

  
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2026-2031 OAKLAND LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE SAFETY ELEMENT OF THE OAKLAND GENERAL PLAN AND ADOPTING APPROPRIATE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Oakland prepares for disasters with the understanding that disasters do not recognize city, county, or special district boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland seeks to maintain and enhance both a disaster-resistant city and promote resilience, by reducing the potential loss of life, property damage, and environmental degradation from natural disasters, while accelerating economic recovery from those disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland is subject to various earthquake-related hazards, such as ground shaking, liquefaction, landslides, fault surface rupture, and tsunamis; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland is subject to various weather-related hazards, including wildfires, floods, drought, and landslides; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland anticipates the effects from climate change will include extreme weather, with greater frequency, and sea-level rise; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland is committed to increasing the disaster resistance and resiliency of the infrastructure, health, housing, economy, government services, education, environment, and land use systems in the City of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires all cities, counties, and special districts to have adopted a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to receive pre-and post-disaster mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland has prepared a 2026-2031 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (“LHMP”, incorporated by reference as *Exhibit A* to this Resolution), which analyzes the risks from natural and human-caused hazards, such as earthquake, landslide, flooding, and potential sea level scenarios, and which proposes mitigation measures to address and reduce the effects from the identified risks that the City is either currently performing, or will perform in the next five years if funding is secured; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland provided multi-lingual community outreach including five in-person community meetings, four presentations for community groups, two online community forums, two community surveys, a LHMP webpage, and a 14-day period of public comment; and

**WHEREAS**, California State law authorizes the City of Oakland adopt a General Plan Amendment to make the LHMP an appendix to the Safety Element of the Oakland General Plan, with the benefit that doing so provides the City with greater opportunities for state contributions under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Safety Element of the City of Oakland General Plan, adopted on September 26, 2023 by Council Resolution No. 89907 C.M.S., serves to present the City's goals, policies and actions towards mitigating safety hazards, and is intended to serve as the foundation for Oakland's Local Hazard Mitigation Plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2026-2031 LHMP additionally serves as a source of critical data that informs the City of Oakland's General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2026, the LHMP was submitted to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for review and processing for approval, which occurred on April 30, 2026, and which was followed by submittal to the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") on May 1, 2026, for their approval, which will take no less than 45 days; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 20, 2026, the City Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing to consider the 2026-2031 LHMP, and recommended its adoption by the City Council as an amendment to the Safety Element of the Oakland General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution will amend the Safety Element of the Oakland General Plan so that it will incorporate the 2026-2031 LHMP as an Appendix to the Safety Element; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds this action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15183 (projects consistent with a community plan, general plan, or zoning); 15262 (feasibility and planning studies); 15306 (information collection), and 15061(b)(3) (general rule), each as a separate and independent basis; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with California Government Code section 65358, the City Council hereby finds and determines that it is in the public interest to amend the Safety Element of the Oakland General Plan as specified in this Resolution; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland commits to continuing to take those mitigation measures, and initiating further actions as appropriate, which are identified in the City of Oakland LHMP; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland adopts the 2026-2031 LHMP, attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, as an appendix to the Safety Element of the Oakland General Plan; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council does hereby authorize staff to make non-substantive changes to the 2026-2031 LHMP to respond to any comments received from FEMA to achieve approval.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND  
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ASHA REED  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California