

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE OF PUBLIC PARK LAND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Lompoc will conduct a public protest hearing on Tuesday May 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, to consider the following item:

DISCONTINUANCE OF PUBLIC PARK LAND

WHEREAS, the City of Lompoc (City) owns an approximately 82-acre parcel (APN: 095-070-008) located south of Hancock Drive and west of Highway 1 (the Site), which contains open space and recreational uses and the area operated as a public park named Ken Adam Park; and

WHEREAS, a parcel map of the Site is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the City acquired the Site by quitclaim deed from the federal government in 1984, recorded April 26, 1985, in the records of Santa Barbara County as Document No. 1985-021446, which deed specified certain restrictions on usage of the Site. In 1999, pursuant to Section 2839 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, Public Law No. 105-85 (111 Stat. 1629), a Correction to Quitclaim Deed was recorded on June 8, 1999 amending the usage restrictions to read:

“The exact acreage and legal description of any property conveyed shall be used by Grantee

- a) for educational and recreational purposes;
- b) for open space, or;
- c) for the purposes described in subparagraphs (a) and (b)”;

WHEREAS, the City has considered use of the Site for other educational and recreational purposes, or open space purposes, or both, other than the uses that currently exist on the Site and other than a public park, and the City is open to, and wishes to facilitate, exploring such other uses for the Site in the future; and

WHEREAS, for example, in July 2019, the City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Pale Blue Dot Ventures, Inc. (Pale Blue Dot) to undertake negotiations for a possible sale and development of the Site for a potential space-themed educational and recreational development; and

WHEREAS, no entitlement applications have been filed with the City for any such other uses, and the City has not solidified any plans for use of the site for other educational and recreational, or open space, purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to further facilitate exploration of use, development, and/or sale of the Site for other educational and recreational purposes, or other open space purposes, or both, including a possible sale to Pale Blue Dot for development of a space-themed educational and recreational development; and

WHEREAS, in order for any non-public-park uses to be established on the Site, the voters of the City must approve the discontinuance of the public park use at an election; and

WHEREAS, state law (Government Code section 38440 et seq) establishes a procedure, by which the City Council submits the question to the City’s electors following notice and an opportunity for public protest and hearing; and

WHEREAS, voter approval of discontinuing the public park use of the Site does not require the City to cease operating the Site as a public park, or to approve or establish any other uses on the Site, or to sell or dispose of the Site, but rather allows for the possibility of non-public-park uses,

such as the proposed Pale Blue Dot space-themed development, to be considered for the Site. Decisions whether to change the use of the Site, approve entitlements for any proposed use on the Site, to change the zoning of the Site, and/or to sell or dispose of the Site will remain solely within the discretion of the City Council even if the park use designation is removed from the Site.

By adoption of Resolution No. 6646(24) on April 16, 2024, notice of which is hereby given, the City Council adopted the above recitals of facts, declared that the public interest or convenience requires the discontinuance of the use of the Site as a public park, declared that the City Council intends to call a special election to submit the question of discontinuance to the City's electors, and scheduled a public hearing on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 to consider any protests filed by the public or persons interested.

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Pursuant to Government Code requirements this notice is posted at least 20 days in advance of the meeting at the Site, in the lobby of City Hall, and in the Lompoc Library. At any time **before** the hour set for the hearing, any person or persons interested may protest **in writing** against the proposed abandonment and discontinuance, or to the extent thereof. The protest shall be delivered or mailed to the City Clerk, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc CA 93438, or s_haddon@ci.lompoc.ca.us and must be received by 6:30 pm on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

Exhibit "A"

