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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE GENERAL PLAN 2025 TO REPLACE THE HOUSING ELEMENT, HOUSING ELEMENT TECHNICAL REPORT, AND PUBLIC SAFETY ELEMENTS IN THEIR ENTIRETY, TO ADOPT THE 6<sup>TH</sup> CYCLE 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE TO ADD A SEPARATE STAND ALONE DOCUMENT TO THE GENERAL PLAN 2025 ENTITLED ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE POLICIES, AND TO MAKE OTHER MINOR TEXT AMENDMENTS THROUGHOUT THE GENERAL PLAN 2025 FOR CONSISTENCY PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has determined that the availability of housing is a matter of statewide importance and the cooperation between government and the private sector is critical to attainment of the State’s housing goals; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65588(b) requires the City of Riverside (“City”) to periodically prepare an update to the Housing Element of its General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan Housing Element serves as a policy and action guide to address the comprehensive housing needs of the City of Riverside; and

WHEREAS, the City of Riverside prepared the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element Update in accordance with California Housing Element Law (Government Code section 65580 et. seq.); and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65583 requires that the Housing Element Update contain: (i) an assessment of the City’s housing needs and an analysis of the resources and constraints, both governmental and non-governmental, relevant to the meeting of these needs; (ii) an inventory of land suitable and available for residential development and an analysis of the development potential of such sites; (iii) a statement of the community’s goals, quantified objectives, and policies relative to the maintenance, preservation, improvement, and development of housing; and (iv) programs that set forth a schedule of actions the local government is undertaking or intends to undertake to implement the policies and achieve the goals and objectives of the Housing Element Update; and

WHEREAS, Housing Element Law requires the Housing Element to identify adequate sites to accommodate the City’s Regional Housing Needs Allocation (“RHNA”) and the City has identified

1 an adequate list of housing sites to accommodate the amount, type, and income levels required by  
2 RHNA; and

3 WHEREAS based on existing underutilization, existing Floor Area Ratio, COVID-impacted  
4 uses and current development patterns/trends on the identified Opportunity Sites, existing uses on the  
5 Opportunity Sites identified to accommodate the very-low- and low-income RHNA are likely to be  
6 discontinued during the planning period based on existing and proposed policies and programs, and  
7 therefore potential for redevelopment would not be impeded for additional residential units during the  
8 period covered by the Housing Element; and

9 WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the City’s Housing Element, Housing Element  
10 Technical Report, and Public Safety Element (“Elements”) of General Plan 2025 are intended to  
11 ensure that the needs of all residents in the City are met; and

12 WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Riverside, California, advertised for and  
13 held a public hearing on October 5, 2021, in Planning Case No. PR-2021-001058, to consider  
14 amendments to the Elements of General Plan 2025 in compliance with California Housing Element  
15 Law, Government Code Section 65580 et seq.; and

16 WHEREAS, the City Council received and considered the reports and recommendations from  
17 the Planning Commission and all other testimony, whether written or oral, presented at the public  
18 hearing.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,  
20 California, as follows:

21 Section 1: It is in the public interest to amend the Housing Element, Housing Element  
22 Technical Report, and Public Safety Elements of the General Plan 2025, in their entirety, as more  
23 particularly described below.

24 Section 2: The Housing Element of the General Plan 2025 is hereby amended and replaced  
25 in its entirety with Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, which includes  
26 all of the following entitled documents: 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element, Housing Element  
27 Technical Background Report, Housing Element Appendix A: Opportunity Sites Inventory, Housing  
28 Element Appendix A – Ward 1 Opportunities Sites, Housing Element Appendix A – Ward 2

1 Opportunities Sites, Housing Element Appendix A – Ward 3 Opportunities Sites, Housing Element  
2 Appendix A – Ward 4 Opportunities Sites, Housing Element Appendix A – Ward 5 Opportunities  
3 Sites, Housing Element Appendix A – Ward 6 Opportunities Sites, Housing Element Appendix A –  
4 Ward 7 Opportunities Sites, and Appendix B – Case Studies.

5 Section 3: The 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and  
6 incorporated herein by reference, is hereby adopted.

7 Section 4: The Public Safety Element of the General Plan 2025 is hereby amended and  
8 replaced in its entirety with Exhibit “B” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, which  
9 includes the following entitled documents: Public Safety Element and Public Safety Element  
10 Technical Background Report.

11 Section 5: The General Plan 2025 is hereby amended to add a separate stand alone  
12 document entitled Environmental Justice Policies, which covers existing Elements within the General  
13 Plan and is attached hereto as Exhibit “C” and incorporated herein by reference.

14 Section 6: The General Plan 2025 is hereby amended to make minor text amendments  
15 throughout for consistency purposes related to the Housing Element and Public Safety Element, all as  
16 shown in Exhibit “D” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

17 Section 7: That an Environmental Impact Report was prepared in connection with this  
18 action and has been certified concurrently herewith.

19 ADOPTED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

21 \_\_\_\_\_  
22 PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON  
23 Mayor of the City of Riverside

24 Attest:

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26 DONESIA GAUSE  
27 City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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1 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the  
2 foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City at  
3 its meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

4 Ayes:

5 Noes:

6 Absent:

7 Abstain:

8 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the  
9 City of Riverside, California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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11 DONESIA GAUSE  
12 City Clerk of the City of Riverside  
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