

RESOLUTION NO 2016-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, GENERL PLAN CEQA FINDINGS, AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Government Code Section 65300, et. seq., the City of Albany has completed an update of its General Plan; and

WHEREAS, a General Plan Update is defined as a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act and is thus subject to environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany determined that an Environmental Impact Report was required for the project and subsequently distributed a Notice of Preparation and conducted a noticed Scoping Session at Albany City Hall on March 26, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a 60-day review period was provided for public comments on the Notice of Preparation, and the comment letters were duly considered in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report; and

WHEREAS, the City published a Draft Environmental Impact Report on November 25, 2016, provided copies to the State Clearinghouse, and followed required noticing and distribution protocol for the document; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Environmental Impact Report is incorporated by reference in this Resolution as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, a 60-day period was provided for public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report, during which time the Planning and Zoning Commission convened a public hearing in order to receive oral testimony on the document; and

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edits to the Draft Environmental Impact Report; and this resolution as Exhibit D; and on March 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, following the conclusion of the public review period on January 25, 2016, the City prepared annotated responses to all comments received, as well as line

WHEREAS, the Responses to Comments Document, including line edits, are incorporated by reference to this Resolution as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the potential for significant impacts has been mitigated by policies in the General Plan itself, as well as mitigation measures specifically prescribed for the project and incorporated into this resolution by reference as Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS, the City has made findings for the General Plan Environmental Impact Report as required by Section 15091 and 15093 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Section 21081 of the Public Resources Code, and such findings are incorporated into

WHEREAS, the Albany Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing on the Draft General Plan and EIR, including the attachments referenced above,

WHEREAS, the Albany Planning and Zoning Commission adopted Resolution 2016-01, recommending Council adoption of the EIR and related documents, including edits to pages 13 and 16 of the required CEQA Findings document (Exhibit D);

NOW THEREFORE, THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS **FOLLOWS:**

1. The Albany 2035 General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) provides a program-level evaluation of projected growth in Albany over the 2015-2035 period, following the policies, maps, and action programs of the General Plan.

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

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Mayor, Peter Maass

ATTEST:

Nicole Almaguer, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A DRAFT 2035 GENERAL PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT **November 25, 2015** (SEPARATE PAGE)

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EXHIBIT C MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM (SEPARATE PAGE)

EXHIBIT D CEQA-REQUIRED FINDINGS (SEPARATE PAGE)



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

the 18th day of April, 2016, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Barnes, McQuaid, Nason, Pilch and Mayor Maass

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this

19th day of April, 2016.

Elien Harrington

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK