

# **Economic Development Policy Committee Meeting**

**DATE:** November 20, 2025 **TIME:** 9:00AM – 10:30AM

**MEETING CHAIR:** Monica Banken, 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District

**DEO MEETING FACILITATOR:** Kevin Anderson and Heidi Schultheis

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- I. Call to Order
- **II. Board Motions** 
  - SD5 Supporting Small Business Recovery in Altadena
- **III. Public Comment on Motion**
- IV. Presentation/Discussion Items
  - Adopt a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors Expressing the Intent of the County to Participate in the City of Artesia Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District

#### Robert Moran, Chief Executive Office

### V. Standing Items

• DEO Program Updates

#### VI. General Public Comment

### VII. Adjournment

### Los Angeles County Economic Development Objectives:

- Attract, develop, and retain businesses that provide quality jobs in high growth industries.
- Increase employment opportunities by improving workforce development skills and employer partnerships.
- Invest in infrastructure needs to improve and maintain competitiveness of LA County Region.
- Coordinate across multiple County agencies to ensure that services to workers, businesses and entrepreneurs are coordinated and streamlined to facilitate a "no wrong door approach" to serving our constituents.
- Work to balance jobs with housing.

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#### MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER

December 2, 2025

### SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY IN ALTADENA

The Eaton Fire devastated the Altadena community, destroying thousands of homes and displacing both families and businesses. Small businesses — many of which serve as anchors in the community — are now working to navigate rebuilding, permitting, insurance, and recovery resources, all while struggling to remain viable. At a time when these businesses should be focused on reopening and serving their neighborhoods, they continue to face significant bureaucratic hurdles. This is of great concern, as the swift recovery and revitalization of Altadena's businesses and commercial corridors — the community's heartbeat — are essential for residents and the neighborhood to regain a sense of normalcy. Streamlined, hands-on support is urgently needed to ensure they can recover, reinvest, and continue contributing to the vitality and resilience of Altadena.

The County is committed to supporting the retention and recovery of small businesses operating within fire-impacted communities. In the wake of the January 2025 wildfires, LA County has supported thousands of businesses and workers through Disaster Recovery Centers; raised over \$27 million to provide grants to affected businesses and workers; approved parking lot activations for impacted small businesses; established the Altadena Disaster Relief Small Business Loan Program; and launched a One-Stop Permit Center in Altadena that, in addition to housing permitting departments, includes an Altadena Job Center and the County's Office of Small Business, both operated by the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO).

Most recently, to support businesses that survived the fire, but are struggling to stay afloat amidst a decrease in consumers and residents, the County launched a *Shop Local. Dine Local. Recover Local.* campaign to promote and incentivize support for local businesses.

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Nonetheless, more is needed to expedite permitting and ensure businesses in Altadena's commercial corridors recover and rebuild in a timely manner — even stronger than before.

Four critical interventions can help:

1. Small Business and Commercial Property Concierge Program (DEO-Led).

Local business and commercial property owners have voiced the need for direct, personalized, coordinated assistance in navigating complex County processes. A concierge program — staffed by the DEO in coordination with the Department of Public Works (DPW), Department of Regional Planning (DRP), Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), and the Altadena Recovery Task Force — would provide a single point of contact to help businesses and commercial property owners acquire permits, navigate County Departments and processes, access financing assistance, and confront other recovery-related issues. This program would reduce delays, promote opportunity, and ensure that Altadena's small business community has the tools it needs to rebuild stronger. In addition, the Concierge Program would assist small businesses reopening in the area — including home-based businesses, commercial tenants, independent contractors, and other business types — in obtaining required local, state, and federal permits and licenses as well as connecting them to legal aid, capital, and other critical resources.

2. Streamlined Alcoholic Beverage Sales Permitting Pilot (DRP-Led).

The current Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process for alcoholic beverage sales takes 12–14 months, costs over \$15,000, and consumes large amounts of staff time. Critically, over the last decade, 98% of CUP applications for alcoholic beverage sales at restaurants in unincorporated County communities, and 100% of those applications in Altadena, were approved. This means small businesses and County staff are spending time and resources on a process that almost always yields the same result.

For restaurants in Altadena struggling after the Eaton Fire, this lengthy and costly process represents a significant barrier to recovery. A pilot streamlined alcoholic beverage sales permitting pilot in Altadena — modeled after the City of Los Angeles' Restaurant Beverage Program and the City of Santa Monica's Alcohol Exception — would provide staff-level approvals under standardized conditions, including limits on hours, food service requirements, security, and Responsible Beverage Service training.

### This approach would:

- Speed approvals for businesses,
- Lower costs,
- Maintain neighborhood protections, and
- Provide a scalable model for other unincorporated communities.

### 3. Streetscape and Public Realm Improvement in Major Commercial Corridors

Commercial property owners have expressed concern over rebuilding in an area that may not return to its previous state for years, fearing that investing in the rebuilding of their properties may not yield the return needed to repay loans required to rebuild. For residents and businesses to fully return to Altadena, it is critical that the County provide the support necessary to create walkable commercial corridors that are inviting to local and neighboring communities alike. The County should: 1) convene departments to develop goals and strategies for expediting the rebuilding and enhancement of the public right-of way in major commercial corridors in Altadena, including any allowances for outdoor dining beyond what is permitted through State law, 2) ensure the County's long-term recovery plan includes concrete actions, based on identified strategies, that the County can take to increase commercial corridor walkability, sustainability and resilience, and 3) identify needs and resources to achieve these goals and track progress through a multi-year strategy for rebuilding commercial corridors.

