

CITY OF HAYWARD

RESOLUTION NO. 09-049

Introduced by Council Member Henson

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDED AND RESTATED
LOCAL GOALS AND POLICIES FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, under the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended, being Sections 53311 and following of the California Government Code (the "Act"), and prior to the institution of any proceedings thereunder, the legislative body of a local agency must adopt goals and policies as provided in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hayward previously approved "Local Goals and Policies for Community Facilities Districts" by Ordinance No. 01-13, entitled "An Ordinance Adding Article 17 to Chapter 8 of the Hayward Municipal Code Relating to Adopting Local Goals and Policies for the Establishment of Community Facilities Districts," adopted on October 9, 2001 (the "Existing Goals and Policies"); and

WHEREAS, the Existing Goals and Policies provide that they may be amended or supplemented by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to amend and restate the Existing Goals and Policies for the purpose of complying with the requirements of the Act and to further update the Existing Goals and Policies.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hayward as follows:

1. Approval. The "Amended and Restated Local Goals and Policies for Community Facilities Districts" (the "Amended Goals and Policies") on file with the City Clerk, which amend and restate the Existing Goals and Policies, are hereby found to meet the requirements of the Act and are hereby adopted by the Council for the purposes of compliance with the Act, subject to further amendment by the Council as may be required from time to time.

2. Effective Date. This resolution and the Amended Goals and Policies shall be effective from and after the date of the adoption of this resolution by the City Council.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA April 21, 2009

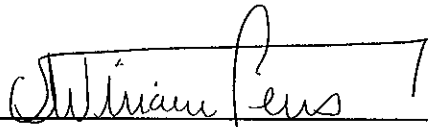
ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Zermeno, Halliday, May Dowling, Henson
MAYOR: Sweeney

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Quirk

ATTEST: 
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney of the City of Hayward

CITY OF HAYWARD
AMENDED AND RESTATED
LOCAL GOALS AND POLICIES FOR
COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS
AND SPECIAL TAX DISTRICTS

I. GENERAL.

Section 53312.7(a) of the California Government Code requires that the City of Hayward (the "City") consider and adopt local goals and policies concerning the use of the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 (the "Act") prior to the initiation of proceedings on or after January 1, 1994 to establish a new community facilities district ("CFD") under the Act.

These Amended and Restated Local Goals and Policies for Community Facilities Districts (the "Policies") amend and supercede prior Local Goals and Policies adopted by the City on October 9, 2001.

These Policies provide guidance and conditions for the conduct by the City of proceedings for, and the issuance of bonds secured by special taxes levied in, a special tax district or a community facilities district ("CFD") established under the Act or an ordinance adopted by the City in its capacity as a charter city pursuant to Section 3, 5 and 7 of Article XI of the California Constitution (an "Ordinance"). The Policies are intended to be general in nature; specific details will depend on the nature of each particular financing. The Policies are applicable to financings under the Act or an Ordinance and are intended to comply with Section 53312.7 (a) of the Government Code. These Policies shall not apply to any assessment financing or any certificate of participation or similar financings involving leases of or security in public property. The Policies are subject to amendment by the City Council at any time.

In each and every circumstance, the decision as to whether or not the City will make use of the Act or an Ordinance is a decision that will be made solely by the City. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as obligating the City to make use of the Act or an Ordinance in any circumstance or as granting to any person any right to have the City make use of the Act or an Ordinance in any circumstance.

II. FINANCING PRIORITIES.

Eligible Public Facilities. The public facilities eligible to be financed by a CFD must be owned by a public agency or public utility, and must have a useful life of at least five years, except that up to five percent of the proceeds of an issue may be used for facilities owned and operated by a privately-owned public utility. The development or redevelopment proposed within a CFD must be consistent with the City's general plan and must have received any required legislative approvals such as zoning or specific plan approvals prior to the issuance of public debt. A CFD shall not vest any rights to future land use on any properties, including those which are responsible for paying special taxes.

