**RESOLUTION NO. 3982-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR ADOPTING A GENERAL PLAN TEXT AMENDMENT TO INCORPORATE THE MUNICIPAL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

**WHEREAS,** on June 19, 2024, the Town Council of the Town of Windsor adopted the Municipal Climate Action Plan to guide staff in reducing municipal greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions toward reaching Net-Zero by 2030, as directed by the 2019 Windsor Climate Emergency Resolution 3548-19, and authorized the Town Manager to make minor modifications as necessary to achieve this intent; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town standardized efforts by establishing a comprehensive Municipal Climate Action Plan to mitigate negative environmental and social impacts caused by municipal operations; and

**WHEREAS,** the General Plan sets the GHG emissions reduction targets and provides general policy support for efforts to reduce emissions for long-term planning, and the Municipal Climate Action Plan (CAP) serves as a living blueprint for the Town's climate change strategy; and

**WHEREAS,** the Municipal Climate Action Plan is not currently in the General Plan 2040 and a General Plan Amendment would incorporate a policy to implement the Municipal Climate Action Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** on October 8, 2024, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution 765-24 to recommend Town Council adopt a General Plan Text Amendment to incorporate the Municipal Climate Action Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** the General Plan Amendment to incorporate the Municipal Climate Action Plan is found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15307: Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15308: Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment. CEQA Guidelines Section 15307 and 15308 are applicable because the proposed General Plan amendment is intended to address climate change impacts that pose an immediate and growing threat to California's economy, environment, safety, and public health. Additionally, the existing 2040 General Plan EIR found the greenhouse gas emissions impacts to be less than significant without mitigation; incorporating the Municipal Climate Action Plan into the 2040 General Plan could further reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases. Implementation of the objectives of the Municipal Climate Action Plan may require CEQA review; and

**WHEREAS,** the project was publicly noticed in accordance with State law and the Town Council Public Notice Procedures; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Windsor Town Council did conduct a duly noticed public hearing on November 6, 2024, on said application at which time all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Council of the Town of Windsor has made the following findings as required by Zoning Ordinance Section 27.54.050 in order to approve a General Plan Amendment:

1. The proposed amendment would not make the General Plan internally inconsistent. *Efforts to improve the sustainability and resiliency of Windsor through actions that aim to reduce GHG emissions is consistent with and advances Goal ER-5 in the Environmental Resources Element of the 2040 General Plan, including policies ER-4.4, 5.2, 5.4, 5.5, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.11, and 6.1. Furthermore, objectives in the Municipal Climate Action Plan are supportive of policies in the Land Use (LU 5.5 & 6.2), Transportation and Mobility (M 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, & 2.1), Public Facilities and Uses (PFS 1.5, 1.6, & 2.9), Housing (H 38 & 39), and Public Health and Safety (PHS 7.2 & 7.3) sections of the 2040 General Plan.*

2. The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the Town. *The Windsor Municipal Climate Action Plan objectives are to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve climate resilience, increase social equity, support a circular economy, and support nature conservation. Therefore, incorporating the Windsor Municipal Climate Action Plan into the 2040 General Plan supports public interest, health, safety, convenience, and welfare of the Town.*

3. The site is physically suitable (including absence of physical constraints, access, compatibility with adjoining land uses, and provision of utilities) for the requested/ anticipated land use developments. *Incorporating the Windsor Municipal Climate Action Plan into the 2040 General Plan is Townwide and is not site specific.*

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Windsor adopt the following amendment to the General Plan Environmental Resources Section:

Add policy: "*ER-5.21: Windsor Municipal Climate Action Plan. The Town shall implement the objectives in the most current version of the Municipal Climate Action Plan*".

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of November 2024, by the following vote:**

**AYES:** **COUNCILMEMBERS FUDGE, SALMON, WALL, VICE MAYOR POTTER AND MAYOR REYNOZA**
**NOES:** **NONE**
**ABSTAIN:** **NONE**
**ABSENT:** **NONE**

**ROSA REYNOZA, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

**IRENE CAMACHO-WERBY, TOWN CLERK**