

RESOLUTION NO. PC-2025-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AMEND THE FULLERTON PLAN BY ADOPTING THE SAFETY ELEMENT (APPENDIX I) AND REPLACING GOALS 7, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 24 AND 26 OF THE FULLERTON PLAN AS PER EXHIBITS A AND B

LRP-2024-0008

APPLICANT: CITY OF FULLERTON

WHEREAS, the City of Fullerton desires to amend its General Plan to update the Safety Element as required by State law (Section 65302(g) of the California Government Code); and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Safety Element Update contains new and expanded policies and implementation actions surrounding evacuation and wildfire, based on the results of the analysis conducted in compliance with Government Code Section 65302 (g) requirements. The Safety Element addresses a wide range of natural and human-caused hazards and consists of goals and policies aimed to reduce the risk associated with these hazards, such as loss of life, injuries, property damage, and economic and social dislocation. The update consists of a comprehensive update to the existing element, which was adopted on May 1, 2012. Since 2012, a number of revisions to the California Government Code have been enacted, which require an update of the Safety Element to be in compliance with SB 1241, SB 379 and SB 99 defined under State law (Section 65302(g) of the California Government Code) (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65302(g) requires an update to the Safety Element of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, as part of the update, SB 379 compliance relies on the LHMP Update and the Climate Adaptation Vulnerability Assessment developed as part of this project, which ensures consistency with California Government Code Section 65302(g)(4); and

WHEREAS, the Safety Element Update, was initially submitted to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) on June 24, 2024, for preliminary review and comments, and on July 9, 2024, Cal Fire confirmed the Safety Element met Cal Fire requirements and allowed for the Safety Element Update to be submitted to the State Board of Forestry for certification; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Element Update, was submitted to the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Resource Protection Committee on July 9, 2024, and received approval by the Committee on July 23, 2024, allowing for the Safety Element Update to be adopted by the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.; "CEQA") and the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 California Code of Regulations section 15000 et seq.) an Exemption was prepared for the 2024 General Plan Safety Element update, which determined adoption of said General Plan Update will not result in significant impacts to the environment requiring mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fullerton has incorporated the 2020 Fullerton Local Hazard Mitigation Plan by reference, effectively integrating the plan into the General Plan Safety Element in conformance with Assembly Bill 2140 (Government Code 65302.6) making the City eligible for cost share assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has had the opportunity to review this Resolution and finds it accurately sets forth the intentions of the City Safety Element Update; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable provisions of law, the Fullerton Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 12, 2025, at which time the Fullerton Planning Commission heard and received all relevant testimony and evidence presented orally or in writing regarding the Project. All interested persons were given an opportunity to hear and be heard regarding the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fullerton Planning Commission based on the evidence contained in the record for this matter, by the Fullerton Planning Commission as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The 2024 Safety Element Update was deemed exempt from the requirements of CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.
3. The 2024 Safety Element Update is an update of the City's General Plan as was prepared as required by and in accordance with State law (65302(g) of the California Government Code).
4. The 2024 Safety Element Update is consistent with the other Elements of the City's General Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Planning Commission of the City of Fullerton, California recommends that the City Council adopt the Safety Element (Appendix I) and replace Goals 7, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 24 and 26 of the Fullerton Plan as per Exhibits A and B.

ADOPTED BY THE FULLERTON PLANNING COMMISSION ON MARCH 12, 2025.

  
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Arnel Dino, Chairman

Attachments

Exhibit A – Safety Element (Appendix I of The Fullerton Plan)

Exhibit B – Goals 7, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 24 and 26 of The Fullerton Plan