#### 4. Access to County Contracting Opportunities (Led by DEO and ISD)

With many residents and consumers no longer in the area, small businesses in Altadena are facing significant challenges to remain viable. Without additional intervention, these businesses will continue to struggle until the neighborhood is fully rebuilt. The *Shop Local. Dine Local. Recover Local.* initiative — which aims to incentivize consumer spending and provide marketing education and support — represents an important step in the right direction. However, more comprehensive and sustained efforts are needed to ensure the long-term recovery of the local business community.

County contracting should be explored as a strategic approach to help small businesses generate revenue and maintain operations during this period of recovery. This strategy could provide targeted assistance to help businesses obtain certification as Local Small Business Enterprises (LSBEs), making them eligible for the County's 15% price preference. It could also facilitate connections between local businesses and contracting opportunities aligned with the goods and services they offer, while providing the technical support needed to strengthen their competitiveness and capacity to successfully bid for contracts.

### I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Direct the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), in consultation with the Los Angeles County Departments of Regional Planning, Public Works, Treasurer-Tax Collector, Public Health, Fire, and County Counsel, to design and launch a Small Business Concierge Program for the community of Altadena, with designated staff that will seek to expedite permitting and provide personalized assistance to local small businesses and commercial property owners in navigating County permitting, licensing, financing, and recovery resources, as well as identify additional recommendations and strategies for rebuilding and increasing walkability in Altadena's main commercial corridors.
- 2. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer to identify any funding and staffing resources that may be available to support the implementation of the Small Business Concierge program, and engage philanthropy through the Center for Strategic Partnerships, for any funding sources to support small business fire recovery efforts.
- Delegate authority to Department of Economic Opportunity to execute agreements and amendments with one or more vendors as needed, waiving the County's competitive procurement requirements, to support rapid program implementation and deployment of services.
- 4. Direct Department of Economic Opportunity to coordinate with the Altadena Chamber of Commerce, Altadena Recovery Task Force, and philanthropic and community-based partners to ensure comprehensive and effective outreach and resource distribution to small businesses and commercial property owners.
- 5. Instruct Department of Regional Planning, in consultation with County Counsel and relevant departments, to design and launch a Streamlined Alcoholic Beverage Sales Permitting Pilot in Altadena to replace discretionary Conditional Use Permit hearings with staff-level approvals under standardized conditions, consistent with best practices in the cities of Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and Pasadena, and to investigate the need for outdoor dining allowances beyond what is permitted through State law.

- 6. Direct the Department of Economic Opportunity and Internal Services Department, in collaboration with the Department of Aging and Disabilities, and other relevant County service departments, to identify an implement a process for connecting small businesses in Altadena impacted by the wildfires to potential contracting opportunities for which they may qualify — including those that procure goods or provide social services to communities in need. To the extent possible and allowable, these potential opportunities should include both those solicited though simplified solicitations and those procured through standard procurement processes.
- 7. Instruct the Department of Economic Opportunity, Department of Regional Planning, Department of Public Works, Treasurer and Tax Collector, Chief Executive Office and County Counsel to report back in 30 days with an implementation plan for both programs, including staffing/resource needs, proposed timelines, funding needs, outreach strategies (including multilingual communication), and evaluation metrics, and in 90 days, provide a written status update on the two programs, as well as recommendations and actions for rebuilding and increasing walkability and supporting the revitalization of Altadena's main commercial corridors.

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### **Metro Value Capture Support Feasibility Analysis Summary**

November 2025



Prepared by the Metro Value Capture Support Advisory Team Morgner, Kosmont Companies, NBS, Community Connections

### **Executive Summary**

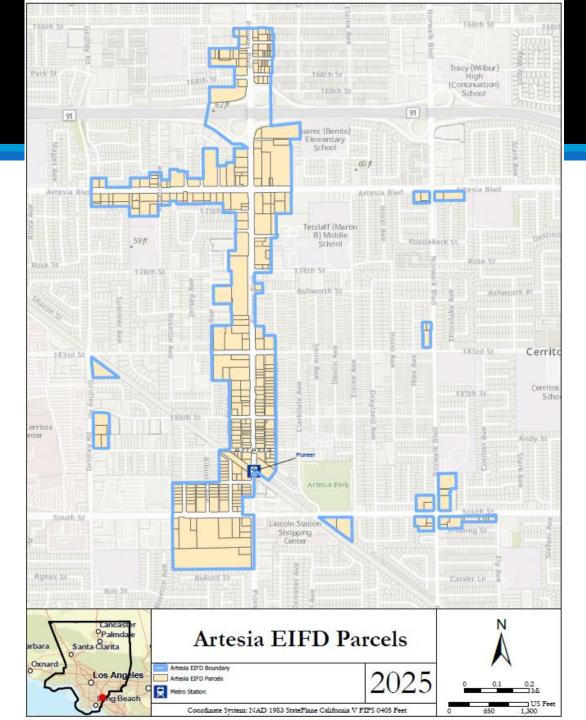
- Artesia has the ability to use "Value Capture" tools to fund public infrastructure and community amenities by leveraging future development (potentially over \$170M in value) driven by transportation investment.
- Metro has assembled a team of consultants to help cities along transit corridors evaluate and implement these Value Capture tools.
- Tools include Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFD) and Community Facilities Districts (CFD).
- The City would not encumber any existing revenues, but rather allocate a portion of future revenues.
- A City-only approach would likely achieve favorable "return on investment", but partnering with the County could further increase the financial impact by unlocking additional "matching funds".
- These tools can also enhance the City's ability to secure state and federal grants.

