



TO: Honorable Members of the City Council

FROM: Mayor Arreguín and Councilmember Wengraf

SUBJECT: Referral: Update the definition of “Research and Development”

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the Planning Commission to update the definition of “Research and Development.”

BACKGROUND

In the 21st century, Research and Development has evolved to take on many new forms, such that it can be performed in spaces that may, at first glance, appear to be an office or light industrial environment rather than a traditional “laboratory” with, for example, benches and sinks.

The Planning Commission is encouraged to update the definition of “Research and Development”¹ to reflect evolving business practices and consider language such as:

Research and Development: An establishment comprised of laboratory or other associated and ancillary space, engaged in one or more of the following activities: industrial, technological, biological or scientific research; product design; associated software development; development and testing; and limited fabrication and/or manufacturing necessary for the production and assemblage of prototypical products.”

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No environmental impact.

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¹ BMC — 23F.04.010 Definitions

