



# **Incorporation of the Hazard Mitigation Plan into the General Plan**

## **Planning Commission Recommendation Hearing**

**February 19, 2025**



# Hazard Mitigation Plan

## Background

- Since 2022, the City has participated in the development of a regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Program (MJHMP)
- The City has also developed a Local Annex, which describes the most relevant local hazards and mitigations in greater detail
- The MJHMP and Local Annex were adopted by the City Council in August 2024
- The proposed action is a General Plan Amendment to incorporate the previously adopted document into the City's General Plan



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## Incorporation into the General Plan

- The MJHMP allows the City to access Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding in case of an emergency
- Incorporation into the General Plan Safety Element makes the City eligible for state funding under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) (AB2140)
- In addition to amending the General Plan, the City is required to have permanent web links to the MJHMP and Local Annex in the City's General Plan



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## Recommendation

Recommend that the Planning Commission:

1. Recommend that the City Council adopt a General Plan Amendment to incorporate the Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) and the City of Santa Clara Local Annex into the subsection “Emergency Preparedness” of Section 5.10.5, “Safety Goals and Policies” of the City of Santa Clara 2010-2035 General Plan.



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## Identified Local Vulnerabilities

- Damage from earthquakes, including damage to communications infrastructure
- High Risk of Flooding
  - Stormwater system improvements identified as mitigation
- Dam Failure (Lexington Reservoir)
- Region-wide risks such as drought and more intense rain events