The list of eligible public facilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Cultural facilities
- Elementary and secondary school sites and facilities
- Flood control facilities
- Governmental facilities

- Landscaping on public property or in public easements
- Libraries
- Parks and recreational facilities
- Police and fire protection facilities
- Potable and reclaimed water facilities
- Public utilities
- Sanitary sewer facilities
- Storm drain facilities
- Streets and street lighting
- Traffic signals and safety lighting
- Utility relocations
- Other facilities as may be permitted pursuant to the Act or an Ordinance as it may be amended from time to time.

If appropriate, the City shall prepare a public facilities financing plan as a part of the specific plan or other land use document that identifies the public facilities required to serve a project, and the type of financing to be utilized for each facility. The City will attempt to schedule construction of CFD-financed facilities in a manner such that private development will not occur ahead of the installation of public infrastructure necessary to support that development.

Eligible Public Services. In general, the services eligible to be financed by a CFD (the "Services") are those identified in the Act or an Ordinance which are provided by the City, including:

- Fire protection and suppression services and ambulance and paramedic services
- Flood and storm protection including operation and maintenance of storm drainage systems and sandstorm protection systems
- Library services
- Maintenance and lighting of streets and roads
- Maintenance and lighting of parks, parkways and open space
- Operation and maintenance of museums and cultural facilities
- Police protection services
- Recreation program services
- Services related to removal or remedial reation for the cleanup of hazardous substance released or threatened to be released in the environment
- Other services as may be permitted pursuant to the Act or an Ordinance as it may be amended from time to time.

The City may finance services to be provided by another local agency if it determines the public convenience and necessity require it to do so, although the City prioritizes financing services to be provided by the City as described below. If appropriate, the City shall prepare a public services financing plan as a part of the specific plan or other land use document that identifies the public services required to serve a project and the source of funding for each such service.

Eligible Private Facilities. Financed improvements may be privately-owned in the specific circumstances, and subject to the conditions, set forth in the Act or an Ordinance.

Eligible Prior Debt. A CFD may also be formed for the purpose of refinancing any fixed special assessment or other governmental lien on property, to the extent permitted under the Act or an Ordinance, as applicable.

Priorities for Financing. The priority that various kinds of public facilities and services will have for financing through the City's use of the Act or an Ordinance is as follows:

- (a) City services authorized to be financed pursuant to the Act or an Ordinance;
- (b) Backbone infrastructure to be owned and/or operated by the City that is required to serve proposed development and that is identified in an infrastructure master plan, specific plan or other appropriate document approved by the City as a major backbone infrastructure element;
- (c) Other public facilities to be owned and/or operated by the City for which there is a clearly demonstrated public benefit; and
- (d) Public facilities to be owned and/or operated by a public agency other than the City, including such public facilities financed *in lieu* of the payment of development fees imposed by such public agency. If the proposed financing is consistent with a public facilities financing plan approved by the City, or the proposed facilities are otherwise consistent with approved land use plans for the property, the City shall consider entering into a joint financing agreement or joint powers authority in order to finance these facilities. A joint agreement with the public agency that will own and operate any such facility must be entered into at the time specified in the Act or an Ordinance.
- (e) Fee obligations imposed by government agencies the proceeds of which fees are to be used to fund public capital improvements of the nature listed above. The City will not, generally, consider an application to finance fee obligations, but may consider such financing on a case-by-case basis.
- (f) Services provided by a public agency other than the City. If the proposed financing is consistent with a public services financing plan approved by the City, or the proposed facilities are otherwise consistent with approved land use plans for the property, the City shall consider entering into a joint financing agreement or joint powers authority in order to finance these services. A joint agreement with the public agency providing the services must be entered into at the time specified in the Act or an Ordinance.
- (g) Privately owned facilities (that is, facilities not owned by a local agency) will, generally, not be financed through the City's use of the Act or an Ordinance; provided, however, that the City may consider the financing of such facilities on a case by case basis.

In-tract infrastructure will, generally, not be financed through the City's use of the Act or an Ordinance, provided however, that the City may consider the financing of such facilities on a case by case basis.

III. BOND ISSUE CREDIT QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

The following are minimum requirements related to issuance of CFD bond issues by the City. Under extraordinary real estate or bond market conditions, the City may, at its own discretion, require more restrictive criteria or additional credit enhancement to improve credit quality.

