

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (N.C.S.)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALINAS APPROVING  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT  
(GPA 2013-001)**

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, the City of Salinas (hereinafter “City), and Salinas Planning and Research Corporation (SPARC) expressed the desire that the City prepare a master economic development plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City established a project team, conducted technical and economic development site analyses, and implemented a rigorous community outreach program to solicit participation by, and input from, a broad range of individuals and interests to prepare a draft Economic Development Element (hereinafter “EDE”); and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed EDE was completed in April 2014, and was accepted by the Salinas City Council in June 2014 as a strategic planning document, subject to completion of environmental review and any possible changes that might result therefrom; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDE is a comprehensive planning document that provides the vision, context, and focus for the community’s economic development efforts, and which has the expressed purpose of providing policy-based guidance for economic development designed to promote the long-term future prosperity of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2015, the City Council authorized staff to proceed with the formal process for incorporating the EDE as the eighth element of the Salinas General Plan, including the preparation of associated general plan amendments and compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Res. Code Section § 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section § 15000 et seq.) (collectively “CEQA”); and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed EDE General Plan Amendment (2013-001) (hereinafter “GPA 2013-001” or “Project”) includes the incorporation of EDE Vol I and Vol II, herein incorporated by reference as Attachment 1, Exhibit “A”, and amendments to text and tables in other elements to cross-reference the EDE and its support of their policies, plans and implementation measures, herein incorporated by reference as Attachment 1, Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of amendments are in the Land Use Element and add text and figures to incorporate new Future Growth Areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council must first certify a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) as adequately prepared in compliance with CEQA before considering Project approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, as lead agency under CEQA, prepared a Program EIR assessing the potential environmental effects of the Project and identifying means to mitigate significant and potentially significant adverse impacts, and evaluating a reasonable range of alternatives; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 9, 2017, the City completed the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (“Final EIR” or “FEIR”) (State Clearinghouse No. 2015111036) for the Project, along with all supporting appendices, notices, and other documentation, all of which are herein incorporated by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code 65354 requires that the City Council receive a written recommendation from the Planning Commission on any proposed General Plan Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 15, 2017, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing to consider a recommendation to the City Council on the certification of the Final EIR (ER 2017-006) and approval of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission weighed the evidence presented at said public hearing, including the staff report, which is on file at the Community Development Department, together with the record of environmental review, including the Draft EIR, public comments on said document and responses thereto; the Final EIR; and evidence and public testimony presented at the public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission made no recommendation to the City Council regarding certification of the Final EIR, as the Commission’s vote to certify the Final EIR resulted in a tie, and therefore, the Commission was unable to make a recommendation on the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 5, 2017, the City Council held a public hearing duly noticed in accordance with Division 7: Public Hearing Notice of the Salinas Municipal Code by advertisement in The Californian on November 18, 2017, for the purpose of providing an opportunity for public testimony on the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council weighed the evidence presented at said public hearing, including the staff report, which is on file at the Community Development Department together with the record of environmental review including the Draft EIR, public comments on said document and responses thereto; the Final EIR; and evidence and public testimony presented at the public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council approved Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ (N.C.S.), herein incorporated by reference, certifying the FEIR and by Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ (N.C.S.), herein incorporated by reference, adopted the required CEQA Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council considered GPA 2013-001, including the incorporation of FEIR Alternative 4 as shown on Figure LU-3A of Attachment 1, Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the consideration of the Project, the City Council reviewed and considered the Project Findings, herein incorporated as Attachment 2; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds the proposed GPA 2013-001 to be consistent with the goals, policies, and programs of the 2002 Salinas General Plan, and promotion of public necessity,

convenience, and general welfare as identified in the Project Findings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Salinas City Council:

1. Finds that the foregoing recitals and the information contained in the Attachments and Exhibits are true and correct and are hereby incorporated in and made a part of the Resolution by reference.
2. Declares that it has been provided with and has reviewed all evidence available in the administrative record to support the findings for GPA 2013-001 consideration. This evidence includes the staff report, presentation of the Project, and written and oral testimony (collectively, the “Record of Proceedings”), and hereby provides notification that the Record of Proceedings is on file with the City Clerk of the City of Salinas, 200 Lincoln Avenue, CA 93901.
3. Declares that it has reviewed and considered the proposed CEQA Findings, including the Statement of Overriding Considerations (hereinafter, SOC), herein incorporated by reference. Based on its review of the evidence in the record, the City Council finds that the SOC provides substantial evidence that the benefits of approving GPA 2013-001 outweigh the Project’s significant unavoidable environmental effects.
4. Declares that it has been provided with and reviewed the information contained in the FEIR, the evidence in the record, staff report and recommendations, and having done so, adopts the Project Findings, herein incorporated as Attachment 2.
5. Finds that the evidence in the record and Project Findings provide good cause to approve GPA 2013-001, including the incorporation of FEIR Alternative 4 as shown on Figure LU-3A of Attachment 1, Exhibit “B”.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Salinas City Council approves General Plan Amendment (2013-001) comprised of the EDE Vol I and II (Attachment 1, Exhibit “A”) and the associated general plan amendments (Attachment 1, Exhibit “B”).

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

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Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk

Attach:

Attachment 1 - General Plan Amendment (2013-001) consisting of:

Exhibit "A" - EDE Vol I and II

Exhibit "B"- Related General Plan Amendments with Errata Sheet

Attachment 2 – Project Findings