



## CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** JANUARY 8, 2019

**DEPARTMENT:** FINANCE DEPARTMENT

**FROM:** MATT N. PRESSEY, CPA, FINANCE DIRECTOR

**TITLE:** LONG-TERM FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT POLICY

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

A motion to approve the attached Resolution authorizing adding a long-term fiscal and sustainability impact section to the Financial Policies of the City of Salinas as recommended by the National Resource Network in the **Salinas Ten-Year Plan**.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Council approve the attached Resolution.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Salinas Ten-Year Plan developed by the National Resource Network includes many recommendations to help the City address the City's structural deficit. Thirty-two recommendations were made in their report on the Salinas Ten-Year Plan. One of the recommendations is a policy recommendation to require a minimum five-year budget forecast that shows how the current budget being considered by the City Council for approval helps maintain fiscal sustainability over a longer-term horizon. Staff has written a financial policy that will be added to the Financial Policies adopted by the City Council each year as part of the operating budget document. The new policy will be added to a fiscal impact and sustainability section to the Financial Policies.

**BACKGROUND:**

On December 4, 2018, representatives from the National Resource Network presented The Salinas Ten-Year Plan, a Report providing a detailed blueprint for achieving long-term fiscal sustainability while preserving key City programs, to the City Council. The Salinas Ten-Year Plan also explored the City's role in addressing the area's affordable housing crisis.

**CEQA CONSIDERATION:**

The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This program relates to the Council Goals of Effective Sustainable Government.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

All City Departments were consulted in the development of the Salinas Ten-Year Plan. This policy was developed with coordination with the Administration Department.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is not cost of implementing this financial policy.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution