

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-P010

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CULVER
3 CITY, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE
4 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, P2022-0053-GP, KNOWN AS GENERAL PLAN
5 2045

6 (General Plan Amendment P2022-0053-GP)

7 WHEREAS, on January 28, 2019, the City Council initiated a comprehensive update to
8 the Culver City General Plan, covering the area within the City boundary and its Sphere of
9 Influence; and

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11 WHEREAS, collectively with the Zoning Code Update, the General Plan Amendment is
12 referred to as the "Project";

13 WHEREAS, to implement the proposed Project, approval of the following applications is
14 required:

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16 1. General Plan Amendment P2022-0053-GP: to comprehensively update the City's
17 General Plan, including the General Plan Land Use Map, for the area within the City boundary
18 and its Sphere of Influence; and

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20 WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Project
21 requires the Planning Commission recommend the City Council certify an Environmental
22 Impact Report which will be adopted with approval of Planning Commission Resolution No.
23 2024-P009; and

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25 WHEREAS, on July 23, 2024, the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection found
26 the proposed Safety Element of the General Plan 2045 to be in compliance with all state
27 requirements for included information, goals, policies, and objectives to reduce fire hazards,
28 and cooperation with agencies responsible for fire protection; and

1 WHEREAS, on August 14, 2024, after conducting a duly noticed public hearing on the
2 subject application, including full consideration of the project documents, staff report,
3 environmental information and all testimony presented, the Planning Commission, by a vote of
4 _ to _, recommended the City Council approve General Plan Amendment P2022-0053-GP, as
5 set forth herein below;
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7 NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CULVER
8 CITY, CALIFORNIA, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

9 SECTION 1. Pursuant to the foregoing recitations and the provisions of the Culver City
10 Municipal Code (CCMC), the following findings are hereby made:
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12 **General Plan Amendment P2022-0053-GP**

13 As outlined in CCMC Title 17, Section 17.620.030, the following required findings for General
14 Plan and Zoning Code Map Amendments are hereby made:

- 15 **1. The proposed amendment ensures and maintains internal consistency with the**
16 **goals, policies, and strategies of all elements of the General Plan, and, in the case**
17 **of a Zoning Code amendment, will not create any inconsistencies with this Title.**

18 The proposed General Plan Amendment, known as General Plan 2045 or “Plan,” includes
19 the adoption of 12 new elements to replace all existing General Plan elements, except for
20 the previously adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element. The process included extensive
21 community outreach to learn about the vision, values, and goals of the City’s residents in
22 regard to the future development of the City and has determined appropriate policies and
23 implementation actions to achieve those goals.

24 The proposed General Plan 2045 addresses each of the nine topics required for General
25 Plans by the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR), including Land Use
26 (Element 4, Land Use and Community Design); Circulation (Element 8, Mobility);
27 Conservation (Element 10, Conservation); Open Space (Element 5, Parks, Recreation,
28 and Public Facilities); Noise (Element 12, Noise); Safety (Element 11, Safety);
29 Environmental Justice (Element 1, Community Health and Environmental Justice); and Air
Quality (Element 9, Greenhouse Gas Reduction). The ninth required topic, Housing, is
addressed by the previously adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element. Additional optional
elements include Element 2, Governance and Leadership; Element 3, Arts, Culture, and
the Creative Economy; Element 6; Economic Development; and Element 7, Infrastructure.

1 The 12 proposed elements, as well as the 2021-2029 Housing Element, have been
2 developed and reviewed to be internally consistent with one other. When policy topics
3 overlap between elements, references to other elements and the relevant policies are
4 included for additional guidance and context. The proposed policies and implementation
5 actions are comprehensive and complementary.

6 **2. The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health,
7 safety, convenience or welfare of the City.**

8 The General Plan 2045 aims to improve and ensure the health, safety, and welfare of all
9 members of the community with updated policies and programs throughout the twelve
10 elements. A major goal of Element 4, Land Use and Community Design, is to increase
11 housing supply in the City with the introduction of mixed use zones in existing commercial
12 and industrial areas, which is in the public interest of increasing available housing types
13 and reducing housing costs. Better integration and proximity between commercial and
14 residential uses will reduce the distance and number of automobile trips and increase
15 convenience and access to services and amenities for residents. Element 8, Mobility, also
16 aims to increase access to transit and active transportation amenities, further reducing
17 impacts of increased population.

18 Element 1, Community Health and Environmental Justice, includes policies that would
19 improve the health, safety, and welfare of residents in disadvantaged communities.
20 Element 2, Governance and Leadership, aims to increase transparency, equity, and
21 engagement in the City government with a focus on digital services, improving
22 convenience. Element 3, Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy addresses investments
23 in and partnerships with arts and the City's creative economy, increasing quality of life for
24 residents. Element 5, Parks, Recreation, and Public Facilities plans to preserve, expand,
25 and improve parks and open spaces, which are vital to health and welfare. Element 6,
26 Economic Development, supports sustainable economic growth and equitable
27 opportunities for wealth creation in the City. Element 7, Infrastructure, aims to ensure the
28 resiliency and equitable distribution of water and energy infrastructure. Element 9,
29 Greenhouse Gas Reduction, aims to reduce environmental, social, and economic impacts
of climate change. Element 10, Conservation, addresses the stewardship and
conservation of natural and cultural resources. Element 11, Safety, evaluates and
mitigates risks of climate change and natural hazards, including seismic activity, wildfires,
and flooding. Element 12, Noise, evaluates sources of noise in the community and sets
policies to reduce their impacts.

**3. The proposed amendment is in compliance with the provisions of the California
Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).**

A Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) was prepared in accordance with the
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to the provision of CEQA
Guidelines Section 15082, the City circulated a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental
Impact Report and EIR Scoping Meeting (NOP) to State, regional, and local agencies, and
members of the public. A second NOP was circulated, and an additional EIR Scoping

1 Meeting was held after the Zoning Code Update project was added to the scope of the
2 EIR. Based on comments received from the two NOPs and Scoping Meetings, a Draft EIR
3 was prepared and circulated. A Final EIR has been prepared and includes responses to
4 comments.

5 The Draft EIR determined that there are significant unavoidable impacts associated with
6 the project, affecting Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and
7 Soils, and Noise, and Transportation, and Water Supply. A Mitigation Monitoring Program
8 (MMP) was prepared as part of the Final EIR and details mitigation measures to reduce
9 impacts for unavoidable impacts. Many impacts can be reduced to less than significant
10 with mitigation measures, including impacts to Biological Resources and Geology and
11 Soils. Some impacts to Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Noise, and Transportation remain
12 significant and unavoidable even with a reduction of severity due to mitigation measures. A
13 Statement of Overriding Considerations has been prepared to explain why the social,
14 economic, legal, technical, or other beneficial aspects of the project outweigh the
15 unavoidable environmental impacts, and why the Lead Agency may accept those impacts.

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17 SECTION 2. Pursuant to the foregoing recitations and findings, the Planning
18 Commission of the City of Culver City, California, hereby recommends the City Council approve
19 General Plan Amendment P2022-0053-GP.
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21 APPROVED and ADOPTED this 14th day of August, 2024.

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24 ANDREW REILMAN - CHAIRPERSON
25 PLANNING COMMISSION
26 CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

27 Attested by:

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29 RUTH MARTIN DEL CAMPO, SECRETARY