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**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR STAFF REPORT**

January 12, 2017  
Agenda Item No. 1

**SUBJECT:** 4401 and 4405 Channel Place Tentative Parcel Map (PA2016-187)  
**SITE LOCATION:** 4401 and 4405 Channel Place  
▪ Tentative Parcel Map No. NP2016-023  
▪ County Tentative Parcel Map No. 2016-184  
**APPLICANT:** Channel House LLC  
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**ZONING DISTRICT/GENERAL PLAN**

- **Zone:** R-2 (Two-Family Residential)
- **General Plan:** RT (Two-Unit Residential)

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

A request for tentative parcel map for two-unit condominium purposes. A duplex has been demolished and a two-unit dwelling is currently under construction. No waivers of Title 19 are proposed. The Tentative Parcel map would allow each unit to be sold individually.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) Conduct a public hearing; and
- 2) Adopt Draft Zoning Administrator Resolution No. \_ approving Tentative Parcel Map No. NP2016-023 (Attachment No. ZA 1).

**DISCUSSION**

- The subject property is approximately 3,409 square feet in area with a slight upward slope towards the alley. Vehicular access is accessible from 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Channel Place.

- An existing duplex has been demolished and a two-unit dwelling is currently under construction, which will provide the Code required two-car parking per unit.
- Approval of the Tentative Parcel Map will allow each unit to be sold individually.
- The property is designated for two-unit residential use by the General Plan and Zoning Code. The new two-unit dwelling is consistent with this designation and a tentative parcel map for condominiums does not change the use.
- The new condominium project will conform to current Municipal Code requirements and meet all Title 19 standards.
- Public improvements will be required of the applicant per the Municipal Code and Subdivision Map Act.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15315, of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines - Class 15 (Minor Land Divisions).

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of this application was published in the Daily Pilot, mailed to all owners of property within 300 feet of the boundaries of the site (excluding intervening rights-of-way and waterways), including the applicant, and posted on the subject property at least 10 days before the scheduled hearing, consistent with the provisions of the Municipal Code. Additionally, the item appeared on the agenda for this meeting, which was posted at City Hall and on the City website.

### **APPEAL PERIOD:**

An appeal may be filed with the Director of Community Development within 10 days following the date of action. For additional information on filing an appeal, contact the Planning Division at (949) 644-3200.

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Attachments:      ZA 1      Draft Resolution  
                         ZA 2      Vicinity Map  
                         ZA 3      Tentative Parcel Map No. NP2016-023  
                                         County Tentative Parcel Map No. 2016-184

# **Attachment No. ZA 1**

Draft Resolution

## **RESOLUTION NO. ZA2017-###**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH APPROVING TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. NP2016-023 FOR A TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP FOR TWO-UNIT CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES LOCATED AT 4401 AND 4405 CHANNEL PLACE (PA2016-187)**

THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH HEREBY FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

#### **SECTION 1. STATEMENT OF FACTS.**

1. An application was filed by Channel House, LLC, with respect to property located at 4401 and 4405 Channel Place, and legally described as Lot 14, Block 144 in Canal Section in Tract 164 requesting approval of a tentative parcel map.
2. The applicant proposes a tentative parcel map for two-unit condominium purposes. A duplex has been demolished and a two-unit dwelling is under construction. No waivers of Title 19 are proposed.
3. The subject property is located within the Two-Unit Residential (R-2) Zoning District and the General Plan Land Use Element category is Two-Unit Residential (RT).
4. The subject property is located within the coastal zone. The Coastal Land Use Plan category is Two-Unit Residential (RT-E).
5. A public hearing was held on January 12, 2017, in the Corona del Mar Conference Room (Bay E-1st Floor) at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. A notice of time, place and purpose of the meeting was given in accordance with the Newport Beach Municipal Code. Evidence, both written and oral, was presented to, and considered by, the Zoning Administrator at this meeting.

