

Resolution No. _____
Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Approving
an Addendum to the Comprehensive Plan Environmental
Impact Report and Adopting the Sustainability and Climate
Action Plan

R E C I T A L S

A. In April 2016, Council adopted a GHG emissions reduction goal of 80% reduction by the year 2030, relative to a 1990 baseline (the “80 x 30” goal).

B. In April 2021, Council directed the Mayor to form a Sustainability and Climate Action Plan (S/CAP) Ad Hoc Committee to guide the development, implementation, communication, and future community engagement of the S/CAP. The Ad Hoc Committee hosted a series of public engagement opportunities for the community to provide input on various components of the S/CAP Update.

C. As a result, Council wishes to adopt the S/CAP, which will serve as the roadmap for achieving the 80 x 30 goal.

D. Approval of the S/CAP would constitute a project under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, together with related state implementation guidelines promulgated thereunder (CEQA).

E. The S/CAP is an activity proposed in the *City of Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan 2030* (Comprehensive Plan 2030).

F. In November 2017, Council approved Resolution 9720 certifying adequacy of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the City of Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan Update and adopting a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan in accordance with the CEQA.

G. The City, in compliance with CEQA, prepared an EIR Addendum to provide an assessment of the potential environmental consequences of adopting and implementing the proposed S/CAP. The environmental review process under CEQA commenced and was undertaken concurrently with the preparation and consideration of the S/CAP Update.

H. Council is the decision-making body for adoption of the proposed S/CAP.

The Council of the City of Palo Alto RESOLVES as follows:

SECTION 1. Council, in the exercise of its independent judgment as the decision-making body for the City of Palo Alto as Lead Agency, makes and adopts the following findings and certifications in compliance with the requirements of CEQA:

1. Council has independently reviewed and considered the EIR Addendum.
2. None of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a Subsequent EIR or Supplemental EIR are present.
3. Council does hereby find and certify that the EIR Addendum has been prepared and completed in compliance with CEQA.
4. Council does hereby find and certify that the EIR Addendum reflects the City of Palo Alto's independent judgment and analysis.

SECTION 2. Council hereby adopts the Sustainability and Climate Action Plan.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED:

Assistant City Attorney

City Manager

Director of Public Works

Director of Administrative Services