CITY OF SAN MATEO PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. _____(2022)

FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED PURPOSE AND EXTENT OF SAN MATEO COUNTY'S REDEVELOPMENT OF THE EXISTING CURIODYSSEY SCIENCE MUSEUM AND ZOO LOCATED AT 1651 COYOTE POINT DRIVE CONFORMS TO THE GENERAL PLAN

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65402(b) requires that if a general plan has been adopted, no public building or structure shall be constructed or authorized until the location, purpose and extent of such construction or authorization has been submitted to and reported upon by the planning agency as to conformity with said adopted general plan; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed project at 1651 Coyote Point Drive by the County of San Mateo to redevelop the existing CuriOdyssey museum and zoo by replacing the 30,608 square-foot main museum building with eight smaller buildings, totaling 43,200 square feet, conforms to the Parks/ Open Space land use category in the General Plan as defined below:

Parks/ Open Space

Public parks and City-owned conservation lands and private open space or recreation facilities.

WHEREAS, the proposed redevelopment of 1651 Coyote Point Drive by the County of San Mateo to expand the existing CuriOdyssey museum and zoo conforms to the following Goals and Policies of the Conservation and Open Space Element of the General Plan:

Goal 5

Provide a comprehensive park and recreation system of programs and facilities based on the needs of the City's residents for all ages and interests by including active, passive, social, educational, and cultural opportunities that insures access for all.

Goal 7

Maintain and upgrade park infrastructure to optimize its value in meeting community recreation needs and cost effectiveness of its operation.

Policy C/OS 12.1

Balanced Park System. Provide the appropriate mix of parkland that balances the needs of active and passive facilities, formal and informal uses and that are accessible for all residents, and meet existing and future recreation needs.

Policy C/OS 12.4

Parks as Learning Environments: Enhance the role of parks as learning environments by providing interpretive opportunities to increase public awareness of their unique cultural, historical and environmental characteristics.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, in its capacity as the Planning Agency, reviewed the purpose and intent of the redevelopment of the existing CuriOdyssey museum and zoo located at 1651 Coyote Point Drive for conformity with the City's General Plan; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), the Planning Commission's finding of General Plan conformance is an administrative action that will not impact the environment and is therefore not a "project" for the purposes of CEQA;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN MATEO HEREBY FINDS AND RESOLVES that:

 Based on the foregoing, and in accordance with Government Code Section 65402, the Planning Commission hereby finds that the location, purpose and extent of the redevelopment of the existing CuriOdyssey museum and zoo located at 1651 Coyote Point Drive is in conformity with the City's General Plan.