#### **SECTION 2. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT DETERMINATION.**

1. This project has been determined to be categorically exempt pursuant to the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines under Class 15 (Minor Land Divisions).
2. The Class 15 exemption allows the division of property in urbanized areas zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use into four (4) or fewer parcels when the division is in conformance with the General Plan and Zoning, no variances or exceptions are required, all services and access to the proposed parcels are available, the parcel was not involved in a division of a larger parcel within the previous two (2) years, and the parcel does not have an average slope greater than 20 percent. The Tentative Parcel Map is for condominium purposes and is consistent with all of the requirements of the Class 15 exemption.

### SECTION 3. REQUIRED FINDINGS.

The Zoning Administrator determined in this case that the Tentative Parcel Map is consistent with the legislative intent of Title 20 (Planning and Zoning) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code and is approved based on the following findings per Section 19.12.070 (Required Findings for Action on Tentative Maps) of Title 19:

Finding:

*A. That the proposed map and the design or improvements of the subdivision are consistent with the General Plan and any applicable specific plan, and with applicable provisions of the Subdivision Map Act and this Subdivision Code.*

Facts in Support of Finding:

1. The Tentative Parcel Map is for two-unit residential condominium purposes. An existing duplex has been demolished and a new two-unit dwelling is currently under construction. The proposed subdivision and improvements are consistent with the density of the R-2 Zoning District and the current RT General Plan Land Use Designation.
2. The subject property is not located within a specific plan area.
3. The project has been conditioned to require public improvements, including the reconstruction of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters along the Balboa Boulevard, 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Channel Place frontages, consistent with the Subdivision Code (Title 19).

Finding:

*B. That the site is physically suitable for the type and density of development.*

Facts in Support of Finding:

1. The lot is physically suitable for a two-unit development. The lot is triangular in shape but has always been developed with two-units and the shape of the lot has not proven to create any issues.
2. The subject property is accessible from 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Channel Place, and is adequately served by existing utilities.

Finding:

*C. That the design of the subdivision or the proposed improvements are not likely to cause substantial environmental damage nor substantially and avoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitat. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, the decision making body may*

*nevertheless approve such a subdivision if an environmental impact report was prepared for the project and a finding was made pursuant to Section 21081 of the California Environmental Quality Act that specific economic, social, or other considerations make infeasible the mitigation measures or project alternatives identified in the environmental impact report.*

Facts in Support of Finding:

1. The site was previously developed with a duplex and will be replaced with a new two-unit dwelling.
2. The property is located in an urbanized area that does not contain any sensitive vegetation or habitat.
3. The project is categorically exempt under Section 15315 (Article 19 of Chapter 3), of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines – Class 15 (Minor Land Divisions).

Finding:

*D. That the design of the subdivision or the type of improvements is not likely to cause serious public health problems.*

Facts in Support of Finding:

1. The Tentative Parcel Map is for residential condominium purposes. All improvements associated with the project will comply with all Building, Public Works, and Fire Codes, which are in place to prevent serious public health problems. Public improvements will be required of the developer per Section 19.28.010 (General Improvement Requirements) of the Municipal Code and Section 66411 (Local Agencies to Regulate and Control Design of Subdivisions) of the Subdivision Map Act. All ordinances of the City and all Conditions of Approval will be complied with.

Finding:

*E. That the design of the subdivision or the type of improvements will not conflict with easements, acquired by the public at large, for access through or use of property within the proposed subdivision. In this connection, the decision making body may approve a map if it finds that alternate easements, for access or for use, will be provided and that these easements will be substantially equivalent to ones previously acquired by the public. This finding shall apply only to easements of record or to easements established by judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction and no authority is hereby granted to the City Council to determine that the public at large has acquired easements for access through or use of property within a subdivision.*

Facts in Support of Finding:

1. The design of the development will not conflict with easements acquired by the public at large, for access through, or use of property within the proposed development, because there are no public easements located on the property.

Finding:

*F. That, subject to the detailed provisions of Section 66474.4 of the Subdivision Map Act, if the land is subject to a contract entered into pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 (Williamson Act), the resulting parcels following a subdivision of the land would not be too small to sustain their agricultural use or the subdivision will result in residential development incidental to the commercial agricultural use of the land.*

Facts in Support of Finding:

1. The property is not subject to the Williamson Act because the subject property is not designated as an agricultural preserve and is less than 100 acres in area.
2. The site is developed for residential use and is located in a Zoning District that permits residential uses.

