

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION 2016-01**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING  
ADOPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, GENERAL PLAN CEQA FINDINGS,  
AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM BY THE ALBANY CITY  
COUNCIL**

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**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 1; and

**WHEREAS**, a 60-day period was provided for public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report from November 25, 2015-January 25, 2016, during which time the Planning and Zoning Commission convened a public hearing on January 13, 2016 in order to receive oral testimony on the document; 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 edits to the Draft Environmental Impact Report; and

**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 this resolution as Exhibit 4;

**NOW THEREFORE, THE ALBANY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION 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.
2. The EIR has been prepared in compliance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and the City's local CEQA guidelines.
3. Notices of the public hearings on the General Plan Update, the Draft EIR, and the Final EIR were given as required and actions were conducted pursuant to State law.
4. All comments received on the Draft EIR, including those received at public hearings, were responded to adequately.
5. The EIR adequately identifies and addresses all of the potential environmental impacts and feasible mitigation measures have been incorporated into the 2035 General Plan in the form of goals, policies, and action items.
6. No changes to the General Plan or Draft EIR have been made that necessitate or involve significant new information as outlined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5.
7. The EIR is adequate and complete for consideration in making a decision on the merits of the General Plan Update.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Albany Planning and Zoning Commission recommends adoption of the Albany 2035 General Plan Environmental Impact Report (Exhibit A) including the Response to Comments(Exhibit B), Findings (Exhibit C), and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program(Exhibit D), by the Albany City Council.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016 by the following vote:

AYES-

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

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Planning Commission Chairperson Giesen-Fields

ATTEST:

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Anne Hersch, City Planner

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

**EXHIBIT C  
CEQA-REQUIRED FINDINGS  
(SEPARATE PAGE)**

**EXHIBIT D**  
**MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM**  
**(SEPARATE PAGE)**