



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

Date: **September 10, 2018**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

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Subject: **Status of the Fairgrounds District Code Amendment Review by the Planning Commission**

OVERVIEW

The Planning Commission met twice to discuss the Fairgrounds District Code Amendment on May 9, 2018 and August 8, 2018. During the August 8, 2018 meeting, the Commission directed staff to meet with the Fairgrounds and Los Angeles County about Specific Plan proposal for the Fairgrounds in addressing noise, traffic, and trash with immediate actions and develop a recommendation related to a Specific Plan. Staff is planning to meet with Fairplex, Yorba Drive Residents, Ganesha Hills, Mountain Meadows and Protect Our Neighborhoods (PON) group before going back to the Planning Commission. Staff is in the process of drafting recommendations for the Planning Commission to consider in September/October 2018.

BACKGROUND

On November 20, 2017, the City Council reviewed a draft code amendment to the City's Zoning Code related to the Fairgrounds Zone which was prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee. During this meeting, City Council requested to have the Planning Commission go over the draft Ordinance and send a final recommendation back for City Council's consideration.

On May 9, 2018, the Planning Commission met for the first time to review and discuss the proposed Code Amendment. At this meeting, the Planning Commission also allowed for public comment on the Fairgrounds issue. The public comments provided much of the same concerns voiced at the November 20, 2017, City Council meeting. The Commission concluded the meeting by directing staff to return in June with a proposed schedule and next steps.

During the Planning Commissions meeting on June 27, 2018, the Commission came to a consensus to not hold a Special Meeting and to allow staff to meet with stakeholders before coming back to the Planning Commission.

On August 8, 2018, staff scheduled a discussion of the latest status of the project including results of meetings with public/stakeholders. The meeting included comments related to an alternative text amendment to the Ad Hoc Committee's text amendment. After hearing comments from the public and after discussion amongst the Commission members and staff, the Commission directed staff to meet with Fairplex to address immediate actions in reducing/mitigating noise, traffic and trash issues and, develop a recommendation for development of a Specific Plan recommendation as supported by the public, Los Angeles County, Fairplex and Staff.