

CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. ____

CERTIFYING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND APPROVING A
GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO AMEND THE HOUSING
ELEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 2015 THROUGH 2023

WHEREAS, the State of California requires that each city and county regularly adopt a Housing Element amendment to ensure consistency with State of California requirements and regional housing needs allocations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda prepared and circulated for public review a comprehensive update of the City of Alameda Housing Element on February 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, consistent with State of California requirements, the City of Alameda submitted the Draft Housing Element to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for review for compliance with State law; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held public hearings to review the draft Housing Element on February 27, 2014, April 28, 2014, and June 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held a public hearing on the proposed General Plan Housing Element on June 9, 2014; examined pertinent maps, drawings, and documents in connection with the proposed action; reviewed the draft Negative Declaration; and passed a resolution recommending that the City Council approve the Negative Declaration and General Plan Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alameda held a public hearing on the proposed General Plan Housing Element and Negative Declaration on July 15, 2014; examined pertinent maps, drawings, and documents in connection with the proposed action; reviewed the draft Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that:

1. **The adoption of the 2015-2023 Housing Element will not result in a significant impact on the environment.** The 2015-2023 Housing Element does not include any programs to rezone property for residential purposes, nor does the draft Element propose any new policies or programs that would have an effect on the physical environment.
2. **The proposed General Plan text and diagram amendments are consistent with the policies and intent of the General Plan.** The proposed amendment to the General Plan clarifies and improves existing Housing Element policies and objectives and ensures internal consistency between the Housing Element and the other elements of the General Plan. The amendments ensure consistency between the City General Plan and the State of California Government Code, which is necessary to achieve General Plan policies and objectives for equal

access to housing, access to transportation improvement funds, and mixed use, transit-oriented housing opportunities.

3. **The proposed General Plan text and diagram amendment will have acceptable effects on the general welfare of the community** The proposed amendment will facilitate the City's ability to attract new grant funds to improve transportation, infrastructure, open space, and housing. The amendment will also ensure that households seeking different housing types and affordable housing will have opportunities to find housing in Alameda.
4. **The proposed General Plan text and diagram amendment is in the public interest.** Maintaining consistency with State of California Government Code requirements ensures that the City of Alameda General Plan is adequate for City decision making, preserves access to State funding sources and reduces the risk to the community of potentially expensive lawsuits over the adequacy of the General Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby certifies the Negative Declaration, rescinds the 2007-2014 Housing Element, and approves 2015-2023 Housing Element as shown in Exhibit 1.

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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 the 15th day of July 2014 by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSENTIONS:

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 16th day of July 2014.

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
City of Alameda