RESOLUTION NO. 763 (13)

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE REQUESTED GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE CITY OF LOMPOC 2030 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE (GP 07-04)

WHEREAS, the City of Lompoc has initiated a comprehensive update to the City’s General Plan in conformance with Government Code Section 65300 (the “Update”), which requires a City to adopt a comprehensive General Plan and update it as needed. City staff and Rincon Consultants, Inc. have conducted workshops and meetings with members of the community and the decision makers to assure public participation in the process; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive Update has been conducted as a phased project, with Phase 1 including updating the Vision Statement, Land Use, Circulation and Housing Elements, with Phase 2 to include the balance of the Elements which will have a separate environmental review and will be separately considered by the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Phase 1 of the comprehensive Update of the 2030 General Plan was considered by the Planning Commission at duly-noticed public hearings during the summer of 2010; forwarded to the City Council in fall of 2010; resulting in certification of the FEIR and adoption of the Housing Element on October 19, 2010 with the balance of the Phase 1 Elements review being returned to the Planning Commission for further consideration; and

WHEREAS, Phase 1 of the comprehensive Update of the 2030 General Plan was considered by the Planning Commission at duly-noticed public hearings during the summer of 2011; forwarded to the City Council in fall of 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommendations regarding Phase 1 of the comprehensive Update of the 2030 General Plan were considered by the City Council at duly-noticed public hearings during 2012 and 2013 and on May 14, 2013 the City Council provided direction and returned Phase 1 to the Planning Commission for further review and a recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lompoc as Lead Agency determined the Update to the General Plan is a “Project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to interested parties on August 11, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR 09-01) (SCH NO. 2008081032) was prepared by Rincon Consultants, Inc. in conformance with CEQA and the Environmental Guidelines of the City of Lompoc to study the environmental impacts of the proposed Project and was certified by the City Council on October 19, 2010; and

WHEREAS, an Addendum to FEIR 09-01 was prepared to address additional Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and policy language analysis; the Addendum was circulated through the State Clearinghouse and was available for public review and comment; and
WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has recommended the City Council certify the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR 09-01) (SCH NO. 2008081032) for the Project; adopt revised Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations and adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, at the meeting of October 9, 2013 Planning staff and Mr. Richard Daulton of Rincon Consultants were present and answered Planning Commissioners' questions and addressed their concerns; and

WHEREAS, at the meeting of October 9, 2013 Ken Hough representing SBCAN, Joyce Howerton, Raymond Ochoa, and Rich Ochoa addressed the Planning Commission regarding the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65354 requires that the Planning Commission make a written recommendation to the City Council regarding adoption of, or amendment to, a General Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Based upon the testimony provided at the public hearings, the evidence presented in the staff report and at the public hearings, and due deliberation on the matters presented:

The Planning Commission recommends the City Council adopt the Phase 1 elements of the General Plan Update, specifically:

1) the proposed 2030 General Plan Vision Statement, Land Use Element text and Land Use Element Map as amended by attached maps consistent with the City Council's determination regarding the proposed Expansion Areas; and,

2) the proposed 2030 General Plan Circulation Element (text and maps) as proposed.
The foregoing Resolution, on motion by Commissioner Fink, seconded by Commissioner Rodenhi, was adopted at the Planning Commission meeting of October 9, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Fink, Rodenhi, Leach, Cioni, Clark

NOES: None

NOT PARTICIPATING: Commissioner Leach did not participate in the vote for General Plan maps 5 and 6 or Zone Change map 16

The above vote by individual Commissioners does not apply to aspects of the General Plan recommendations to which the Commissioner may have a conflict of interest.

Lucille T. Breese, AICP, Secretary

Ron Fink, Chair

Attachment: Exhibit A – Vision Statement
Exhibit B – Land Use Element and Map
Exhibit C – Circulation Element
Exhibit D – Maps: GP1 – GP25