

CITY OF CARSON

PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 25-XXXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARSON RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE 2024 LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF CARSON AND AMENDING THE COMMUNITY SERVICES, EDUCATION AND SAFETY ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN TO INCORPORATE THE CITY'S 2024 LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2140

WHEREAS, the City of Carson recognizes the threat that natural and human-induced hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Disaster Mitigation Act”) emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, an adopted Local or Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the City fully participated in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this local hazard mitigation plan with the City of Carson and Special Districts along with other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the California Office of Emergency Services and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX officials have reviewed the 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and approve it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governing body; and

WHEREAS, passed in 2006, AB No. 2140 allows California counties and cities to adopt their current, FEMA-approved 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan into the Safety Element of their General Plans. This adoption makes the county or city eligible to be considered for part or all its local-share costs on eligible Public Assistance funding to be provided by the state through the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA); and

WHEREAS, to obtain compliance with AB No. 2140 and to be considered for future funding through the CDAA, the Planning Commission recommends to the City Council to amend the Community Services, Education and Safety Element, of the 2040 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, adoption of a minor amendment to the Safety Element of the General Plan will not result in a significant negative impact to the environment and is exempt from environmental review per Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Planning Commission finds that the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and the same are incorporated herein by reference as findings of fact based on the entire administrative record.

SECTION 2. The Planning Commission finds as follows:

- a) The proposed General Plan Amendment is consistent with the Carson 2040 General Plan and all applicable specific plans for the purpose of updating our City's LMHP every 5 years.
- b) The proposed General Plan Amendment is recommended because it will, among other things:
 1. Update our Community Services, Education and Safety Element to the latest Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as approved by CALOES and FEMA
 2. Allow the City to be eligible for additional state cost-sharing on eligible Public Assistance projects in accordance with AB No. 2140

SECTION 3. Based on its independent review of the analysis set forth in the staff report and incorporated herein by this reference as a finding of fact, and the administrative record as a whole, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3), the Planning Commission, in the exercise of its independent judgment, hereby recommends that the City Council find that the adoption of the proposed General Plan amendment is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is not considered a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2) because it does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and also under the "common sense" exemption in CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of the proposed code amendment may have a significant effect on the environment. A Notice of Exemption shall be filed with the County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

SECTION 4. Based on the foregoing, the Planning Commission hereby recommends that the City Council Adopt the Resolution to amend the 2040 General Plan, Safety Element, as set forth hereto and incorporate by reference and adopt the City of Carson 2024 Local Hazards Mitigation Plan and by reference in accordance with the requirements of AB No. 2140; and

SECTION 5. If approved, direct staff to submit this Resolution to the California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA Region IX officials to enable the plan's final approval in accordance with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and to establish conformance with the requirement of AB No. 2140.

SECTION 6. The Secretary of the Planning Commission shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 25th day of March 2025.

**DIANNE THOMAS
CHAIRPERSON**

ATTEST:

**LAURA GONZALEZ
PLANNING SECRETARY**