

SUBJECT: Planning Commission request to study open space protection issues following the passage of Measure Q

DEPARTMENT: Community Development

STAFF: Alexis Morris, Director of Community Development
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TITLE/RECOMMENDATION

Provide staff direction regarding whether to proceed with studying amendments to the Brentwood Municipal Code, Right to Farm Ordinance, and Conservation and Open Space Element to provide additional open space protection following the passage of Measure Q.

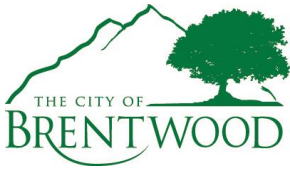
FISCAL IMPACT

In addition to a significant amount of staff time spent, there is expected to be a fiscal impact to the General Fund. If the City Council directs staff to move forward with the request, the cost would depend on the scope of the request and would include the costs of assistance from outside land use consulting and legal counsel in coordination with the City Attorney's Office.

BACKGROUND

At the end of the February 20, 2024 meeting, Commissioner Flohr requested a future agenda item regarding whether to recommend that the City Council direct staff to study open space protection issues following the passage of Measure Q, including any relevant impacts to (for example) the General Plan's Conservation and Open Space Element and the City's Right to Farm Ordinance (Brentwood Municipal Code Chapter 8.01).

At the April 2, 2024 Planning Commission meeting, Commissioner Flohr explained the request in more detail. After taking public comment, the Planning Commission deliberated and voted 4-1 to move forward with the request. The adopted motion reads specifically as follows:



**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM NO. H.4
07/23/2024**

"Request that the City Council direct staff to study amendments to the City's Municipal Code and Right to Farm Ordinance as well as the Conservation and Open Space Elements, in order to provide additional open space protection resulting from unanticipated impacts following the passage of Measure Q."

The City Council will need to provide specific direction on how to implement this request. Based on the current volume of Community Development priority projects, if authorized, this project may not start till early 2025.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

Not applicable.

PREVIOUS ACTION

Not applicable.

DATE OF NOTICE

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Commissioner Flohr's Open Space Protection Recommendations to City Council