### **Executive Summary (Continued)**

- EIFDs could generate up to ~\$60M (present-value funding capacity) through tax increment financing (with a County match).
- Current uncertainty in Federal infrastructure funding makes local tools more essential to deliver long-term economic development.
- Local momentum from recent planning and community outreach work (e.g., Downtown Specific Plan) can be leveraged to support a related Value Capture funding and financing approach.
- City Council adopted a Resolution of Intention (ROI) to form the EIFD on October 13, 2025.
- Next step involves further engaging the County to explore an EIFD partnership.

### Potential Value Capture Focus Areas: Commercial and Specific Plan Areas

- Approx. 324 acres (~31% of City)
- Approx. \$577M in existing assessed value (~25% of City)
- Metro Southeast Gateway Line Pioneer Station at the core



### Example Potential Investments to Receive EIFD Funding

### **Top Priorities**

- a) Metro SGL 3% local cost match contribution (approximately \$15M in May 2025)
- b) 20% set-aside for **Affordable Housing** (e.g., gap funding to facilitate affordable housing development utilizing the City's existing Housing Authority)

### **Secondary Priorities**

- a) Water, sewer, other utility capacity enhancements
- b) Roadway, streetscape improvements along Pioneer Blvd.
- SGL First and Last Mile Improvements / Improvements to the Historic District Multi-Use Trail
  adjacent to the future SGL line
- d) Park Improvements for Artesia Park and A.J. Padelford Park
- e) Public Safety / Sheriff facilities
- f) Broadband internet infrastructure
- g) Undergrounding utilities

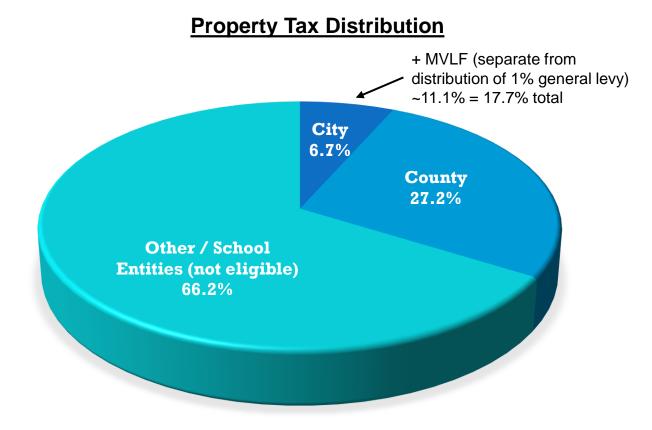
### Example Development Assumptions with Specific Plan Area Absorption Assumed over First 10 Years of District Lifetime

- Specific Plan allows for up to 1,981 new residential units and up to 78,901 new commercial square feet, envisioned over approximately 20 years
- This analysis focuses on the following assumptions deemed to me more likely in the near-to-mid-term (5-10 years out)

Land Use	# SF or Units	Estimated AV Factor	Estimated Total AV at Buildout
Residential	378 units	\$350K per unit	\$132 million
Hotel	111 rooms	\$300K per room	\$33 million
Commercial / Retail	17,900 SF	\$350 PSF	\$6 million
Total New Development Assumed within Study Area			\$172 million

### **Property Tax Revenues Available to EIFD**

- Primary potential contributors of property tax are City and County
- City share varies by area and averages ~6.7% of every \$1 collected in property taxes – City is a no-low property tax City subject AB 1197 Tax Equity Allocation (TEA)
  - City additionally receives equivalent of ~11.1% of property tax in lieu of motor vehicle license fees (MVLF), also available to EIFD
- County General Fund share varies by area and averages
   ~27.2%
  - County additionally receives property tax in lieu of MVLF, also available to EIFD, but not incorporated into this analysis to be conservative
- School-related entities <u>cannot</u> participate



As counties tend to rely more heavily on property tax revenue sources generated by new development within incorporated jurisdictions, it is Kosmont's experience that it is not reasonable to assume allocation of property tax in lieu of MVLF by the County. As cities benefit from additional non-property tax revenue sources (e.g., sales tax, transient occupancy tax) from new development, it is Kosmont's experience that it is reasonable for cities to consider contributing property tax in lieu of MVLF.

