

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGAME FOR ADOPTION
OF THE BURLINGAME 2030 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND AMENDMENT TO THE
BURLINGAME GENERAL PLAN**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGAME FINDS:

WHEREAS, the City of Burlingame prepared its first Climate Action Plan (CAP) in 2009 to address greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Burlingame; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the CAP in 2009, the City has implemented multiple programs and efforts to significantly reduce GHG emissions from City operations and the community, and is on track to achieve the 2020 GHG reduction goal set by the original 2009 CAP; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the State Legislature passed SB 32, setting a mandated reduction target for GHG emissions of 40% below 1990 by 2030, and an intermediate target of 80% below 1990 levels by 2050, set in Executive Order S-3-05; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of California Government Code Section 65300 et seq., the City of Burlingame prepared a new General Plan for the physical development of the City (2040 General Plan); and

WHEREAS, the City prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) in June 2018 that analyzed the potential environmental impacts associated with the adoption and implementation of the 2040 General Plan, including potential impacts from GHG emissions, energy use, and other effects of global climate change (State Clearinghouse No. 20170820180); and

WHEREAS, the preparation of a 2030 CAP Update was introduced in the DEIR as a mitigation measure to reduce GHG emissions levels consistent with the State's GHG goals; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the General Plan and certified the General Plan EIR in January 2019; and

WHEREAS, a Draft 2030 CAP Update was prepared as a mitigation measure to reduce GHG emissions levels consistent with the State's GHG goals, and to further augment and inform the Goals, Policies and Actions of the 2040 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the 2030 CAP Update would include amendments to the 2040 General Plan, as outlined in Exhibit "A" attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Draft 2030 CAP Update was introduced at a Joint City Council and Planning Commission meeting on April 27, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Draft CAP was presented at the Burlingame Citizens Environmental Council (CEC) meeting on May 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Burlingame, after proceedings duly and regularly held and noticed as provided by law, on August 12, 2019 reviewed and considered the staff report and all other written materials and testimony presented at said hearing, and recommended to the City Council that it adopt said 2030 CAP Update and associated amendments to the 2040 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered the Planning Commission's recommendation, the staff report, and all other written materials and testimony presented at a duly noticed public hearing on September 3, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Burlingame, as follows:

A. The City Council finds as follows:

1. Key sources of GHG emissions data are identified in the 2005 and 2015 Community-Wide Emissions Inventory. The 2015 Inventory reflects the best available information for actual GHG emissions levels within the city. Projections for 2020, 2030, 2040, and 2050 are based on growth projections from 2015 consistent with the General Plan.

2. While the State uses 1990 as a baseline year, the City of Burlingame uses 2005 as a baseline. Local governments tend to not have reliable GHG data prior to 2005. According to the California Air Resources Board, a reduction target of 15% below the 2005 level is considered to be comparable to a return to 1990 levels.

3. The 2030 CAP provides necessary background, purpose and objectives, climate change context, inventories, forecasts and reduction targets.

4. The 2030 CAP presents twenty (20) GHG Reduction Measures to address the Built Environment and Transportation; Energy; Water and Wastewater; Waste; and Municipal Measures.

5. The 2030 CAP summarizes the steps the City is taking to address sea level rise and other climate change impacts.

6. The 2030 CAP provides an Implementation and Monitoring Plan to Track Progress.

7. The adoption of the 2030 CAP involves amendments to the General Plan to include two new policies and two amended policies designated in the CAP, as outlined in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

8. The City Council has reviewed and considered the Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report to address the 2030 CAP and General Plan Amendment, and has approved the Addendum to the EIR in compliance with all applicable requirements for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

B. Based upon the foregoing findings, the City Council affirms the Planning Commission's recommendation and approves and adopts the 2030 Burlingame Climate Action Plan and General Plan Amendments.

C. This Resolution is effective upon its adoption.

Donna Colson, Mayor

I, Meaghan Hassel-Shearer, City Clerk of the City of Burlingame, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 3rd day of September 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

Meaghan Hassel-Shearer, City Clerk

EXHIBIT “A”

Amendments to the 2040 General Plan to implement the 2030 Climate Action Plan Update:

- New General Plan Policy HP-2.16 – Electrification of Yard and Garden Equipment: Support the transition of yard and garden equipment from gasoline to electric fuel sources.
- Amend General Plan Policy HP-3.12 – Construction Best Management Practices: Require construction projects to implement the Bay Area Air Quality Management District’s Best Practices for Construction to reduce pollution from dust and exhaust as feasible; require construction projects to transition to electrically-powered construction equipment as it becomes available; and seek construction contractors who use alternative fuels in their equipment fleet.
- New General Plan Policy HP-2.17 – Alternately-Powered Residential Water Heaters. Support the transition from tank-based, natural gas water heaters to solar, or electrically-powered water heaters in residential development.
- Amend General Plan Policy CC-2.2 – Increase the Public Street Tree Population: Identify ways to increase the overall population of ~~street~~ trees in Burlingame to stem the natural decline of the urban forest and create a more equitable distribution of tree canopy.