

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-88

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED SAN PABLO AVENUE SPECIFIC PLAN AND THE DESIGN GUIDELINES AND OBJECTIVE STANDARDS

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65450 et seq. permits a city to adopt a specific plan for the implementation of the general plan for part of the area covered by the general plan; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2022, the City Council approved Resolution 2022-87, adopting Amendments to the General Plan and an Addendum to the General Plan Environmental Impact Report for the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan; and

WHEREAS, recitals and findings from Albany City Council Resolution No. 2022-87 are incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Specific Plan, the City prepared Design Guidelines and Objective Standards to replace the 1993 San Pablo Avenue Design Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Specific Plan, the City prepared objective Community Benefits which are required for all new development in the Specific Plan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Specific Plan establishes a regulatory framework for policies and actions to incentivize residential mixed-use development in the Specific Plan area; and

WHEREAS, the Specific Plan includes goals and policies related to land use, housing, transportation, infrastructure and design to fulfill the vision for the Specific Plan Area and establishes uses and development standards for the Specific Plan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Specific Plan, Zoning Ordinance, Design Guidelines and Objective Standards, and Community Benefits identify standards and criteria by which development will proceed; and

WHEREAS, the Specific Plan is consistent with the policies, goals and vision set out in the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Specific Plan incorporates all necessary components to comply with current state law; and

WHEREAS, a Draft Specific Plan was published for public review and comment on June 10, 2022 and the Draft Specific Plan is incorporated into this resolution by reference as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the City has completed State-mandated environmental review procedures for the project and has adopted a separate resolution for an Addendum to the General Plan Environmental Impact Report, including Findings; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing to consider the Specific Plan, Design Guidelines and Objective Standards, and Community Benefits on June 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Planning and Zoning Commission adopted Resolution 2022-04 recommending that the City Council adopt the Specific Plan, Design Guidelines and Objective Standards, and Community Benefits; and

WHEREAS, the City published a public hearing notice in three public places and mailed notices on July 8, 2022 as required for a public hearing before the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on July 18, 2022 to consider the General Plan Amendments and Addendum to General Plan EIR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby makes the necessary findings for the Specific Plan, Design Guidelines and Objective Standards:

- 1. The proposed Specific Plan establishes appropriate goals, policies, and programs to address land use and housing withing the Specific Plan Area.
- 2. The proposed Specific Plan has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of the State Government Code for Specific Plans.
- 3. The proposed adoption of the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan is consistent with the Albany General Plan. As envisioned by the General Plan, the City of Albany is proposing the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan to transform San Pablo Avenue from an auto-oriented commercial strip to a pedestrian- and transit-oriented boulevard, with a diverse mix of uses (General Plan Policy LU-3.2: San Pablo Avenue). This objective was established by the City of Albany in 2016 when it adopted the General Plan. The General Plan articulates this vision, and the Specific Plan establishes a strategy, set of policies and programs, and implementation actions, including zoning amendments, for achieving this vision.

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4. The findings and General Plan EIR mitigation measures referenced in Resolution No. 2022-87, adopted on July 18, 2022, are included in the Council's recommendation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council adopts the proposed San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan (Exhibit A), Design Guidelines and Objective Standards (Exhibit B).

PRESTON JORDAN, MAYOR



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

The 18th day of July, 2022, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members McQuaid, Nason, Tiedemann and Mayor Jordan

NOES: Council Member Gary

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

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

19th day of July, 2022.

Anne Hsu CITY CLERK