Tax Rate Area (TRA) weighted average distributions for EIFD Study Area shown. Post-ERAF (Education Revenue Augmentation Fund) distribution. Parcels within former Redevelopment Agency Project Areas are subject to RPTTF revenue flow until expiration of ROPS obligations (2046 for Artesia). Source: Los Angeles County Auditor Controller (2025)

### Los Angeles County EIFD Participation Policy

<ul> <li>Property Tax Increment:</li> <li>City share contributed ≥ County share contributed</li> <li>County contributes less than 100% of its share</li> </ul>	
Fiscal Analysis: Positive net impact to County General Fund	V
<b>Board Priorities:</b> Supports affordable housing, homeless prevention, workforce development, or sustainability	
Regional and Community Significance: As related to Board priorities above, job creation, blight removal, or improvements to regional transportation	Ø
Affordable Housing: 20% of units or tax increment will be set aside for affordable housing uses	<b>I</b>
"But for" Test: Contribution of County property tax increment is necessary precondition for targeted projects	Ø

### EIFD Revenue and Bonding Capacity Scenarios

EIFD Revenue Allocation Scenario	Year 10 Accumulated Revenue + Bonding Capacity*	50-Year Present-Value @ 3% Discount Rate
A) City 50% + County Dollar Match (~33% of County share)	\$9,943,000	\$39,875,000
B) City 75% + County Dollar Match (~49% of County share)	\$15,246,000	\$59,813,000

City allocation includes allocation from both AB8 + MVLF in-lieu. County allocation does not include MVLF in-lieu.

<sup>\*</sup> Bonding capacity assumes Year 5 is first bond issuance for EIFD. "Year 10" means tenth year of revenue following district formation. Net proceeds shown. Bondable revenue assumes \$25,000 admin charge, 150% debt service coverage. 6.0% interest rate; 30-year term. Proceeds net of 2% underwriter's discount, estimated reserve fund (maximum annual debt service), costs of issuance estimated at \$350,000. Issuance costs may be payable from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transit-Oriented Development grant awarded to Los Angeles County Metro. Source: Kosmont Financial Services (KFS), registered municipal advisor.

### Public Agency and Community "Return on Investment"

- Housing, including significant potential for affordable units
- Economic revitalization, climate resilience, quality of life
- Sustainable infrastructure investment; 4,432 daily boardings anticipated for SGL Pioneer Station
- Job creation and wages
- Acceleration of development and related fiscal revenues for City and County general funds
- Attract other funding not otherwise available for City projects

### Affordable Housing

- Artesia Downtown Specific Plan enables up to 1,981 new additional housing units, which would be significantly facilitated by transportation and related infrastructure investment
- City's new Mixed-Use Overlay requires that 10% of units be affordable, with a minimum density of 70 units / acre (190+ affordable housing units)
- The total number of additional <u>affordable units can be further increased</u> if developers opt to utilize State Density Bonus law, particularly on Housing Element opportunity sites (within the EIFD)
- In support of these affordable housing goals, City is electing to set aside 20% of EIFD revenues for affordable housing uses within the City, utilizing its existing Housing Authority

### "But For" Test

- Metro's transportation investment is anticipated to be a <u>major catalyst</u> for successful transitoriented development (TOD) in the vicinity of the City's transit hub, which is consistent with the City's Downtown Specific Plan and Mixed-Use Overlay.
- The City's share of the property tax general levy is among the lowest in the State, necessitating a County partnership to reach critical mass of funding capacity.

### **Illustrative EIFD Formation Schedule**

Target Date	Task Task
Feb – August 2025	<ul> <li>a) Conduct outreach/discussion among City staff and Council, County staff and Board of Supervisors, other relevant stakeholders</li> <li>b) Final determination of EIFD boundaries, targeted projects, governing Public Financing Authority (PFA) Board composition</li> </ul>
Oct-Dec 2025	c) Participating taxing agencies adopt Resolution(s) of Intention (ROI) and formally establish PFA (City Council adopted ROI on October 13, 2025)
Jan/Feb 2026	d) PFA directs the drafting of the Infrastructure Financing Plan (IFP)
March 2026	e) Distribute draft IFP to property owners, affected taxing entities, City Council, County Board of Supervisors
April 2026	f) PFA holds an initial public meeting to present the draft IFP to the public and property owners
May 2026	g) City Council/legislative bodies of other affected taxing entity contributing increment adopt resolution(s) approving IFP
June 2026	h) PFA holds first public hearing to hear additional comments and take action to modify or reject IFP (at least 30 days after "f")
July 2026	i) PFA holds second public hearing to consider oral and written protests and take action to terminate proceedings or adopt IFP and form the district by resolution (at least 30 days after "h")

- Tax increment allocation begins fiscal year following district formation
- Debt issuance, if desired, would occur after a stabilized level of tax increment has been established (may be 3-5 years)

### **Potential Next Steps**

- City Council adopted Resolution of Intention (ROI) October 13, 2025
- Address questions, receive feedback from County
- If the County is interested in partnership, County BOS consideration of non-binding Resolution of Intention to partner with City
- Required public meeting and hearing process with required public noticing (via mail, newspaper, website)
- Potential completion in Q3 2026



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Questions?