Finding:

*G. That, in the case of a "land project" as defined in Section 11000.5 of the California Business and Professions Code: (1) there is an adopted specific plan for the area to be included within the land project; and (2) the decision making body finds that the proposed land project is consistent with the specific plan for the area.*

Facts in Support of Finding:

1. California Business and Professions Code Section 11000.5 has been repealed by the Legislature. However, this project site is not considered a "land project" as previously defined in Section 11000.5 of the California Business and Professions Code because the project site does not contain 50 or more parcels of land.
2. The project is not located within a specific plan area.

Finding:

*H. That solar access and passive heating and cooling design requirements have been satisfied in accordance with Sections 66473.1 and 66475.3 of the Subdivision Map Act.*



Facts in Support of Finding:

1. The Tentative Parcel Map and any future improvements are subject to Title 24 of the California Building Code that requires new construction to meet minimum heating and cooling efficiency standards depending on location and climate. The Newport Beach Building Division enforces Title 24 compliance through the plan check and inspection process.

Finding:

- I. That the subdivision is consistent with Section 66412.3 of the Subdivision Map Act and Section 65584 of the California Government Code regarding the City's share of the regional housing need and that it balances the housing needs of the region against the public service needs of the City's residents and available fiscal and environmental resources.*

Facts in Support of Finding:

1. The tentative parcel map for a two-unit condominium project is consistent with the R-2 Zoning District, the General Plan designation and density which allows a maximum two residential units on the property. Therefore, this does not affect the City in meeting its regional housing need.
2. The subject property is within an existing residential neighborhood which is adequately served by existing public services and does not impact existing fiscal and environmental resources that are already available.

Finding:

- J. That the discharge of waste from the proposed subdivision into the existing sewer system will not result in a violation of existing requirements prescribed by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.*

Facts in Support of Finding:

1. The new two-unit dwelling will be designed so that wastewater discharge into the existing sewer system complies with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) requirements.

Finding:

- K. For subdivisions lying partly or wholly within the Coastal Zone, that the subdivision conforms with the certified Local Coastal Program and, where applicable, with public access and recreation policies of Chapter Three of the Coastal Act.*

Facts in Support of Finding:

1. The Tentative Parcel Map is for a two-unit dwelling. The proposed subdivision and improvements are consistent with the Coastal Land Use Plan designation RT-E (Two Unit Residential).

SECTION 4. DECISION.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The Zoning Administrator of the City of Newport Beach hereby approves Tentative Parcel Map No. NP2016-023 (PA2016-187), subject to the conditions set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.
2. This action shall become final and effective 10 days after the adoption of this Resolution unless within such time an appeal or call for review is filed with the Director of Community Development an appeal is filed with the City Council in accordance with the provisions of Title 19 Subdivisions, of the Newport Beach Municipal Code.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.**

**EXHIBIT "A"****CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

1. A Parcel Map shall be recorded. The Map shall be prepared on the California Coordinate System (NAD88). Prior to recordation of the Map, the surveyor/engineer preparing the Map shall submit to the County Surveyor and the City of Newport Beach, a digital-graphic file of said map in a manner described in Section 7-9-330 and 7-9-337 of the Orange County Subdivision Code and Orange County Subdivision Manual, Sub article 18. **The map to be submitted to the City of Newport Beach shall comply with the City's CADD Standards. Scanned images will not be accepted.**
2. Prior to recordation of the Parcel Map, the surveyor/engineer preparing the Map shall tie the boundary of the Map into the Horizontal Control System established by the County Surveyor in a manner described in Sections 7-9-330 and 7-9-337 of the Orange County Subdivision Code and Orange County Subdivision Manual, Sub article 18. Monuments (one inch iron pipe with tag) shall be set on each lot corner, unless otherwise approved by the Subdivision Engineer. Monuments shall be protected in place if installed prior to completion of construction project.
3. The project is subject to all applicable City ordinances, policies, and standards, unless specifically waived or modified by the conditions of approval.
4. A 10-foot radius corner cut-off easement for street and public utility purposes at all corners of the property shall be recorded as a part of the parcel map.
5. All improvements shall be constructed as required by Ordinance and the Public Works Department.
6. Reconstruct the existing broken and/or otherwise damaged concrete sidewalk panels, concrete curb and gutter along Balboa Boulevard, 44<sup>th</sup> Street, and Channel Place frontages.
7. Existing curb access ramps shall be reconstructed to be ADA compliant. Utilize the corner cut offs to install city standard curb access ramps per STD-181-L-(A-D).
8. All existing overhead utilities shall be undergrounded.
9. No above ground improvements shall be installed within the 5-foot alley setback.
10. Channel Place and 44<sup>th</sup> Street are part of the City's Moratorium List. Work performed on said roadways will require additional surfacing requirements. See City Standard 105-L-F.

