

RESOLUTION NO. 3743-22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR
IN SUPPORT OF RETAINING THE EXISTING SONOMA COUNTY GENERAL PLAN
LAND USE DESIGNATION OF LAND INTENSIVE AGRICULTURE FOR THE
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 222 E. SHILOH ROAD, ALSO IDENTIFIED AS
ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 059-300-003**

WHEREAS, in September 2021, an application was submitted by a federally recognized tribe, the Koi Nation (formerly Lower Lake Rancheria), to the federal government requesting that the United States Department of the Interior accept a 68-acre parcel in unincorporated Sonoma County located at 222 E. Shiloh Road (Project Site) into trust for casino gaming and resort purposes under Part 151 of Title 25 of the Federal Code of Regulations; and

WHEREAS, while the Project Site is not within the Town of Windsor, the Town boundary is immediately adjacent to the north, the property to the west is within the Town's sphere of influence, and the Project Site is primarily accessed by Shiloh Road and Old Redwood Highway, portions of which are located wholly within the Town of Windsor; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County General Plan land use designation for the Project Site is Land Intensive Agriculture, the purpose of which is "to enhance and protect lands best suited for permanent agricultural use and capable of relatively high production per acre of land"; and

WHEREAS, the Project Site is within the Windsor/Larkfield/Santa Rosa Community Separator, the purpose of which is to maintain a greenbelt between the more densely developed areas of Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, properties adjacent to the Project Site have been designated for Very Low Density Residential and Boulevard Mixed Use land uses in the Town of Windsor General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Project Site is at the eastern boundary of the Shiloh Road Vision Plan, which envisions development of the corridor in such a way as to promote walking and biking; and

WHEREAS, the planning for the density and intensity of these land use designations and for Town infrastructure in the area was done with the assumption that the Project Site would continue to be used for agriculture; and

WHEREAS, in February 2022, the County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors received letters or tribal resolutions from the five federally recognized Sonoma County based tribes (Cloverdale Rancheria, Dry Creek Rancheria, Lytton Rancheria, Stewart's Point Rancheria, and the Federated Indians of the Graton Rancheria) expressing unanimous opposition to the Koi Nation's proposal that the Department of the Interior to accept the Project Site into trust for gaming purposes due to the Koi Nation's lack of significant historical connection to the Project Site; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2022, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma unanimously voted to adopt a resolution opposing the establishment of a casino by the Koi Nation within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Windsor supports retaining the existing Sonoma County General Plan land use designation of Land Intensive Agriculture for the property located at 222 E. Shiloh Road; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Windsor, support the continued use of the land for agricultural purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Windsor, support the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma in opposing the establishment of a casino on the project site.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 20th day of April 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS FUDGE, REYNOZA, VICE MAYOR LEMUS
AND MAYOR SALMON
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE



SAM SALMON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



IRENE CAMACHO-WERBY, TOWN CLERK