

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL
OF A GENERAL PLAN TEXT AMENDMENT TO UPDATE THE
CITY'S GENERAL PLAN OPEN SPACE ELEMENT, CONSISTENT
WITH STATE LAW**

WHEREAS, in 2022 the state adopted Senate Bill 1425, which requires local jurisdictions to update Open Space Elements of their General Plans to include policies that address climate resilience and other co-benefits of open space, consistent with the jurisdiction's safety element; and

WHEREAS, SB 1425 also requires local jurisdictions to address the issue of access to open space for everyone and to preserve, enhance, and expand a network of open spaces; and,

WHEREAS, the City is currently drafting a Creek Trail Network Expansion Master Plan, and an update to the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, both of which are relevant to the update of the Open Space Element; and

WHEREAS, the City has drafted updates to the General Plan Parks, Recreation and Open Space Diagram (Figure 5.9-1 of the General Plan) to reflect these planning efforts, and proposed edits to Chapter 5.9 of the General Plan to respond to SB 1425; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clara City Charter Section 1007 requires that the Planning Commission provide input to the City Council on any proposed General Plan amendment; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65353 requires the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing prior to making a recommendation on the General Plan Amendment; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2025, a notice of the public hearing on the proposed General Plan Amendment was published in the *Santa Clara Weekly*, for the Planning Commission Hearing to be conducted on November 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SCCC Section 18.146.020, on October 15, 2025, notices of the public hearing of November 12, 2025, were posted at City Hall, the Central Park Library, the Mission Branch Library, the Northside Branch Library, and on the City's website; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2025, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing to consider the Open Space Element Update, at which time all interested persons were given an opportunity to give testimony and provide evidence in support of and in opposition to the proposed amendments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Planning Commission hereby finds that the above Recitals are true and correct and by this reference makes them a part hereof.
2. That the Planning Commission hereby finds and determines that the proposed General Plan Amendment is in the interest of the public good for the following reasons:
 - A. The City's Open Space Element is consistent with SB 1425 in that the revised Open Space Element addresses climate resilience by incorporating policies from the City's Climate Action Plan;
 - B. The revised Open Space policies of the General Plan call out access for all as a goal;
 - C. The incorporation of proposed trails from the Creek Trail Network Expansion master plan help to create a network of linked open spaces; and
 - D. The proposed General Plan Amendment has been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the California Government Code and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in that an Addendum to the City of Santa Clara 2010-2035 General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared.
3. That the Planning Commission hereby recommends that the City Council amend the City's Open Space Element, as contained in Section 5.9.1 (Parks, Open Space and Recreation Goals and Policies) of the General Plan, by incorporating a revised version of Figure 5.9-1, the Parks Recreation and Open Space Diagram as shown in Attachment 1, and by incorporating the proposed

text changes shown in Attachment 2 into Section 5.9.1.

4. Effective date. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED
AND ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA,
CALIFORNIA, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF HELD ON THE ____ DAY OF _____,
20__, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS:

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINED: COMMISSIONERS:

ATTEST: _____

AFSHAN HAMID
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT

CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Attachments incorporated by reference:

1. Revised Figure 5.9.1, Parks, Recreation and Open Space diagram
2. Revisions to Section 5.9.1, Parks, Open Space, and Recreation Goals and Policies