 92626  
Attn: Vice President, Administrative Services with

copies to:

Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club 3333  
Fairview Road, A491  
Costa Mesa, California 92626 Attn:  
General Counsel"

5. The proposed Phase II parking structure location shall be addressed in Section 3.7 of the Development Agreement, relating to changes to the Existing Development Approvals which

shall be deemed "minor," by adding a new clause as clause (e) and renumbering clause (e) to (f) in the last sentence of Section 3.7, to read as follows:

"Unless otherwise required by law, a change to the Existing Development Approvals shall be deemed 'minor' and not require an amendment to this Agreement provided such change does not:

(e) Decrease the setback distance requirements for the proposed Phase II parking structure from the northern property boundary, as set forth in Item #5 (Shade and Shadows) of the Inventory of Mitigation Measures, attached as part of Exhibit "B" to City Council Resolution No. 94-54. (Relocation of the Phase II parking structure shall be proposed further away from the existing residential uses north of the smaller parcel to improve compatibility and to minimize potential adverse impacts of the parking structure proximate to residential units); or,

(f) Constitute a project requiring a subsequent or supplemental environmental impact report pursuant to Section 21166 of the Public Resources Code."

Except as amended above, all of the terms and conditions set forth in Section 3.7 of the Development Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

6. The Development Exactions in Section 3.9(b), clauses (i) and (iii), of the Development Agreement shall be amended as follows:

(a) During the Extension Term as defined above, the first sentence of clause (i) of Section 3.9(b) is amended such that the ADT generated by the second phase of development shall be calculated by multiplying .00989 times the number of square feet of building area to be constructed under the building permit, to read as follows:

"The ADT generated by new development shall be calculated by multiplying .00718 times the number of square feet of building area to be constructed under the building permit; provided, however, that during the Extension Term, the ADT generated by the second phase of development shall be calculated by multiplying .00989 times the number of square feet of building area to be constructed under the building permit."

Except as amended above, all of the terms and conditions set forth in clause (i) of Section 3.9(b) of the Development Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

(b) During the Extension Term as defined above, clause (iii) of Section 3.9(b) of the Development Agreement shall be amended by adding the following sentences at the end of the paragraph, to read as follows:

"Commencing on the Extension Term, the traffic impact fee shall be adjusted to two hundred thirty-five dollars (\$235.00) per ADT. For any building permit issued during the Extension Term, the traffic impact fee shall be the lesser of

either \$235 per ADT or the amount per ADT then in effect in accordance with Section 13-274 of the CITY Planning, Zoning and Development Code or successor CITY ordinance.”

Except as amended above, all of the terms and conditions set forth in clause (iii) of Section 3.9(b) of the Development Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

7. The Development Exactions in Section 3.9(c), clauses (ii) and (iii), of the Development Agreement shall be amended as follows:

(a) During the Extension Term as defined above, the last sentence of clause (ii) of Section 3.9(c) shall be amended so that the modified traffic impact fee of two hundred thirty-five dollars (\$235.00) and provisions applicable during the Extension Term are incorporated into this clause (ii), to read as follows:

“Any such payment by OWNER or refund by CITY shall be made within thirty days of submittal of such traffic study and shall be based on the lesser of either two hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$228.00) (or, during the Extension Term, two hundred thirty-five dollars (\$235.00) per ADT or the amount per ADT then in effect under Section 13-326 (or, during the Extension Term, Section 13-274) of the CITY Planning Zoning and Development Code or any successor CITY ordinance.”

Except as amended above, all of the terms and conditions set forth in clause (ii) of Section 3.9(c) of the Development Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

(b) During the Extension Term as defined above, the last sentence of clause (iii) of Section 3.9(c) of the Development Agreement shall be amended so that the modified traffic impact fee of two hundred thirty-five dollars (\$235.00) and provisions applicable during the Extension Term are incorporated into this clause (iii), to read as follows:

“Any such payment by OWNER or refund by CITY shall be made within thirty (30) days of submittal of such second traffic study and shall be based on the lesser of two-hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$228.00) (or, during the Extension Term, two hundred thirty-five dollars (\$235.00) per ADT or the amount per ADT then, in effect under Section 13-326 (or, during the Extension Term, Section 13-274) of the CITY Planning, Zoning and

Development Code or any successor CITY ordinance.”

Except as amended above, all of the terms and conditions set forth in clause (iii) of Section 3.9(c) of the Development Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

8. Except as expressly modified by this Amendment, all of the terms and conditions set forth in the Development Agreement shall remain the same and shall be in full force and effect.

[signatures on next page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Developer and City have executed this Amendment as of the First Amendment Effective Date.

“CITY”  
CITY OF COSTA MESA

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

“OWNER”  
INTERINSURANCE EXCHANGE OF  
THE AUTOMOBILE CLUB

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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