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

# ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY OF ARTESIA ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

Recommendation to adopt a Resolution to express the intent of the County to potentially participate in the Artesia Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Approve a Resolution to express the County's intent to participate in the City of Artesia Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District if the Board of Supervisors approves the Infrastructure Financing Plan at a later date;
- 2. Affirm that as a potential participating taxing entity the County will have membership in the newly formed Public Financing Authority; and
- 3. Find that the proposed Resolution is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the action does not meet the definition of a project for reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the Resolution of Intent of the Board of Supervisors is to indicate the County's intent to participate in the proposed Artesia Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District ("Artesia EIFD") in the City of Artesia. A future resolution of the Board of Supervisors approving the Infrastructure Financing Plan ("IFP") will be required for the County to formally participate in the EIFD.

On September 29, 2014, the governor approved SB 628, which authorized the formation of EIFDs. An EIFD is a limited tax increment financing district created after the dissolution of redevelopment agencies in 2012. An EIFD allows governmental entities to agree to contribute a portion of their future property tax revenues from a defined district for the construction of certain infrastructure projects. Schools cannot participate in EIFDs, no new taxes are created, and participation in the EIFD is voluntary.

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The purpose of the Artesia EIFD is to assist in the financing of infrastructure projects that will encourage housing and commercial development in opportunity areas throughout the City. The proposed area is an area of 324-acres (approximately 31 percent of the total City acreage). Approximately \$60 million of infrastructure projects will be identified including: three percent local cost match for the Southeast Gateway Line (SGL); water, sewer, and other capacity enhancements; roadway and streetscape improvements along Pioneer Blvd.; SGL First and Last Mile Improvements and improvements to the historic district adjacent to the SGL; park improvements for Artesia Park and A.J. Padelford Park; public safety/Sheriff facilities; broadband internet infrastructure; and undergrounding utilities. The City is also planning to set-aside twenty percent of the EIFD funds for affordable housing.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Based on a preliminary fiscal analysis, it appears that the new development activity will generate greater future property taxes for the County net of its contribution to the EIFD, than if the County did not participate in the EIFD and the new development did not occur. Therefore, it is expected the EIFD will have a positive net impact on the County General Fund due to the increased assessed values in the district. If successful, the region will benefit from the EIFD due to the transit-oriented development including new residential and commercial development and job growth. Consistent with Board policy, a detailed fiscal analysis will be provided later in the process when the IFP is completed.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

These actions support the County's Strategic Plan North Star 1 — Make Investments that Transform Lives — by supporting efforts that prevent displacement, increase access to housing stability, develop more affordable housing, sustain home ownership opportunities, and enhance the effectiveness of the County's homeless rehousing system. The City's commitment of twenty percent funding towards affordable housing is also a Board priority.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The law authorizing creation of EIFDs, California Government Code section 53398.50 *et seq* ("EIFD law"), took effect in 2015. The EIFD law was established to provide a tool to finance local infrastructure after the dissolution of redevelopment. The City of Artesia has proposed to partner with the County on the EIFD to assist in financing infrastructure projects. Section 53398.63 of the EIFD Law requires the IFP to include: descriptions of the infrastructure improvements and development projects within the EIFD; a plan for financing the infrastructure projects; tax increment projections; limits on the time the EIFD will exist and the dollar amounts the EIFD will receive; and the anticipated incremental tax revenue contributions from the City and County to the EIFD.

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The IFP, which will detail the County's anticipated contribution to the EIFD, will be presented to your Board for approval after it has been prepared by the City and reviewed by CEO staff consistent with Board policy. The IFP must be approved by your Board by resolution before any incremental tax revenue from the County is contributed to the proposed EIFD. The IFP must also be approved by the Public Financing Authority ("PFA"), which is the governing body of the EIFD, at a public hearing to form the proposed Artesia EIFD. The Resolution of Intent includes the formation of the PFA, and appointments to the PFA governing body will be made. These appointments include one member of the Board of Supervisors and one member of the public appointed by the Board. The City will appoint three members to the PFA.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed Resolution is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. This proposed action is an administrative activity of the government, which will not result in direct, or indirect changes to the environment.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Because the development is within the City of Artesia, the direct impact on the County for services will be minimal. Benefits of the projects include construction and permanent jobs; new residential units, including low- and moderate-income units; and improved circulation and air quality.

#### **CONCLUSION**

At such time as your Board approves the attached Resolution, please return two signed copies to the Chief Executive Office, who will assist in distributing a copy to the City.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA Acting Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors County Counsel Auditor-Controller

## RESOLUTION OF INTENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROPOSED CITY OF ARTESIA ENHANCED INFRASTRUCURE FINANCING DISTRICT AND NEWLY FORMED PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

**WHEREAS,** on October 13, 2025, the City Council of the City of Artesia ("City Council") approved Resolution No. 25-3068 which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A ("Exhibit A"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2.99 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Section 53398.50) (the "EIFD Law") Exhibit A authorized the initiation of a process to establish an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District ("EIFD") whose proposed name is the "City of Artesia Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District" ("Artesia EIFD"); and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed boundaries of the Artesia EIFD are identified on a map entitled "Proposed Boundaries of the Artesia EIFD" a copy of which is included in Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Artesia EIFD will be used to finance certain public facilities within the proposed boundaries of the Artesia EIFD; and

