Resolution No. 2020-160 N.C.S.
of the City of Petaluma, California

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma has prepared a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update in compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Disaster Mitigation Act”) emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma has received a letter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency identifying the City’s Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as eligible for approval pending final adoption; and

WHEREAS, City Council adoption of a current Local Hazard Mitigation Plan will make the City of Petaluma eligible to receive earmarked mitigation grant funding as well as eligible to apply for additional federal mitigation grants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma has met all federal requirements of the Stafford Act and applicable amendments, and has further met all requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, including development of a Disaster Mitigation Plan, through public participation and Steering Committee establishment, and development of a maintenance program for annual plan review and federal plan review every five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma fully participated in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this local hazard mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, the California Office of Emergency Services and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX officials have reviewed the City of Petaluma Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and approved it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governing body; and

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma desires to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act and to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the City of Petaluma Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the governing body for the City of Petaluma, demonstrates the jurisdiction’s commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in this Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, adoption legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan; and
WHEREAS, the Petaluma Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is either: not a project subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as continuing administrative or maintenance activities such as general policy and procedure making or governmental organizational or administrative governmental activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment in accordance with Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines; and/or exempt from the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and/or categorically exempt from CEQA in accordance with Section 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines as basic data collection, research and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource and that are part of a study leading to an action that a public agency has not yet funded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Petaluma as follows:

1. The above recitals are hereby declared to be true and correct and incorporated into this resolution as findings of the City Council.

2. The Petaluma Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is attached to and made a part of this resolution by this reference, is either: not a project subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as continuing administrative or maintenance activities such as general policy and procedure making or governmental organizational or administrative governmental activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment in accordance with Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines; and/or exempt from the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and/or categorically exempt from CEQA in accordance with Section 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines as basic data collection, research and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource and that are part of a study leading to an action that a public agency has not yet funded.

3. The City Council hereby adopts the Petaluma Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan of the City.

4. The City of Petaluma will submit this resolution to the California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA Region IX officials to permit the plan’s final approval in accordance with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.
Under the power and authority conferred upon this Council by the Charter of said City,

REFERENCE: I hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted by the Council of the City of Petaluma at a Regular meeting on the 2nd day of November 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Barrett; Vice Mayor Fischer; Healy; King; McDonnell; Miller

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSED: Kearney

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

City Attorney

Mayor