11. All existing private, non-standard improvements within the public right-of-way and/or extensions of private, non-standard improvements into the public right-of-way fronting the development shall be removed.
12. Each unit shall be served by its individual water meter and sewer lateral and cleanout. Each water meter and sewer cleanout shall be installed with a traffic-grade box and cover. Water meter and sewer cleanout shall be located within the public right-of-way.
13. An encroachment permit is required for all work activities within the public right-of-way.
14. All improvements shall comply with the City's sight distance requirement. See City Standard 110-L and Municipal Code 20.30.130.
15. In case of damage done to public improvements surrounding the development site by the private construction, additional reconstruction within the public right-of-way could be required at the discretion of the Public Works Inspector.
16. All on-site drainage shall comply with current Water Quality requirements.
17. All unused and abandoned water services shall be capped at the main (corporation stop) and all unused and abandoned sewer laterals shall be capped at property line. If the abandoned sewer lateral has an existing cleanout, abandonment shall include removal of the cleanout riser, the 4TT box and the wye. Sewer lateral shall then be capped where the wye used to be.
18. Repaint all existing red curbs along all property frontages.
19. Subsequent to the recordation of the Parcel Map, the applicant shall apply for a building permit for description change of the subject project development from "duplex" to "condominium." **The development will not be condominiums until this permit is finalized.** The building permit for the new construction shall not be finalized until after recordation of the Parcel Map.
20. This approval shall expire and become void unless exercised within twenty-four (24) months from the actual date of review authority approval, except where an extension of time is approved in compliance with the provisions of Title 20 (Planning and Zoning) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code.
21. To the fullest extent permitted by law, applicant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless City, its City Council, its boards and commissions, officials, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, demands, obligations, damages, actions, causes of action, suits, losses, judgments, fines, penalties, liabilities, costs and expenses (including without limitation, attorney's fees, disbursements and court costs) of every kind and nature whatsoever which may arise from or in any manner relate (directly or indirectly) to City's approval of the 4401 and 4405 Channel Place Tentative Parcel Map, including, but not limited to, Tentative Parcel Map No. NP2016-023 (PA2016-187).

This indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, damages awarded against the City, if any, costs of suit, attorneys' fees, and other expenses incurred in connection with such claim, action, causes of action, suit or proceeding whether incurred by applicant, City, and/or the parties initiating or bringing such proceeding. The applicant shall indemnify the City for all of City's costs, attorneys' fees, and damages which City incurs in enforcing the indemnification provisions set forth in this condition. The applicant shall pay to the City upon demand any amount owed to the City pursuant to the indemnification requirements prescribed in this condition.

