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RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Fresno, California, to initiate a comprehensive update to the Fresno General Plan

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, TO INITIATE A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE TO THE FRESNO GENERAL PLAN; INITIATE THE AMENDMENT OF THE WOODWARD PARK COMMUNITY PLAN; THE BULLARD COMMUNITY PLAN (WHICH INCLUDES THE PINEDALE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AND THE SIERRA SKY PARK LAND USE POLICY PLAN); THE HOOVER COMMUNITY PLAN (WHICH INCLUDES THE EL DORADO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN); THE WEST AREA COMMUNITY PLAN; THE FRESNO HIGH-ROEDING COMMUNITY PLAN; THE MCLANE COMMUNITY PLAN; THE DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOODS COMMUNITY PLAN; THE EDISON COMMUNITY PLAN; THE ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY PLAN; THE BUTLER-WILLOW SPECIFIC PLAN; THE FRESNO-CHANDLER DOWNTOWN AIRPORT MASTER PLAN; THE FRESNO YOSEMITE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLAN; THE FULTON CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN; THE HIGHWAY CITY NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN; THE NORTH AVENUE INDUSTRIAL TRIANGLE; THE SOUTHWEST FRESNO SPECIFIC PLAN; THE TOWER DISTRICT SPECIFIC PLAN; AND THE YOSEMITE SCHOOL AREA SPECIFIC PLAN PURSUANT TO FRESNO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 15-4902-B

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65300 requires cities to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the city and of any land outside its boundaries which bear relation to its planning; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2014, the Council of the City of Fresno updated the 2025 Fresno General Plan for the City of Fresno and its Sphere of Influence (SOI) by adopting the Fresno General Plan, by Resolution No. 2014-226, and by Resolution No. 2014-225 certified Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 2012111015 (MEIR) which evaluated the potentially significant adverse environmental impacts of

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urban development within the City of Fresno's designated urban boundary line and sphere of influence; and

WHEREAS, the objectives, goals and policies of the Fresno General Plan have been implemented since adoption; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 12 of the Fresno General Plan pertaining to implementation calls for the City to reevaluate the General Plan every five years using information from, but not limited to, market demand studies and analysis to determine the City's land use needs; and

WHEREAS, in order to accommodate local conditions and circumstances as well as adapt to changes in the City and environment over time, the City may engage in periodic review of and comprehensive updates to its General Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Fresno to expand access to housing options across all housing categories and to incentivize infill development and development along the City's BRT corridors; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to initiate a comprehensive update of the Fresno General Plan in order to better incentivize development, expand access to housing, and to better accommodate the changed local conditions, circumstances and environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to initiate the amendment or repeal of any Community, Specific or other plan approved by the City that is necessary to ensure consistency with any future adoption of an update to the Fresno General Plan; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive update to the Fresno General Plan will constitute a new General Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Fresno Municipal Code Section 15-4902-B, the City Council has the authority to initiate new plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Council, pursuant to Fresno Municipal Code Section 15-4902-B, hereby initiates the General Plan Update.

2. The Council, pursuant to Fresno Municipal Code Section 15-4902-B, hereby initiates amendments to the following Plans:

- a. Woodward Park Community Plan;
- b. Bullard Community Plan (which includes the Pinedale Neighborhood Plan and the Sierra Sky Park Land Use Policy Plan);
- c. Hoover Community Plan (which includes the El Dorado Park Neighborhood Plan);
- d. West Area Community Plan;
- e. Fresno High-Roeding Community Plan;
- f. McLane Community Plan;
- g. Downtown Neighborhoods Community Plan;
- h. Edison Community Plan;
- i. Roosevelt Community Plan;
- j. Butler-Willow Specific Plan;
- k. Fresno-Chandler Downtown Airport Master Plan;
- l. Fresno Yosemite International Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan;
- m. Fulton Corridor Specific Plan;

- n. Highway City Neighborhood Plan;
- o. North Avenue Industrial Triangle;
- p. Southwest Fresno Specific Plan;
- q. Tower District Specific Plan;
- r. Yosemite School Area Specific Plan;

3. The Council hereby directs staff to also amend any specific or community plans adopted after adoption of this Resolution but prior to adoption of an updated General Plan, including, but not limited to the proposed South Central Specific Plan.

4. The Council hereby directs staff to prepare a Draft General Plan Update and prepare an environmental assessment consistent with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

5. The Council also hereby directs staff to return to Council with an outline and proposed timeline of the process for preparing an update to the Fresno General Plan and for preparing an environmental assessment for the update.

6. In preparing a Draft General Plan Update, the Council directs staff to include consideration of an expansion of the Sphere of Influence (SOI), as well as consideration of renegotiation of any existing agreements with the Fresno Irrigation District (FID).

7. Council directs to staff to evaluate current environmental justice policies and state guidance relevant to general plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The intent of the City Council in initiating the General Plan Update, and the amendment or repeal of Specific, Community or other plans identified above, is to fully evaluate and consider the merits thereof, and the fact of initiation shall not be construed as a determination by the City Council of the final merits of any update, alternative, amendment or repeal or a commitment by the City Council to a definite course of action related to any activity initiated by this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The City Council of the City of Fresno hereby establishes a General Plan Implementation Review Committee (GPIRC) comprised of 17 members, two appointed by each councilmember and three appointed by the Mayor, to discuss the progress toward implementing the policies of the General Plan and to make recommendations to the Mayor, as well as advising on the General Plan Update.

2. Appointments should be made no later than December 31, 2019, and the committee will meet a minimum of at least two times per month starting in January 2020 and will continue through the balance of 2020 until they have reviewed all 12 chapters of the current General Plan and have made recommendations to the Mayor, City Manager and City Council, and the General Plan Update is adopted. The Committee shall provide monthly status updates to the Council. In addition, the committee will evaluate current environmental justice policies and state guidance, relevant to general plans.

3. The Planning and Development Director will be responsible for arranging and staffing the GPIRC. The GPIRC shall be a standing committee subject to the

Brown Act. All meetings will be open to the public.

4. The Administration shall identify a source of funding for the General Plan Update.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2019.

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NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Talía Kolluri Date
Supervising Deputy City Attorney