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CITY OF BENICIA ANNOUNCES NORTH STUDY AREA VISIONING PROJECT

Benicia, CA (November 9, 2022) – The City of Benicia has launched the North Study Area Visioning Project, a partnership with the Benicia community to envision the future of the 527-acre undeveloped property in the northeast corner of the city (see figure attached), which is the last remaining large tract of privately-owned undeveloped land within Benicia.

Community input, together with an economic analysis and evaluation of property conditions, will be used to develop concepts for further public review. The City expects to complete the visioning process by late 2023.

To kick-off the visioning process, the City of Benicia will host a Community Open House on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Northgate Church, located at 2201 Lake Herman Road, as well as a virtual Community Open House on Wednesday, November 29, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. At the Open House, the public will learn about the visioning process and share initial thoughts about the future of the property.

The City has also formed an advisory group to help distribute information about the project, provide feedback on project materials and bring together diverse community perspectives. The advisory group consists of members representing community organizations and various City commissions and committees, including the Planning Commission, Economic Development Board, Community Sustainability Commission, Committee United for Racial Equity and a City Council subcommittee.

There will be a variety of opportunities for the community to learn more about this effort and provide feedback over the coming year. The City will solicit public input through a series of community meetings, public events and online engagement opportunities. Information can be found at www.NorthStudyArea.org.

About the North Study Area Property

The North Study Area property is within the City's urban growth boundary and fronts on Lake Herman Road and East Second Street. The property is within the Benicia Industrial Park boundaries and is currently zoned Limited Industrial and General Commercial.

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