Value-to-Public Lien Ratio. Generally, CFD bond issues should have at least a three-to-one property value to public lien ratio after calculating the value of the financed public improvements to be installed, unless otherwise specifically approved by the City Council as provided in Section 53345.8(b)

or (c) of the Act. Property value may be based on either an appraisal (as described in VI below) or on assessed values as indicated on the county assessor's tax roll. The public lien amount shall include the bond issue currently being sold plus the portion of any existing public indebtedness secured by a lien on the properties to be taxed.

Entitlement Status. The City will require all major land use approvals and governmental permits necessary for development of land in the CFD to be substantially in place before bonds may be issued.

Reserve Fund. In order to enhance the credit quality of CFD bond issues, the City generally will require that each such bond issue be secured by a reserve fund. Generally, each such reserve fund will be required to be funded with cash in an amount no less than the least of (a) 10% of the initial principal amount of the bonds of such issue, (b) maximum annual debt service on the bonds of such issue, or (c) 125% of the average annual debt service on the bonds of such issue.

Bond Structure for Owner-Occupied Residential Property. Generally, for a CFD created by a landowner vote where special taxes will be received primarily from owner-occupied residential properties, bonds for such CFD will be structured such that, once principal amortization thereof has commenced, debt service thereon will be substantially level.

Failure to Meet Credit Criteria. Less than a three-to-one property value to public lien ratio, excessive tax delinquencies, or projects of uncertain economic viability may cause the City to disallow the sale of bonds, or require additional credit enhancement prior to bond sale. The City may consider exceptions to the above policies for bond issues that do not represent an unusual credit risk, either due to credit enhancement or other reasons specified by the City, and/or which otherwise provide extraordinary public benefits, to the extent permitted by and subject to any applicable requirements of the Act.

If the City requires letters of credit or other security, the credit enhancement shall be issued by an institution, in a form and upon terms and conditions satisfactory to the City. Any security required to be provided by the applicant may be discharged by the City upon satisfaction of the applicable credit criteria specified by the City.

As an alternative to providing other security, and subject to federal tax law, the applicant may request that a portion of the bond proceeds be placed in escrow with a trustee or fiscal agent in an amount sufficient to assure the financing will meet the applicable credit criteria, including, but not limited to, meeting a value-to-lien ratio of at least three-to-one on the outstanding proceeds. The escrowed proceeds shall be released at such times and in such amounts as may be necessary to assure the applicable credit criteria has been met. Generally, in the event escrow bonds are issued, all interest during the escrow period shall be gross funded. Generally, an escrow bond structure for CFD bonds will not be employed unless such a structure advances an extraordinary City development or financial objective.

Suitable Investors. The City will require that bond financings be structured so that bonds are purchased and owned by suitable investors. For example, the City may require placement of bonds with a limited number of sophisticated investors, large bond denominations and/or transfer restrictions in situations where there is an insufficient value-to-lien ratio, where a substantial amount of the property within a CFD is undeveloped, where tax delinquencies are present in parcels within the CFD, and in any other situation identified by the City.

IV. DISCLOSURES

Purchasers of Property. As a minimum, any disclosures mandated by applicable state law to inform prospective purchasers of their obligations under the CFD shall apply to each CFD. In addition, there may be additional requirements mandated by the City for particular kinds of financings on a case-by-case basis. The City may prescribe specific forms to be used to disclose the existence and extent of obligations imposed by CFD.

Disclosure Requirements for the Resale of Lots. The City shall provide a notice of special taxes to sellers of property (other than developers) which will enable them to comply with their notice requirements under Section 1102.6 of the Act. This notice shall be provided by the City within five working days of receiving a written request for the notice. A reasonable fee may be charged for providing the notice, not to exceed any maximum fee specified in the Act.

Continuing Bond Disclosure. Landowners in a CFD that are responsible for ten percent (10%) or more of the annual special taxes must agree to provide: (i) initial disclosure at the time of issuance of any bonds; and (ii) annual disclosure as required under Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities Exchange Commission until the special tax obligation of the property owned by such owner drops below 10%.

