

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2021 SERIES)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE PARKS AND RECREATION BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE: 2021-2041 (PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN AND GENERAL PLAN ELEMENT UPDATE) AND ADOPTING THE ASSOCIATED INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION (GENP-1942-2018, EID-0150-2021; CITYWIDE)**

**WHEREAS**, the Parks + Recreation Blueprint for the Future: 2021-2041 (Parks and Recreation Plan and General Plan Element Update) will be an essential guide for parks and recreation in San Luis Obispo, while also serving as the General Plan Parks and Recreation Element; Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 5 of the Parks and Recreation Blueprint for the Future comprise the Parks and Recreation Plan, and Chapter 4 is the Parks and Recreation General Plan Element; and

**WHEREAS**, the Active Transportation Committee of the City of San Luis Obispo conducted a virtual public hearing in webinar format on March 18, 2021 on the Parks + Recreation Blueprint for the Future: 2021-2041 (Parks and Recreation Plan and General Plan Element Update) (Plan Update), and recommended consideration of the Committee's comments and adoption of the Plan Update (7:0); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo conducted a virtual public hearing Study Session in webinar format on May 4, 2021 on the Plan Update and provided comments to staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of San Luis Obispo conducted a virtual public hearing in webinar format on May 12, 2021 on the Plan Update, and recommended adoption of the Plan Update with noted clarifications, recognized the Plan Update is aspirational; the Commission considered City Council Study Session comments and recommended retainment of the 10 acres per 1,000 resident parkland standard, retainment of the sub-area delineations, and clarification regarding the use of the Access Gap/Amenities map, and supported additional City Council Study Session comments (7:0); and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission of the City of San Luis Obispo conducted a virtual public hearing in webinar format on May 26, 2021 and recommended the City Council adopt the Initial Study/Negative Declaration and approve the Parks + Recreation Blueprint for the Future: 2021-2041 (Parks and Recreation Plan and General Plan Element Update) (4:0:3); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo conducted a public hearing on July 6, 2021 in the City Council Chambers located at 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, for the purpose of considering GENP-1942-2018 and EID-0150-2021, which include the Parks + Recreation Blueprint for the Future: 2021-2041 (Parks and Recreation Plan and General Plan Element Update) and associated Initial Study/Negative Declaration consistent with the Planning Commission recommendation of May 26, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, notices of said public hearings were made at the time and in the manner required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has duly considered all evidence, including the testimony of the applicant, interested parties, and the evaluation and recommendations by staff, presented at said hearing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of San Luis Obispo to adopt the Initial Study/Negative Declaration and approve the Parks + Recreation Blueprint for the Future: 2021-2041 (Parks and Recreation Plan and General Plan Element Update). This resolution is based on the following findings:

**SECTION 1.** CEQA Findings. Based upon all the evidence, the City Council makes the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings in support of the Parks + Recreation Blueprint for the Future: 2021-2041 (Parks and Recreation Plan and General Plan Element Update).

1. The Initial Study/Negative Declaration was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, adequately addressing potential environmental impacts associated with the project.
2. No significant adverse impacts would occur as a result of the project, and no mitigation measures are required.
3. As a policy document, the Parks + Recreation Blueprint for the Future: 2021-2041 (Parks and Recreation Plan and General Plan Element Update) does not authorize any physical development or improvements or provide project-specific construction details that would allow for project-level CEQA analysis; instead, it is intended to provide goals and policies, and guide development of future parks and recreation projects within the City. Therefore, consistent with Section 15168(c)(1) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Initial Study/Negative Declaration evaluates program-level actions that describe planned park and recreation facilities and programs and focuses primarily on the Plan's consistency with adopted City plans, goals, objectives, and standards. Future proposed physical improvements that are subject to discretionary approval would be subject to separate environmental review on a project-specific basis, in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

**SECTION 2.** Project Approval with Findings. The City Council does hereby adopt the Initial Study/Negative Declaration and approve the project, inclusive of applications GENP-1942-2018 and EID-0150-2021, consisting of the Parks + Recreation Blueprint for the Future: 2021-2041 (Parks and Recreation Plan and General Plan Element Update and associated Initial Study/Negative Declaration, based on the following findings:

**Findings:**

1. The Parks + Recreation Blueprint for the Future: 2021-2041 (Parks and Recreation Plan and General Plan Element Update) will promote the public health, safety, and welfare of

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persons living and working in the City by proving a blueprint for future parks, facilities, and programs, that will be inclusive, safe, and accessible to all people.

2. The Parks + Recreation Blueprint for the Future: 2021-2041 (Parks and Recreation Plan and General Plan Element Update) supports and advances many of the goals, objectives, policies and programs of the City's Active Transportation Plan, and Climate Action Plan for Community Recovery, because the development and enhancement of accessible parks and facilities in the City would reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and related greenhouse gas emissions. Redevelopment of parks and facilities would facilitate carbon-neutrality and provide an opportunity to educate and showcase evolving technology.
3. The Parks + Recreation Blueprint for the Future: 2021-2041 (Parks and Recreation Plan and General Plan Element Update) is consistent with the City's General Plan, because implementation of the Plan Update would advance goals and policies of the Land Use Element, including neighborhood connectivity and enhancement (Policies 2.2.4 and 2.2.6); provision and enhancement of parks within neighborhoods (Policy 2.3.1); and increasing green space in the Downtown (Policy 4.11).

Upon motion of Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, and on the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution was adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Heidi Harmon

ATTEST:

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Teresa Purrington  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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J. Christine Dietrick  
City Attorney

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Teresa Purrington  
City Clerk

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