

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
and
INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A PUBLIC HEARING has been scheduled, pursuant to Riverside County Land Use Ordinance No. 348, before the **RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** to consider a proposed project in the vicinity of your property, as described below:

CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 2000013, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 200010, CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 2000012, and DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 2000002 – Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration – CEQ200035 – Applicant: Excel Riverside, Inc. – Engineer/Representative: Infrastructure Engineers – Second Supervisorial District – University Zoning District – Highgrove Area Plan: Community Development: Commercial Retail (CD-CR) – Location: Northerly of Palmer Street, southerly of Center Street, easterly of Iowa Avenue, and westerly of Pacific Avenue – 0.41 Net Acres – Zoning: Existing: Commercial Office (C-O) – Proposed: Scenic Highway Commercial (C-P-S) – **REQUEST: Ordinance Amendment – Change of Zone No. 2000013** proposes to amend Ordinance No. 348 Section 19.519 for a Cannabis Retailer and reduce the minimum distance standard to other Cannabis Retailers from 1000 feet to 290 feet. This reduction to the standard minimum distance to other Cannabis Retailers may increase the number of Cannabis Retailers countywide. **Conditional Use Permit No 200010** (CUP200010), proposes a storefront retail cannabis business and delivery service that includes two (2) parcels with one (1) existing 3,952 sq. ft. commercial building of two (2) suites and accompanying parking lot. The first suite of the existing commercial building is 2,106 sq. ft. and would contain the storefront retail cannabis business. The first retail suite will be used for office space and storage related to the retail cannabis business. The hours of operation for the retail cannabis business will be from Monday through Sunday 8:00 am to 10:00 pm; with no deliveries scheduled after 9:00 pm. The retail cannabis business will have three (3) shifts daily; open, midday, and close with six (6) to 10 employees each shift and a total staff of 33 employees. The second suite, consisting of 1,846 sq. ft., is vacant and would not be permitted for any future commercial cannabis activities of any kind. **Change of Zone No. 2000012** proposes to change the existing zone for the project site from Commercial Office (C-O) to Scenic Highway Commercial (C-P-S). The associated **Development Agreement No. 2000002** (DA2000002), has a term of 10 years, will grant the applicant vesting rights to develop the project in accordance with the terms of DA2000002 and CUP200010, and will provide community benefits to the Highgrove Area. The project would involve the applicant moving into a portion of an existing commercial building. The business owner/applicant would provide minor improvements to the existing site, which would include, but not be limited to, interior alterations, paint, carpet, furnishings, and landscaping.

TIME OF HEARING: 9:00 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.
DATE OF HEARING: **JULY 1, 2020**
PLACE OF HEARING: RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
BOARD CHAMBERS, 1ST FLOOR
4080 LEMON STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501

Pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference and at the Place of Hearing, as listed above. Public access to the meeting location will be allowed, but limited to comply with the Executive Order. Information on how to participate in the hearing will be available on the Planning Department website at: <https://planning.rctlma.org/>. For further information regarding this project, please contact Project Planner Tim Wheeler at (951) 955-6060 or email at twheeler@rivco.org, or go to the County Planning Department's Planning Commission agenda web page at <http://planning.rctlma.org/PublicHearings.aspx>.

The Riverside County Planning Department has determined that the above project will not have a significant effect on the environment and has recommended adoption of a negative declaration. The Planning Commission will consider the proposed project and the proposed negative declaration, at the public hearing. The case file for the proposed project is available for review via email by contacting the project planner. Please contact the project planner regarding additional viewing methods.

Any person wishing to comment on the proposed project may submit their comments in writing by mail or email, or by phone between the date of this notice and the public hearing; or, may appear and be heard at the time and place noted above. Please note that access to the meeting is limited. All comments received prior to the public hearing will be submitted to the Planning Commission for consideration, in addition to any oral testimony, before making a decision on the proposed project. All correspondence received before and during the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission, and all correspondence received will be retained for the official record.

If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing, described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Be advised that, as a result of public hearings and comment, the Planning Commission may amend, in whole or in part, the proposed project. Accordingly, the designations, development standards, design or improvements, or any properties or lands, within the boundaries of the proposed project, may be changed in a way other than specifically proposed.

Please send all written correspondence to: Riverside County Planning Department
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