

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

ADOPTING 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 1,700 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

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2021, the Planning Board independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR and adopted a resolution recommending that the City Council certify the Final EIR for the General Plan update; and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2021, the Planning Board adopted a resolution recommending that the City Council approve the General Plan update; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2021, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing on this project and examined pertinent maps, drawings, and documents in connection with the environmental review and the General Plan amendment, and prior to approving the General Plan update, adopted a resolution certifying that the Final EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA, Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq., adopting findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Project, and adopting the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council finds that:

1. **Adoption of the General Plan amendment complies with CEQA.** Prior to approving the General Plan update, the City Council has adopted a companion resolution certifying the Final EIR for the General Plan update has been completed in compliance with CEQA, adopting findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Project, and adopting the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Alameda General Plan 2040, published and available at <http://www.alameda2040.org/>, is hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein, and that the City Council approves the General Plan amendment to adopt Alameda General Plan 2040 to replace the current General Plan, with the exception of the Housing Element and Street Classification Appendix, which will be updated in 2022.

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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 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021 by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said City this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

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Lara Weisiger, City Clerk  
City of Alameda

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Yibin Shen, City Attorney  
City of Alameda