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## **Attachment No. ZA 2**

Vicinity Map

# VICINITY MAP



Tentative Parcel Map No. NP2016-023  
PA2016-187

**4401 and 4405 Channel Place**

# **Attachment No. ZA 3**

Tentative Parcel Map



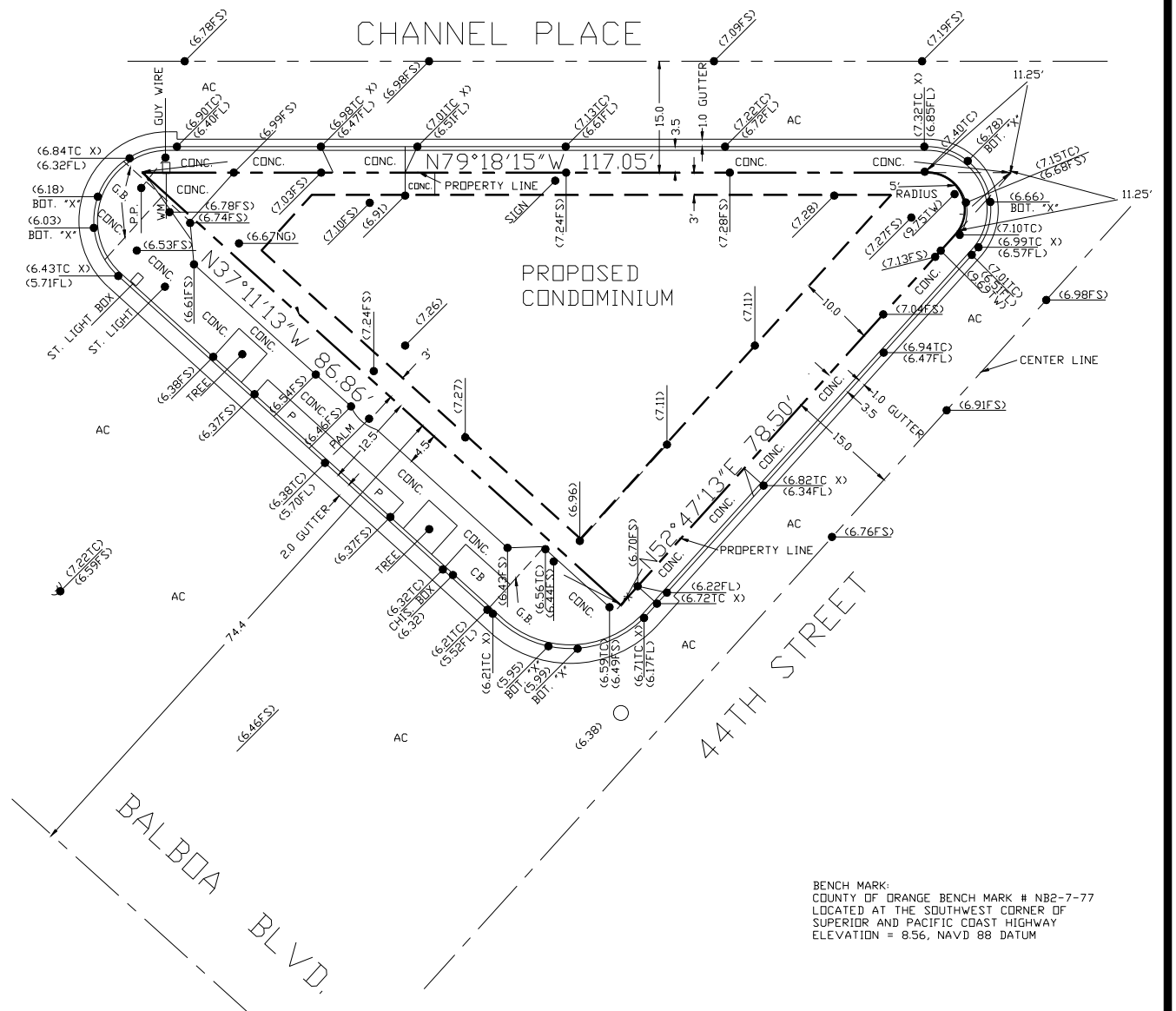
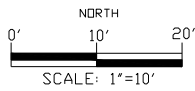
# TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 2016-184

BEING A SUBDIVISION OF:  
BLOCK 144 OF CANAL SECTION, IN THE CITY  
OF NEWPORT BEACH, COUNTY OF ORANGE.  
FOR CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES ( 1 PARCEL )

ADDRESS: 4401 CHANNEL PLACE, NEWPORT BEACH  
DATE: 10-14-16

OWNER AND SUB DIVIDER:  
CHANNEL HOUSE, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
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BENCH MARK:  
COUNTY OF ORANGE BENCH MARK # NB2-7-77  
LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF  
SUPERIOR AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY  
ELEVATION = 8.56, NAVD 88 DATUM