PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. PC 2026-08
ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT ZA-2026-0003

RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17.02 ADDING DEFINITIONS RELATED TO DATA CENTERS, AND MAKING FINDING OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the City adopted ordinances U-2270 and U-2271 to enact and extend a moratorium on data centers; and

WHEREAS, the City is using the term of the moratorium to either ban data centers or to develop regulations applicable to data centers; and

WHEREAS, the HMC does not define data centers; and

WHEREAS, it is important to define the terms related to data centers so as to not inadvertently regulate or ban accessory uses that otherwise resemble data centers but serve a different function.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Planning Commission of the City of Hawthorne hereby incorporates by reference all the recitals herein.

SECTION 2. The Planning Commission hereby recommends approval of Zoning Text Amendment ZA-2026-0003 to the City Council that defined "data center" and related terms, as set forth in Exhibit A of this PC Resolution, incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 3. All necessary public meetings and opportunities for public testimony and comment were conducted in compliance with State law and the HMC.

SECTION 4. This zone text amendment adds definitions of terms related to data centers. This is determined not to be a project under CEQA (Pub. Resources Code, § 21065) because defining terms does not change land use regulations or create any foreseeable impacts.

SECTION 5. The documents and other materials that constitute the record of the proceedings upon which the Planning Commission's recommendations are based, which include, but are not limited to, the staff reports for the project and all of the materials that support the staff reports for the project, are located in the office of the Planning Director of the City of Hawthorne, at 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California 90250. The custodian of these documents is the Planning Director of the City of Hawthorne.

SECTION 6. The Planning Commission Secretary shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and shall forward a copy to the City Council, City Clerk, City Manager, and City Attorney.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2026.

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RUBY COHENS, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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GREGG MCCLAIN, SECRETARY