

DRAFT PLANNING BOARD
RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO ADOPT THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE *ALAMEDA GENERAL PLAN 2040*

WHEREAS, Government Code section 65300.5 requires the City of Alameda (City) to maintain a General Plan that is an “integrated, internally consistent and compatible statement of policies for the adopting agency”; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan establishes the local development and conservation policies necessary to guide the long-term plan for the physical development of the City and protect the general health, safety and welfare of the community and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the last comprehensive update of the current General Plan occurred 30 years ago and was designed to serve the City for 20 years or until 2010; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2020, the City circulated for public review the first draft Alameda General Plan 2040 for public review and comment; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2020, the Alameda Planning Board held four public forums and over 1,500 individuals and over 25 organizations provided written comments and suggestions for improvements to the draft Plan through the General Plan update website, meetings and surveys; and

WHEREAS, staff compiled the feedback and prepared the March 2021 draft General Plan, which synthesizes comments received from the Planning Board, the public, and other boards, community groups and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda General Plan 2040 was circulated for review by requisite entities in conformance with Government Code section 65352 and by the California Native American Tribes in conformance with Government Code section 65352.3; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board reviewed and commented on the draft General Plan at a joint meeting with the Transportation Commission on May 10, 2021, a joint meeting with the Historical Advisory Board on June 14, 2021, and at a public meeting on July 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2021, the Planning Board held a duly noticed public hearing on this project and examined pertinent maps, drawings, and documents in connection with the project; and

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WHEREAS, the Planning Board independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR on September 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on the same date, the Planning Board recommended that the City Council certify that the Final EIR has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq., and recommended that the City Council adopting findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Project, and adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Board finds that:

1. **The proposed General Plan amendment is necessary to maintain a General Plan that is an integrated, internally consistent and compatible statement of policies for the City of Alameda.** Alameda General Plan 2040 provides a comprehensive update to the current General Plan that has not been comprehensively updated since 1991 and which was designed to be updated over 10 years ago in 2010. The amendment ensures consistency between the City General Plan and the California Government Code, which is necessary to guide future actions and decision making over the next 20 years in Alameda.
2. **The proposed General Plan amendment will have acceptable effects on the general welfare of the community.** Alameda General Plan 2040 establishes an internally consistent policy framework designed to ensure the continuation of a high quality of life for all members of the community, irrespective of income, race, ability, or age. The General Plan ensures that the community is able to address the challenges that will need to be faced, including but not limited to the climate crises, the housing crises, transportation constraints and the need to ensure an equitable and inclusive community.
3. **The proposed General Plan amendment is in the public interest.** Maintaining consistency with 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Board recommends that the City Council approve the Alameda General Plan 2040 (Exhibit 1) as amended by the Addendum List (Exhibit 2) to replace the current General Plan, with the exception of the Housing Element and Street

Classification Appendix, which will be updated in 2022.

Exhibit 1: March 2021 Draft General Plan
Exhibit 2: September 2021 Addendum List

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