

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO SUPPORT FORMATION
OF A HOUSING SUBREGION OF SANTA CLARA
COUNTY LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO
FACILITATE AND IMPLEMENT COUNTYWIDE HOUSING
PRODUCTION CONSISTENT WITH THE REGIONAL
HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA) FORMULA
CURRENTLY ASSIGNED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF
BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (ABAG)**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, Housing Element Law (Gov. Code Sections 65580— 65589.8) provides for a Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) process; and

WHEREAS, to implement such RHNA process in the San Francisco Bay Area, the State of California has delegated to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) responsibility to adopt an allocation methodology, then use the adopted methodology to assign to each jurisdiction in the Bay Area the obligation to zone enough housing development capacity to accommodate production of a specific number of housing units during the next RHNA period from 2023 through 2031; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65584.03 provides that certain combinations of local governments may form a sub-region to perform RHNA for themselves in order to allocate among themselves the total number of housing units assigned to them collectively by ABAG; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara is interested in exploring the formation of a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) sub-region consistent with California Government Code Section 65580 et seq. and acceptable to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to facilitate collaboration with the County and all cities in the County of Santa Clara, to efficiently and effectively deliver housing production goals; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County has directed the review of the benefits of such a sub-region and subsequently representatives of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC) have formed a committee to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the importance of and opportunities for success through shared housing strategies which could be facilitated by a sub-regional effort; and

WHEREAS, housing is a countywide challenge, and housing production types, numbers, density, appropriateness and affordability levels can vary in different communities, and the City recognizes that all production types are important to the housing supply of the County and its related economic and social health; and

WHEREAS, cities are individually accountable for, and retain full local authority for, identifying sites for housing development and for adopting and implementing housing policies intended to facilitate production of housing to meet local, regional and state policy objectives embodied in the numbers prescribed by ABAG in the Sustainable Community Strategy that will be adopted by ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in 2021; and

WHEREAS, through mutual cooperation and planning, the production of these housing units may be enhanced through collective efforts and resources, therefore creating a forum for developing countywide policy consensus on matters related to the Sustainable Community Strategy.

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

1. That it is in the best interest of the City to join with other cities in Santa Clara County to explore creation of the RHNA sub-region and that by working together to plan for housing growth, the stage is set for implementing housing and more housing will ultimately be built to meet the needs of the entire County and its residents.

2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to enter into discussions regarding the formation of a RHNA sub-region and the development of a work plan and budget, and schedule of actions leading to the countywide, self-administration of the housing needs allocation process, allocating the countywide total housing needs allocation among all the cities and unincorporated County by consensus; and to bring back a recommendation and resolution for action to join a RHNA sub-region, or in the alternative, an explanation detailing the decision not to participate in the RHNA sub-region.

3. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED BYT THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF HELD ON THE 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCILORS:

NOES: COUNCILORS:

ABSENT: COUNCILORS:

ABSTAINED: COUNCILORS:

ATTEST: _____
JENNIFER YAMAGUMA
ACTING CITY CLERK
CITY OF SANTA CLARA