**WHEREAS,** Exhibit A also established a Public Financing Authority ("PFA") to serve as the governing body of the proposed EIFD and which will also be responsible for implementing the Infrastructure Financing Plan ("IFP") required under EIFD Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has proposed, as stated in Exhibit A, that the County of Los Angeles participate with the City of Artesia in the proposed Artesia EIFD as a taxing entity; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Government Code section 53398.51.1 and as stated in Exhibit A, if the County of Los Angeles participates in the proposed Artesia EIFD as a taxing entity, a member of your Board, and a member of the public appointed by your Board, shall be members of the PFA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that:

- 1. The Board intends that the County of Los Angeles ("County") will participate in the Artesia EIFD as described in Exhibit A as a taxing entity if the Board of Supervisors approves the IFP at a later hearing date;
- Pursuant to Government Code section 53398.51.1 and Exhibit A, if the Board of Supervisors subsequently approve the IFP and the County's participation as a taxing entity in the proposed Artesia EIFD, the County of Los Angeles will have membership in the newly formed PFA described in Exhibit A. The PFA's membership will include the Los Angeles County Supervisor of the Supervisorial District in which the majority of the territory of the Artesia EIFD is located, as well as the Mayor of the City of Artesia, one member of the City Council appointed by the City Council, one member of the public appointed by the Artesia City Council, and one member of the public appointed by the Board of Supervisors;
- 3. City of Artesia staff will prepare the IFP in accordance with EIFD Law;

- 4. The IFP will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at a future regular meeting, for approval;
- 5. The IFP must be approved by the Board of Supervisors before the County may be considered a participating taxing entity in the Artesia EIFD or any incremental tax revenue from the County may be used by the proposed Artesia EIFD. The IFP must also be approved by the Board of Supervisors before a public hearing is held for formation of the proposed Artesia EIFD and approval of the IFP by the PFA;
- 6. As stated in Exhibit A, City of Artesia staff will be responsible for the distribution of the IFP, and any required California Environmental Quality Act reports, to the PFA, the City of Artesia Planning Commission, land owners within the boundaries of the proposed Artesia EIFD (as defined under EIFD Law), and each affected taxing entity (as defined under EIFD Law) as required under California Government Code Section 53398.64 for formation of the proposed Artesia EIFD;
- 7. As stated in Exhibit A, the City of Artesia City Clerk is responsible for the mailing and publication of notice, as required under EIFD Law (California Government Code Sections 53398.60, 53398.61, 53398.66), for formation of the proposed Artesia EIFD. The County of Los Angeles, and its staff, will have no responsibilities for the required mailing and publication of notice;
- 8. The PFA will hold a public hearing for the establishment of the proposed Artesia EIFD and approval of the IFP at the City of Artesia Council Chambers. Under no condition, will the PFA hold the public hearing for the establishment of the proposed Artesia EIFD and approval of the IFP until the Board of Supervisors has formally approved the IFP;
- 9. This resolution in no way obligates the County of Los Angeles to use incremental tax revenue to finance public facilities in the proposed Artesia EIFD until the Board of Supervisors approves the IFP;
- 10. This Resolution in no way obligates the PFA to establish the proposed Artesia EIFD. As stated in Exhibit A, the establishment of the proposed Artesia EIFD and approval of the IFP is contingent upon the approval by the PFA by resolution and ordinance following a public hearing; and
- 11. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.

The foregoing resolution was on the	day of	2026,	adopted	by	the	Board	of
Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.							

EDWARD YEN Executive Officer Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

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	Deputy	

### APPROVED AS TO FORM

DAWYN R. HARRISON County Counsel

By		
,	Deputy County Counsel	

### **Exhibit A**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 25-3068**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH THE ARTESIA ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, ACQUISITION, AND/OR MAINTENANCE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION AND/OR REMEDIATION OF LAND FOR SUCH IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES; ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, SB 628, effective as of January 1, 2015, allows a city or county to create a separate government entity known as an "Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District" (EIFD) within a defined area to finance certain infrastructure projects with community-wide benefits;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2.99 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Section 53398.50) (the "EIFD Law"), the City Council of the City of Artesia ("Council") is authorized to initiate the process to establish an EIFD;

WHEREAS, EIFDs are financed through tax increment generated from the growth in property taxes collected from within a designated district boundary. There are no new taxes or impacts to the property owner within an established EIFD;

WHEREAS, EIFD tax increment may be used to pay for a variety of public facilities and other projects authorized by the EIFD Law within the established EIFD boundaries or outside of the established EIFD boundaries if there is a tangible connection to the work of the EIFD, including but not limited to infrastructure such as roads, utilities, streetscapes, parks and public recreation, or other community facilities. Affordable housing, including affordable senior housing, is also an eligible activity;

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has procured an expert team of consultants to provide value capture financing technical support to Los Angeles County jurisdictions with Metro transit infrastructure, including evaluation and implementation services related to EIFD. The Metro Value Capture Support team has prepared analysis at City staff's direction that demonstrates feasibility of EIFD implementation in Artesia;

WHEREAS, the prerequisites set forth in Government Code Section 53398.54 have been complied with prior to the City initiating the creation of or participating in the governance of the EIFD, and the City will provide the required certification to the California Department of Finance ("DOF") in accordance with the EIFD Law;

WHEREAS, the proposed boundaries of the Artesia EIFD are identified on Exhibit A entitled "Proposed Artesia EIFD Boundary," a copy which is on file in the office of the City Clerk;

WHEREAS, the EIFD will be governed by a Public Financing Authority ("PFA") board which will be responsible for implementing the Infrastructure Financing Plan for the EIFD ("IFP"), and the PFA is required to be established by the City Council at the same time that the Council adopts its intention to form the proposed EIFD; and,

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") as an action solely related to financing and is not in-and-of itself a "project" (pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378) since it does not result in a physical change in the environment because the City has not committed itself to fund any specific projects through the EIFD. However, future actions (such as the funding and/or approval of infrastructure improvements using funding from the EIFD) will be subject to environmental review in accordance with CEQA.

### THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA DOES HEREBY FIND, ORDER, AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** The City Council of the City of Artesia proposes and intends to cause the establishment of an EIFD under the provisions of the EIFD Law.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> The name proposed for the EIFD shall be the "Artesia Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District."

**SECTION 3.** The proposed boundaries of the EIFD are as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto, which are preliminarily approved and on file in the office of the City Clerk and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 4.** The types of public facilities and development proposed to be financed or assisted by the EIFD pursuant to the EIFD Law are those listed on Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

<u>SECTION 5.</u> The City Council hereby finds that the EIFD is necessary for the area within the boundaries of the EIFD and the City. The City Council's stated goals for the EIFD are to create a means by which to assist in the provision of public facilities or other specified projects of communitywide significance that provide significant benefits to, promote economic development of, and enhance quality of life within, the boundaries of the EIFD or the surrounding community.

<u>SECTION 6.</u> The City Council hereby declares that pursuant to the EIFD Law and if approved by resolution pursuant to Government Code Section 53398.68, incremental property tax revenue from the City of Artesia and some or all other affected taxing entities within the EIFD may be used to finance the activities described in Section 4 and listed on Exhibit B. The incremental property tax financing will be described in an IFP to be prepared for approval by the PFA, the City Council, and the legislative bodies of all participating taxing entities under EIFD Law.

SECTION 7. The City or County of Los Angeles may allocate tax revenues derived from local sales and use taxes imposed pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law (Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 7200) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code) or transactions and use taxes imposed in accordance with the Transactions and Use Tax Law (Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code) to the EIFD pursuant to Government Code Section 53398.75.5, if applicable. The City Council does not intend to contribute sales and use taxes or transactions and use taxes to the EIFD.

<u>SECTION 8.</u> The City Council hereby establishes the "Public Financing Authority of the Artesia Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District" to serve as the governing board of the EIFD:

- a. The PFA membership shall be comprised initially of three members of the City Council appointed by the City Council and two public members selected by the City Council. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council, as the case may be, and shall serve until their successor assumes office.
- b. The City Council further declares that, pursuant to Government Code Section 53398.51.1, should another taxing entity agree to participate as a taxing entity, then the PFA membership shall be modified in accordance with Government Code Section 53398.51.1. For example, if the County of Los Angeles ("County") agrees to participate as a taxing entity and the participating taxing entities consist of the City and the County, then the PFA membership shall be modified to be two members of the City Council, one member of the County Board of Supervisors ("Board of Supervisors"), one member of the public appointed by the City Council, and one member of the public appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing legislative bodies and shall serve until their successor assumes office.

- c. The legislative body of each participating taxing entity may appoint one of its members to be an alternate member of the PFA board who may serve and vote in place of a member who is absent or disqualifies themselves from participating in a meeting of the PFA.
- d. The members are subject to compliance with the EIFD Law and all applicable ethics laws, including Article 2.4 (commencing with Section 53234) of Chapter 2 of the Government Code.
- e. The City Council, and the governing bodies of any other participating entities shall comply with Government Code Section 54974.

<u>SECTION 9.</u> The City Council hereby sets the time and place for a public hearing of the PFA regarding the proposed EIFD and IFP, to be held on May 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at City Hall Council Chambers, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue. Artesia, CA 90701.

SECTION 10. Pursuant to Government Code Section 53398.60, the City Clerk is hereby directed to mail a copy of this Resolution to the PFA and each owner of land (as defined in the EIFD Law), or alternatively with respect to the owners of land may mail a single-page notice of intention identified in Government Code Section 53398.60(b), within the EIFD and to each affected taxing entity (as defined in the EIFD Law). In addition, the City Clerk is hereby directed to cause notice of the public hearing to be published not less than once a week for four successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the City. The notice shall state that the EIFD will be used to finance public works, briefly describe the facilities, briefly describe the proposed financial arrangements, including the proposed commitment of incremental tax revenue, describe the boundaries of the proposed EIFD and state the day, hour, and place, when and where any persons having any objections to the proposed IFP, or the regularity of any of the prior proceedings, may appear before the PFA and object to the adoption of the proposed IFP.

**SECTION 11.** The Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Artesia (Successor Agency) has received a finding of completion, as specified in California Health and Safety Code Section 34179.7.

SECTION 12. In accordance with Government Code Section 53398.54, the City certifies to the DOF and to the PFA that no former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Artesia (Former RDA) assets that are the subject of litigation involving the State of California, where the City or the Successor Agency are a named plaintiff, have been or will be used to benefit any efforts of the EIFD unless the litigation and all possible appeals have been resolved in a court of law. The City Clerk is authorized and directed on behalf of the City to provide or make this certification to the DOF within 10 days after the City Council's action to participate in the EIFD pursuant to Government Code Section 53398.68 or the City Council's action to form the EIFD pursuant to Government Code Section 53398.69, by delivery of a copy of the appropriate Resolution or signing a separate certification, if and as required by the DOF.

