

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02

**RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING
ADOPTION OF THE ALBANY 2035 GENERAL PLAN BY THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the California Government Code Section 65300 et. seq. requires every city and county in California to adopt a General Plan for its long-range development, and further, to periodically update that Plan to reflect current conditions and issues; and

WHEREAS, the current Albany General Plan was drafted in 1989-1992 and is now more than two decades old; and

WHEREAS, the City Council authorized an update of the General Plan in 2012 to ensure that the Plan remains legally adequate and relevant; and

WHEREAS, the City retained Barry Miller consulting to manage the General Plan Update, including the Housing Element, in February 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City has completed a three-year process of collecting and analyzing data about Albany, and preparing new General Plan goals, policies, actions, and maps looking ahead to the Year 2035; and

WHEREAS, the public has participated in this process through more than 20 publicly noticed Planning and Zoning Commission Study Sessions, six City Council study sessions, and multiple study sessions of the Traffic and Safety Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Sustainability Committee, and the former Waterfront Committee; and

WHEREAS, further opportunities for public input were provided through a project website, mobile exhibits at the Solano Stroll and Arts and Green Festival, community meetings on the Housing Element, and presentations to community organizations; and

WHEREAS, a Draft General Plan was published for public review and comment on November 25, 2015 and this Plan is incorporated into this resolution by reference as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the proposed Plan reflects input from the Planning & Zoning Commission, City Council, and citizens who participated and incorporates current priorities and an updated vision for Albany; and

WHEREAS, the City has completed state-mandated environmental review procedures for the project and has adopted a separate resolution for an Environmental Impact Report, including Findings and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a study session on December 15, 2015 to consider the November 2015 Public Review Draft General Plan and take public comment on the document; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on January 13, 2016 to consider the November 2015 Public Review Draft General Plan and take public comment on the document; and

WHEREAS, reviews of the November 2015 Public Review Draft were also conducted by the Sustainability Committee, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Traffic and Safety Commission; and

WHEREAS, written comments on the Plan were received from individuals, agencies, and organizations; and

WHEREAS, a Plan Addendum has been prepared incorporating line edits to the November 2015 Public Review Draft that respond to comments from City Council members, Commissioners, individuals, organizations, and agencies submitting comments on the document; and

WHEREAS, this Addendum is now incorporated by reference into the November 2015 Draft and is incorporated by reference in this resolution as Exhibit B;

NOW THEREFORE, THE ALBANY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The proposed General Plan establishes appropriate goals, policies, and programs to address land use, transportation, housing, open space, conservation safety, and noise, community services and facilities, and the waterfront.
2. The proposed General Plan has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of the State Government Code for General Plans, as well as the most recent California General Plan Guidelines.
3. The findings and mitigation measures referenced in Resolution No. 2016-01, adopted on March 9, 2016, are included in the Commission's recommendation, in compliance with Sections 15091 and 15093 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany Planning and Zoning Commission recommends adoption of the proposed Albany 2035 General Plan (Exhibit A) and Addendum (Exhibit B) by the City Council.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of March 2016 by the following vote:

AYES-

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

Planning Commission Chairperson Giesen-Fields

ATTEST:

Anne Hersch, City Planner

**EXHIBIT A
DRAFT ALBANY 2035 GENERAL PLAN
(SEPARATE ATTACHMENT)**

**EXHIBIT B
ALBANY 2035 GENERAL PLAN ADDENDUM
(SEPARATE ATTACHMENT)**