

RESOLUTION __-__

A Resolution of the Planning of the Town of Fairfax recommending That the Town Council Amend the General Plan to include equity-Related text amendments specifically replacing the word “character” with non-substantive but more specific descriptions of the intended meaning of the word throughout the 2010-2030 Fairfax General Plan

WHEREAS, the Town is committed to examining issues of racial equity, social justice, systemic racial bias, and diversity in the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has directed the Planning Commission to evaluate the General Plan text to consider replacing the word “character” with appropriate Fairfax-specific descriptions that provide added clarity to the implementation of the General Plan without perpetuating the use of systemically racist terms that were intentionally introduced into land use and town planning lexicon across the country in the mid 1900’s, to evade antidiscrimination laws while still continuing segregationist, exclusionary practices, and

WHEREAS, it was not the intent of the Planning Commission or the Town Council when it created the current General Plan to include terms that perpetuate racial bias or exclusionary practices but rather to take clear and meaningful action against racial inequity and social injustice; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s Racial Equity and Social Justice committee received a presentation on July 1, 2021 and had a subsequent discussion at its August 5, 2021 meeting regarding the proposed General Plan text amendments, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council directed at their October 20 meeting that the Planning Commission review the proposed General Plan text amendments and provide its recommendations to the Town Council at its December 1, 2021 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan text amendments do not substantively or materially change the General Plan, and

WHEREAS, the General Plan may be amended up to four times per year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission recommends to the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax that it approve the proposed amendments to the General Plan as per the redline edits set forth in the attached Exhibit A.

The Foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the Town of Fairfax, held in said Town on November 18, 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

Chair, Mimi Newton

Attest:

Ben Berto, Director of Planning and Building Services