SECTION 13. The State Controller has completed its review as specified in California Health and Safety Code Section 34167.5 of asset transfers between the Former RDA, the City or any other public agency. The Successor Agency and the City have complied with all of the State Controller's findings and orders stemming from such review.

SECTION 14. This Resolution in no way obligates the PFA to establish any EIFD.

<u>SECTION 15.</u> If any section, subsection, phrase or clause of this Resolution is for any reason found to be invalid, such section, subsection, phrase or clause shall be severed from, and shall not affect the validity of, all remaining portions of this Resolution that can be given effect without the severed portion.

SECTION 16. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**SECTION 17.** The City Manager, or designee, are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or advisable to give effect to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

**SECTION 18.** The City Clerk of the City of Artesia shall certify as to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED on this 13h day of October, 2025.

ALI SAJJAD TAJ, MAYOF

ATTEST:

JENNIFER ALDERETE, CITY CLERK

APPROXED TO FORM:

BEST BEST & KRIEGER, CITY ATTORNEY

I, Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk of the City of Artesia, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Regular City Council Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: AHIR, MANALO, RAMOSO, TREVINO, TAJ

NOES: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

JENNIFER ALDERETE, CITY CLERK

School Cerrito Artesia EIFD Parcels

EXHIBIT A
Draft Artesia Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) Boundaries

Proposed EIFD parcels are shaded in beige and outlined in blue above and total approx. 324 acres. Artesia City boundaries and transit station location are noted for reference only.

#### **EXHIBIT B**

### CITY OF ARTESIA ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT (EIFD) LIST OF AUTHORIZED PUBLIC FACILITIES

The Artesia EIFD may finance the purchase, construction, expansion, improvement, seismic retrofit, or rehabilitation of any real tangible property with an estimated useful life of 15 years or longer which are public capital facilities or other projects of community-wide significance that provide significant benefits to the EIFD or the surrounding community. The EIFD may also finance the ongoing or capitalized costs to maintain public capital facilities financed in whole or in part by the EIFD. Facilities funded may be located outside the boundaries of the EIFD, as long as they have a tangible connection to the work of the EIFD as detailed in the infrastructure financing plan. The EIFD may also finance the planning and design work that is directly related to the purchase, construction, expansion, or rehabilitation of property. The EIFD may finance costs described in Government Code Sections [53398.52 [list of eligible improvements]] 53398.56 [replacement housing and relocation obligations if required by actions of EIFD] and 53398.57. Projects financed by the EIFD may include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

- Transit facilities, including City contributions toward regional transportation infrastructure improvements, and First/Last Mile (FLM) improvements;
- Affordable housing as authorized under the EIFD Law;
- Highways, interchanges, and ramps;
- Bridges;
- Arterial streets;
- Parking facilities;
- · Parks, recreational facilities, and open space;
- · Sewage treatment and water reclamation plants and interceptor pipes;
- Facilities for the collection and treatment of water for urban uses:
- Facilities for the transfer and disposal of solid waste, including transfer stations and vehicles:
- · Storm water conveyance and collection facilities;
- · Flood control levees and dams, retention basins, and drainage channels;
- Child care facilities;
- Libraries;
- · Broadband and telecommunications infrastructure;
- Sidewalks and streetscape improvements;
- Bicycle lanes and paths;
- Public art;
- Corporation yards;
- · Police facilities;
- Brownfield restoration and other environmental mitigation;
- Projects that implement a sustainable communities strategy and transit priority projects;
- Acquisition, construction, or repair of industrial structures for private use;
- Acquisition, construction, or repair of commercial structures by the small business
  occupant of such structures, if such acquisition, construction, or repair is for purposes of
  fostering economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and of ensuring the long-term
  economic sustainability of small businesses;
- Projects that enable communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change, including, but
  not limited to, higher average temperatures, decreased air and water quality, the spread
  of infectious and vector-borne diseases, other public health impacts, extreme weather
  events, sea level rise, flooding, heat waves, wildfires, and drought;

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 Facilities in which nonprofit community organizations provide health, youth, homeless, and social services.

#### Other Expenses

In addition to the direct costs of the above facilities, other incidental expenses as authorized by the EIFD Law, including, but not limited to, the cost of environmental evaluation and environmental remediation; engineering and surveying; construction staking; utility relocation and demolition costs incidental to the construction of the facilities; costs of project/construction management; costs (including the costs of legal services) associated with the creation of the EIFD; costs of issuance of bonds or other debt of the EIFD, of a community facilities district of the City, or of any other public agency for authorized facilities and payment of debt service thereon; financing costs of improvements incurred by developers until reimbursement from the EIFD; costs incurred by the County or the EIFD in connection with the division of taxes pursuant to Government Code Section 53398.75; or costs otherwise incurred in order to carry out the authorized purposes of the EIFD; reimbursements to other areas for facilities serving the EIFD; and any other expenses incidental to the formation and implementation of the EIFD and to the construction, completion, inspection and acquisition of the authorized facilities.