



City of Santa Barbara
Community Development Department
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING: PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)

DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 MEETING BEGINS AT: 1:00 PM

LOCATION: THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ELECTRONICALLY AS DESCRIBED BELOW

PROJECT LOCATION: 635 E. GUTIERREZ STREET, **ZONE:** M-I, MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIAL, **LAND USE DESIGNATION:** INDUSTRIAL
APN: 031-293-012, PLN2019-00522, **APPLICANT:** TONY TOMASELLO, RRM DESIGN GROUP, **OWNER:** HUGHES LAND HOLDING TRUST

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of a new one-story, 9,260-square-foot, 10-megawatt (MW)/40-megawatt hour (MWh) battery energy storage system (BESS) facility on a 14,713-square-foot (0.34-acre) lot at the corner of E. Gutierrez and N. Quarantina Streets. All existing structures would be demolished. The facility would contain lithium ion batteries stored on racks that would be seismically anchored to the building foundation and constructed with non-flammable aluminum and steel. The facility would contain medium voltage transformers and other electrical equipment. The facility would be unmanned and monitored remotely. The project includes a loading and turnaround area and no vehicular parking spaces. Grading quantities for the new facility include 6 cubic yards of cut and 1,040 cubic yards of fill. Connections to the Southern California Edison Substation located to the east would be required. The developer, esVolta, would operate the facility and Southern California Edison would purchase the stored energy from the developer over the life of the contract. Project requires approval of a Development Plan and Conditional Use Permit.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Kennedy, Project Planner, (805) 564-5470, ext. 4560, KKennedy@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

IN ORDER TO PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PRIORITIZE THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ISSUED EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, WHICH ALLOWS LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCES WHILE STILL MEETING THE STATE'S OPEN AND TRANSPARENT MEETING REQUIREMENTS. COMMISSIONERS MAY PARTICIPATE ELECTRONICALLY. AS A PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY PRECAUTION, THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA STRONGLY ENCOURAGES AND WELCOMES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THIS TIME. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

TELEVISION COVERAGE: This meeting will be broadcast live on City TV-Channel 18 and online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTV. See SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTVProgramGuide for a rebroadcast schedule. An archived video of this meeting will be available at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PCVideos.

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: Join the Meeting Electronically by clicking on the meeting link which will be found on the meeting agenda. You will be connected to audio using your computer's microphone and speakers (VoIP). A headset is recommended. You can also select the option to use your telephone, but you must use the GoToWebinar software to interact with the meeting. Select "Use Telephone" after joining the webinar and call in using the numbers listed on the agenda that will be posted online (see NOTE below for agenda posting details). Oral comments during a meeting may be made by electronic participation only.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments may also be submitted via email to PCSecretary@SantaBarbaraCA.gov prior to the beginning of the Planning Commission Meeting. All public comments submitted via email will be provided to the Planning Commission and will become part of the public record. **Please note that the Commission may not have time to review written comments received after 4:30 p.m. the Tuesday before the meeting; however, they will be added to the project file.** You may also submit written correspondence via US Postal Service (USPS); addressed to PC Secretary, PO Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990. However, please be advised, correspondence sent via USPS may not be received in time to process prior to the meeting and email submissions are highly encouraged.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The scope of this project may be modified under further review. To be informed of future hearings, you may (1) Submit a request in writing to become an "Interested Party" for notification by mail or email when the project is scheduled on an agenda. Agendas are posted and mailed/emailed to interested parties 72 hours before the meeting. (2) Join the City's SantaBarbaraCA.gov/MySB to subscribe to email notification whenever PC agendas posted. This is a general subscription to all PC agendas. You may also contact City Planning staff at (805) 564-5578 for questions on case status. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and every other Friday (see SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Calendar for closure dates). Meeting agendas, minutes, and videos are posted online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PC. This meeting will be broadcast live on City TV-Channel 18 and online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTV.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you need services or staff assistance to attend or participate in this meeting, contact the City Administrator's Office at (805) 564 5305. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will usually enable the City to make reasonable arrangements. Specialized services, such as sign language interpretation or documents in Braille, may require additional lead time to arrange.

STAFF REPORT AND PLANS: Copies of all documents relating to this agenda item will be available for review online on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PC.

NOTE: On Thursday, September 10, 2020, an Agenda with all items to be heard on Thursday, September 17, 2020 will be posted on the outdoor bulletin board at City Hall, 735 Anacapa Street, and online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PC.