

RESOLUTION NO. 3161-15

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR
ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE HOUSING ELEMENT
UPDATE AND AMENDMENTS TO THE TRANSPORTATION SECTION OF
THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN;
APPROVING THE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE 2015-2023; AND
APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE TRANSPORTATION SECTION OF
THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN**

WHEREAS, Section 65580 of the California Government Code finds and declares that the availability of housing is of vital statewide importance, and that early attainment of decent housing and a suitable living environment for every California family is a priority of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, State Housing Element Law requires that each city and county identify and analyze existing and projected housing needs within their jurisdiction and prepare goals, policies, programs, and quantified objectives to further the development, improvement and preservation of housing; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Element is one of seven mandatory elements of the General Plan, and State law requires it to be updated periodically; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor Community Development Department gathered public input on the draft Housing Element Update at a Stakeholder Meeting on June 19, 2014, and a Community Workshop on July 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public meeting on August 12, 2014, and the Town Council held a public meeting on September 17, 2014, to provide feedback on the Draft Town of Windsor 2015-2023 Housing Element prior to submitting the document to the California Department of Housing and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2014, the Draft Town of Windsor 2015-2023 Housing Element was submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for review; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2014, the Town of Windsor received a conditional approval letter from the California Department of Housing and Community Development stating that the revised draft element meets the statutory requirements of State housing element law; and

WHEREAS, the California Complete Streets Act of 2009 (AB 1358) requires that cities and counties modify the circulation element of the General Plans to address a balanced, multimodal transportation network of complete streets; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) performance and accountability policies required jurisdictions in the Bay Area to adopt complete streets resolutions if they wish to seek funding through MTC's One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor adopted a Complete Streets Policy and Complete Streets Guidelines on January 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, MTC adopted new OBAG program eligibility requirements that require jurisdictions to have a General Plan that complies with AB 1358 no later than January 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, proposed revisions to the Transportation Section of the Community Development Element of the 1996 Windsor General Plan will bring it into compliance with AB 1358; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor is the lead agency on the Project, and the Town Council is the decision-making body for the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Guidelines, a Negative Declaration was prepared for the Housing Element Update and amendments to the Transportation Section of the Community Development Element of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town circulated the Negative Declaration for public comments from November 27, 2014, to December 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Town received no comments on the Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed and considered the Negative Declaration prepared for this Project prior to forwarding its recommendation to the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a noticed public hearing on the Town of Windsor 2015-2023 Housing Element and amendments to the Transportation Section of the Community Development Element on December 2, 2014. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission considered all pertinent documents, including the project description and staff report, and received public comments before making its decision to recommend to the Town Council approval of the General Plan Amendment and to adopt the Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council held a noticed public hearing on the Town of Windsor 2015-2023 Housing Element and amendments to the Transportation Section of the Community Development Element on January 7, 2015. At the public hearing, the Town Council considered all pertinent documents, including the project description and staff report, and received public comments; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed and considered the Negative Declaration and intends to take actions on the Project in compliance with CEQA and state and local guidelines implementing CEQA; and

WHEREAS, the Negative Declaration concluded that implementation of the Project would not result in any potentially significant impacts to the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Negative Declaration for the Project is, by this reference, incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of Town of Windsor, as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The Town Council has read and considered the Negative Declaration and finds on the basis of the whole record before it that there is no substantial evidence the proposed Project will have a significant effect on the environment.
3. The Negative Declaration reflects the Town Council's independent judgment and analysis.
4. The Negative Declaration was prepared and considered in accordance with the requirements of CEQA.
5. The Town of Windsor is the custodian of documents and records of the proceedings on which this decision is based. The records are located at Windsor Town Hall.
6. The Town Council hereby adopts the Negative Declaration prepared for the Housing Element Update 2015-2023 and amendments to the Transportation Section of the Community Development Element of the General Plan.
7. The Town Council hereby approves the Housing Element Update 2015-2023.
8. The Town Council hereby approves amendments to Transportation Section of the Community Development Element of the General Plan.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of January 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS FOPPOLI, FUDGE, MILLAN, SALMON
AND MAYOR OKREPKE

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE



BRUCE OKREPKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK