

CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDING THE GENERAL PLAN TO REPLACE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY ELEMENT AND THE AIRPORT ENVIRONS ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN WITH A NEW SAFETY AND NOISE ELEMENT

WHEREAS, California law (Government Code Sections 65300-65303.4) requires seven General Plan Elements, including a Safety Element and a Noise Element; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a Safety Element is to minimize the risks of loss of life, personal injury, serious illness, property damage, and environmental degradation resulting from fires, floods, earthquakes, landslides and other hazards, and the purpose of a Noise Element is to limit the exposure of the community to excessive noise levels; and

WHEREAS, The City of Alameda Safety and Noise Element and Airport Environs Element were last updated 25 years ago in 1991; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2015, the City of Alameda submitted for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) review a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Alameda to address current health, safety and noise risks; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2016, FEMA approved Alameda's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Federal best practices require the Safety Element update; and

WHEREAS, as required by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is required to achieve eligibility and potentially secure mitigation funding through FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance, Pre-Disaster Mitigation, Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs, and additional State recovery funding after disasters; and

WHEREAS, FEMA best practices include the review of a city's Safety Element for compliance, consistency and integration with the latest Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held Public Hearings on September 12, 2016, October 10, 2016, and November 14, 2016, and unanimously recommended approval of the General Plan Amendment to the City Council on November 14, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the purpose of the Safety and Noise Element update is to identify objectives and policies to reduce the potential risks associated with various hazards and to limit exposure of the community to excessive noise levels. These objectives and policies would not have the potential to have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, this project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines

Section 15061(b) (3), as the project does not have the potential to have a significant effect on the environment; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Alameda City Council approves a General Plan Amendment to replace Chapter 7, Airport and Environs, and Chapter 8, Health and Safety, with a new Safety and Noise Element, as shown in Exhibit A.

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Council of the City of Alameda in a regular meeting assembled on 3rd day of January, 2017 by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 4th day of January, 2017.

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Lara Weisiger, City Clerk  
City of Alameda

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Janet C. Kern, City Attorney  
City of Alameda