

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-XX

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOLLISTER
ADOPTING THE 2040 GENERAL PLAN**

WHEREAS, in 2020 the City Council of the City of Hollister initiated preparation of a comprehensive update of the City's General Plan pursuant to California Government Code Section 65300 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, through the course of project development the City has also prepared a Climate Action Plan and an Agricultural Lands Preservation Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hollister, in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA guidelines, has caused to be prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which analyzes the impacts of the proposed project (SCH #2021040277); and

WHEREAS, full public involvement in the preparation of the Draft 2040 General Plan has been ensured through public workshops, General Plan Advisory Committee meetings, online activities, Planning Commission study sessions, and City Council Study Sessions throughout the drafting process; and

WHEREAS, the City has maintained a website, Hollister2040.org, dedicated to the General Plan Update process, including the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report, Climate Action Plan, and Agricultural Lands Preservation Program throughout the course of the project, where information on any upcoming activities or meetings, as well as all information from past public meetings and workshops related to the project could be reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the Draft General Plan has been published for public review and referred to other public agencies for review and comment as required by State law; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2024, the City of Hollister Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing to consider the General Plan, Climate Action Plan, Agricultural Lands Preservation Program, and Final EIR, and adopted Resolution 2024-XX recommending to the City Council the adoption of the General Plan, Climate Action Plan, and Agricultural Lands Preservation Program and the certification of the Final EIR; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hollister held a duly noticed public hearing on November 19, 2024 to consider the Final EIR for the 2040 General Plan, Climate Action Plan, and Agricultural Lands Preservation Program; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing the City Council of the City of Hollister determined that the Final Environmental Impact Report provides a complete and adequate assessment of the potential impacts of implementing the 2040 General Plan, Climate Action Plan, and Agricultural Lands Preservation Program, and adopted a

resolution certifying the Final EIR for the 2040 General Plan, Climate Action Plan, and Agricultural Lands Preservation Program on November 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations which states the City's reasons for accepting various significant and unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from implementing the 2040 General Plan, Climate Action Plan, and Agricultural Lands Preservation Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hollister held a duly noticed public hearing also on November 19, 2024 to receive all public testimony and to consider the adoption of the 2040 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing the City Council deliberated and determined to adopt the 2040 General Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council does hereby make the following findings for the approval of the 2040 General Plan, in accordance with Section 17.24.290 of the Hollister Municipal Code:

1. **Finding:** The amendment is internally consistent with all other provisions of the General Plan because:
 - a. The proposed project is a comprehensive General Plan Update and will replace the City's current 2005-2023 General Plan. The 2040 General Plan, Climate Action Plan, and Chapter 17.28 Agricultural Lands Preservation Program are internally consistent with each other and will be in conformance with the 2040 General Plan, as adopted.
2. **Finding:** The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare because:
 - a. The City held many public outreach events, online activities, and meetings of the General Plan Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, and City Council throughout the project drafting process to ensure that the proposed policies and actions reflect the interests of the community. The City has collected written public comments on the draft documents and EIR and has incorporated the feedback into the documents as appropriate.
 - b. The adoption of the 2040 General Plan, Climate Action Plan, and Agricultural Lands Preservation Program will implement policies bringing the City into compliance with State regulations related to health, safety, convenience, and welfare; such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions; preparing for climate change; improving the City's circulation network

generally and creating greater access to multimodal transportation opportunities; preserving important agricultural lands within and surrounding the city; and supporting well-planned and thoughtful residential and non-residential development.

- c. The City has prepared an Environmental Impact Report which analyzed any potentially significant environmental impacts that could result from the implementation of the 2040 General Plan, Climate Action Plan, and Agricultural Lands Preservation Program, and has incorporated mitigation measures and mitigating policies and actions as appropriate to reduce or eliminate all potential impacts to the extent possible. The City has identified and has prepared a Statement of Overriding Considerations related to potential significant and unavoidable impacts that might result from the project, and has found that implementation of the Project will provide specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits which outweigh the unavoidable adverse environmental impacts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Hollister does hereby adopt the 2040 General Plan, incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit A.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Hollister at a regular meeting held on November 19, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAINED:
ABSENT:

Mia Casey, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law

Jennifer Woodworth, MMC, City Clerk

Mary F. Lerner, City Attorney

I, Jennifer Woodworth, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Hollister, do hereby certify that the attached Resolution No. 2024-XX is an original resolution, or true and correct copy of a City resolution, duly adopted by the Council of the City of Hollister at a regular meeting held on _____, 2024 at which meeting a quorum was present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Hollister on _____, 2024.

Jennifer Woodworth, MMC
City Clerk of the City of Hollister

EXHIBIT A
City of Hollister
2040 GENERAL PLAN