

RESOLUTION NO. _____


A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, TO INITIATE A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE TO THE FRESNO GENERAL PLAN TO ALLOW FOR FUTURE ADOPTION OF A FRESNO GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENT WITH ALTERNATIVE D; 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 urban

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

WHEREAS, in preparing the Fresno General Plan, the City of Fresno completed a number of studies pertinent to the update of the 2025 Fresno General Plan and met over a period of time with interested individuals and groups including a 17-member General Plan Citizens' Committee formed by the City of Fresno; and,

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2012, the General Plan Citizens' Committee held a public hearing, received public input including a proposed Draft General Plan Alternative "E", and after review of all presented Draft Plan Alternatives recommended Draft General Plan Alternative "D" to the City Council for consideration as an alternative for update of the General Plan; and,

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2012, the Planning Commission of the City of Fresno held a hearing, received public comment and input including a proposed Draft General Plan Alternative "E", and after review of all presented Draft Plan Alternatives recommended Draft General Plan Alternative "A" to the City Council for consideration as an alternative for a general plan update; and,

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2012, the City Council held a public hearing on Draft General Plan Alternatives "A", "B", "C", and "D", as well as a proposed Draft General Plan Alternative "E", received public commentary, closed public commentary, deliberated the matter and continued the hearing to April 19, 2012; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2012, the City Council continued its deliberations and selected a Draft General Plan Alternative "A" as Modified ("Alternative A-Modified" or "A-

2”) as the Preferred General Plan Alternative which ultimately resulted in adoption of the Fresno General Plan, consistent with Alternative A-2, on December 18, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the objectives, goals and policies of the Fresno General Plan have been implemented since adoption; 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 since adoption of the Fresno General Plan, local conditions and circumstances as well as environmental factors have changed such that development consistent with Alternative A-2 is no longer in the best interests of the City of Fresno; and,

WHEREAS, Alternative D, as recommended by the General Plan Citizens Committee and as set forth in the March 16, 2012 Alternatives Report for the General Plan Citizens Committee, provides the flexibility needed to accommodate the anticipated growth of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to initiate a comprehensive update of the Fresno General Plan consistent with Alternative D 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 based on Alternative D. The City Council finds the March 16, 2012, Alternatives Report for the General Plan Citizens Committee has all the required information necessary for initiation of the 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 prepare a Draft General Plan consistent with Alternative D and prepare an environmental assessment consistent with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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.

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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.

AYES :
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