V. EQUITY OF SPECIAL TAX FORMULAS AND MAXIMUM SPECIAL TAXES

Minimum Special Tax Levels. Special tax formulas shall provide for minimum special tax levels which satisfy the following payment obligations of a CFD: (a) 110 percent gross debt service coverage for all CFD bonded indebtedness, (b) the administrative expenses of the CFD. Administrative costs of the CFD shall be prioritized ahead of all CFD bonded indebtedness. Generally, the rate and method of apportionment for CFD special taxes will be required to include a back-up tax so that changes in development within the CFD would not result in the inability to levy special taxes that would produce special tax revenues in such amounts.

In addition, the special tax formula may provide for the following to be included in the special tax levels: (a) any amounts required to establish or replenish any reserve fund established in association with the indebtedness of the CFD, (b) the accumulation of funds reasonably required for future debt service, (c) amounts equal to projected delinquencies of special tax payments, (d) the costs of remarketing, credit enhancement and liquidity facility fees, (e) the cost of acquisition, construction, furnishing or equipping of authorized facilities, (f) lease payments for existing or future facilities, (g) costs associated with the release of funds from an escrow account, and (h) the costs of services, (i) the costs incurred to resolve or foreclose on delinquent parcels, and (i) any other costs or payments permitted by law. In structuring the special tax, projected annual interest earnings on bond reserve funds may not be included as revenue for purposes of the calculation.

Generally, the special tax rate and method of apportionment for a CFD will be structured so as to allow the prepayment by property owners of special taxes levied to finance facilities.

Reasonable Basis of Apportionment. The special tax formula shall be reasonable in allocating the CFD's payment obligations to parcels within the CFD. Exemptions from the special tax may be given to parcels which are publicly owned, are held by a property owners' association, are used for a public purpose such as open space or wetlands, are affected by public utility easements making impractical their utilization for other than the purposes set forth in the easements, or have insufficient value to support bonded indebtedness.

Aggregate Tax Burden. *For Non-residential Property.* The total projected non-residential property tax levels for any CFD (including ad valorem taxes, any maintenance, landscaping or other impositions on the land in the CFD and other similar annual government charges levied on parcels in the CFD, but excluding property owners' association annual levies and as to any special tax levies, based on the expected special tax rates and not any "back-up" special taxes) must be reasonable, and will be considered by the City on a case-by-case basis.

For Residential Property. The total projected residential property tax levels (including ad valorem taxes, any maintenance, landscaping or other impositions on the land in the CFD and other similar annual government charges levied on parcels in the CFD, but excluding homeowners' association annual levies and as to any special tax levies, based on the expected special tax rates and not any "back-up" special taxes) for any CFD (or, if a CFD has multiple improvement areas, for each improvement area and not the entire CFD) shall not exceed, at the time of CFD formation, the lesser of (i) 2.0% of the estimated sales prices of the respective homes to be constructed in the CFD (with such prices to be determined by reference to an absorption study or appraisal prepared for the CFD or such other information as the City shall determine), (ii) any maximum specified in the Act, or (iii) lesser amount as may be determined by the City on a case-by-case basis. The annual increase, if any, in the maximum special tax for any parcel shall not exceed any maximum specified in the Act. The increase in the special tax levied on any residential parcel as a consequence of delinquency or default by the owner of any other parcel shall not exceed any maximum specified in the Act.

Levy on Entire Parcels. Special taxes will only be levied on an entire county assessor's parcel, and any allocation of special tax liability of a county assessor's parcel to leasehold or possessory interest in the fee ownership of such county assessor's parcel shall be the responsibility of the fee owner of such parcel and the City shall have no responsibility therefor and has no interest therein. Failure of the owner of any county assessor's parcel to pay or cause to be paid any special taxes in full when due, shall subject the entire parcel to foreclosure in accordance with the Act.

Feasibility Analysis. The City may retain a special tax consultant and/or real estate market consultant to prepare a report or other analysis which: (a) recommends a special tax for the proposed CFD, and (b) evaluates the special tax proposed to determine its ability to adequately fund identified public facilities, City administrative costs, services (if applicable) and other related expenditures. Such analysis shall also address the resulting aggregate tax burden of all proposed special taxes plus existing special taxes, ad valorem taxes and assessments on the properties within the CFD.

VI. APPRAISALS

The definitions, standards and assumptions to be used for appraisals shall be determined by City staff on a case-by-case basis, with input from City consultants and CFD applicants, and by reference to relevant materials and information promulgated by the State of California, (including, but not limited to, the California Debt and Investment and Advisory Commission). The appraiser shall be selected by or otherwise acceptable to the City, and the appraisal shall be coordinated by and under the direction of, or otherwise as acceptable to, the City.

The appraisal must be dated within three months of the date the bonds are priced, unless the City Council determines a longer time is appropriate.

All costs associated with the preparation of the appraisal report shall be paid by the entity requesting the establishment of the CFD, if applicable, through the advance deposit mechanism described below.

VII. CITY PROCEEDINGS

Petition. For new development projects, a petition meeting the requirements of the applicable authorizing law will be required. The applicant is urged to obtain unanimous waivers of the election waiting period. In applying to the City for formation of a CFD, the applicant must specify any reasonably expected impediments to obtaining petitions, including from co-owners and/or lenders of record (where required). Waiver of the petition shall be made only upon showing of extraordinary hardship. For existing development, petitions are preferred, but may be waived, depending on the nature of the project and degree of public importance.

Deposits and Reimbursements. All City staff and consultant costs incurred in the evaluation of CFD applications and the establishment of the CFD will be paid by the entity, if any, requesting the establishment of the CFD by advance deposit increments. The City shall not incur any expenses for processing and administering a CFD that are not paid by the applicant or from CFD bond proceeds. In general, expenses not chargeable to the CFD shall be directly borne by the proponents of the CFD.

Generally any petition for formation of a CFD to fund Public Facilities shall be accompanied by an initial deposit in the amount not less than \$75,000 to fund initial staff and consultant costs associated with CFD review and implementation. If additional funds are needed to off-set costs and expenses incurred by the City, the City shall make written demand upon the applicant for such funds. If the applicant fails to make any deposit of additional funds for the proceedings, the City may suspend all proceedings until receipt of such additional deposit.

The City shall not accrue or pay any interest on any portion of the deposit refunded to any applicant or the costs and expenses reimbursed to an applicant. Neither the City nor the CFD shall be required to reimburse any applicant or property owner from any funds other than the proceeds of bonds issued by the CFD or special taxes levied in the CFD.

Representatives. The City and the applicant shall each designate a representative for each financing district proceeding. The representatives shall be responsible for coordinating the activities of their respective interests and shall be the spokespersons for each such interest. The purpose of this requirement is to avoid duplication of effort and misunderstandings from failure to communicate effectively. In the case of the City, it allows the City's consultants to report to a single official who will, in turn, communicate with other staff members.

Time Schedule. The final schedule of events for any proceeding shall be determined by the City, in consultation with its financing team and the applicant. Any changes will require approval by the appropriate City official. Time schedules will (unless specific exceptions are allowed) observe established City Council meeting schedules and agenda deadlines. To the extent possible, financings will be scheduled to allow debt service to be placed on the tax rolls with a minimum of capitalized interest.

VIII. FINANCING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BONDS.

No Impact On City's Credit. All terms and conditions of any CFD bonds shall be established by the City. The City will control, manage and invest all CFD issued bond proceeds. Each bond issue shall be structured to adequately protect bond owners and to not negatively impact the bonding capacity or credit rating of the City through the special taxes, credit enhancements, foreclosure covenant, and reserve funds.

All statements and material related to the sale of bonds shall emphasize and state that neither the faith, credit nor the taxing power of the City is pledged to security or repayment of the Bonds. The sole source of pledged revenues to repay CFD bonds are special taxes, bond proceeds and reserve funds held under the bond document, and the proceeds of foreclosure proceedings and additional security instruments provided at the time of bond issuance.

Finance Team Selection. The City shall select all consultants necessary for the formation of the CFD and the issuance of bonds, including the underwriter(s), bond counsel, disclosure counsel, financial advisors, appraiser, market absorption/pricing consultant, and the special tax consultant. Prior consent of the applicant shall not be required in the determination by the City of the consulting and financing team.

IX. EXCEPTIONS TO THESE POLICIES.

The City may find in limited and exceptional instances that a waiver to any of the above stated policies is reasonable given identified special benefits to be derived from such waiver. Such waivers only will be granted by action of the City Council.