

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY
ADOPTING THE 2040 GENERAL PLAN**

WHEREAS, 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 Union City General Plan was adopted in 2002 and is now more than 15 years old; and

WHEREAS, the City began the process of drafting the 2040 General Plan in 2016, and began publishing preliminary drafts of each General Plan element starting in June 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City has conducted an extensive community outreach process to ensure broad public participation for development of the 2040 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council appointed a 14-member General Plan Advisory Committee, consisting of Councilmembers, Commissioners from various City commissions, and members of the public, to advise staff on the draft 2040 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City held numerous meetings and workshops regarding the draft elements of the 2040 General Plan, and the City collected feedback on each element from the General Plan Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, City Council, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, certain elements were also reviewed by other City commissions and committees including the Economic Development Advisory Team, Human Relations Commission, Youth Commission, Senior Commission, and the Park and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the public had the opportunity to participate in the development of the 2040 General Plan through these various meetings and workshops; and

WHEREAS, the City created a special website dedicated to the 2040 General Plan, <http://www.uc2040.com/>, which provided public access to pertinent agenda reports, background reports, workshop materials, existing policy documents, environmental documents, drafts elements of the 2040 General Plan, a calendar of meetings and other events, as well as a form that could be used to submit feedback regarding the draft 2040 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City provided public notices of General Plan study sessions held by the Planning Commission and City Council through mailed notices and notices on the City's website, and by all other methods required by law; and

WHEREAS, the input received through the public engagement process, including feedback from City Council and Planning Commission members, was incorporated into the 2040 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, City staff provided community and interested parties who signed up for the project mailing list with regular communication regarding the planning process and public meeting dates; and

WHEREAS, consistent with California Government Code section 65352.3, the City obtained a contact list of local Native American tribes from the Native American Heritage Commission, notified the tribes on the contact list of the opportunity to consult with the City on the proposed General Plan update; and

WHEREAS, after extensive public input, staff and consultant review and research, Planning Commission comments and City Council direction amongst other considerations, the City prepared a public review Draft General Plan that includes minor updates to the preliminary draft elements to clarify policy language, address changes in background conditions, and in response to additional feedback received after completion of the prior public review phase; and

WHEREAS, the Draft 2040 General Plan includes text and a Land Use Diagram and is a separately bound document on file at City Hall and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Draft 2040 General Plan provides a vision for a sustainable, vibrant, and safe City with a diversity of land uses serving local and regional populations; and

WHEREAS, the Draft 2040 General Plan includes goals and policies related to land use, economic development, public facilities, housing, safety, health and other topics in order to achieve the City's goals and vision; and

WHEREAS, the Draft 2040 General Plan includes text and diagrams specifying the distribution, location, and extent of the uses of land within the City, as well as the location of major components of public and private transportation and other essential facilities located within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Draft 2040 General Plan incorporates all necessary components to comply with current state planning law; and

WHEREAS, the City prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to identify the potential environmental impacts of approving the Draft 2040 General Plan, and the draft environmental impact report for the Draft 2040 General Plan was published in June 2019; and

WHEREAS, written and oral comments on the Draft 2040 General Plan were received from individuals, agencies, and organizations and are on file in the Economic and Community Development Department at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, a staff report dated November 21, 2019 and incorporated herein by reference, described and analyzed the Draft General Plan and related EIR for the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2019 the Planning Commission reviewed the staff report and the EIR (including comments and responses) at a duly noticed public hearing on the Draft 2040 General Plan, at which time all interested parties had the opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the City Council adopt the 2040 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, a staff report dated December 10, 2019 and incorporated herein by reference, described and analyzed the Draft General Plan and related Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2019 the City Council reviewed the staff report and the EIR (including comments and responses) at a duly noticed public hearing on the Draft 2040 General Plan, at which time all interested parties had the opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the City Council adopted Resolution _____ dated December 10, 2019 and incorporated herein by reference, certifying the EIR and adopting required CEQA findings regarding mitigations and alternatives, a Statement of Overriding Considerations and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the above recitals are true and correct and made a part of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Council hereby adopts the 2040 General Plan, a copy of which is on file in the Economic and Community Development Department, to replace the 2002 General Plan, including any additional mitigation policies necessary to implement the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, based on the following findings and considering the staff report and the whole of the record related to the General Plan update project:

1. It is in the public interest for the City to adopt the 2040 General Plan to ensure consistency with current State law and current State General Plan Guidelines, and to ensure that the General Plan remains relevant and reflects local physical and demographic patterns, and community vision, goals and objectives.
2. The 2040 General Plan establishes appropriate goals, policies, and programs to address land use, mobility, housing, economic development, parks, open space, conservation, safety, health, design, and community services and facilities.
3. The 2040 General Plan will not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City.
4. The 2040 General Plan is internally consistent within and across its component elements.
5. The 2040 General Plan conforms with the provisions of the California Government Code for general plans in that it is comprehensive and long-term, and adequately addresses all of the statutorily required elements and content.