RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ADOPT THE UPDATE TO THE HOUSING ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has conducted a public hearing on the matter of the update to the Los Angeles County Housing Element, pursuant to the State Housing Element Law (§§65580-65589.8 of the California Government Code), on July 29, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds as follows:

1. The Board of Supervisors adopted the General Plan, pursuant to California Government Code §65300, on November 25, 1980; and

2. The General Plan must contain a Housing Element that sets forth goals, policies and programs for the preservation, improvement and the development of housing for all income groups and persons with disabilities; and

3. The Housing Element is required to be updated periodically to, among other things, evaluate the appropriateness and effectiveness of a local jurisdiction’s housing goals, objectives and policies with respect to that local jurisdiction providing for their fair share of the regional housing need, as required by California Government Code §65588; and

4. The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) undertakes a Regional Housing Need Assessment ("RHNA") and determined that the County’s fair share of the regional housing need for the period July 1, 2008–June 30, 2014 is as follows: 14,425 units for very low income households; 9,073 units for lower income households; 9,816 units for moderate income households; and 23,862 units for above moderate income households; and

5. California Government Code §65583.2 requires that a local jurisdiction’s inventory of land suitable for residential development shall be used to identify sites that can be developed for housing within the planning period and that are sufficient to provide for the local jurisdiction’s share of the regional housing need for all income levels; and

6. The Proposed Housing Element includes an inventory of land suitable for residential development, including vacant sites and sites having the potential for redevelopment, which is supported by a comprehensive analysis on realistic capacity; and

7. The Proposed Housing Element concludes that the County unincorporated areas have the appropriate and realistic capacity to meet the RHNA through a variety of housing types and to address the housing needs of special needs groups; and

8. California Government Code §65583 requires that a Housing Element establish goals, quantified objectives and policies relative to the maintenance, preservation, improvement, and development of housing; and

9. The Proposed Housing Element establishes goals, quantified objectives and policies to formulate the County’s housing strategy, guides the implementation of housing programs, guides the County in making decisions related to housing issues, and guides the public in understanding the general direction of the County’s housing policies; and

10. California Government Code §65583 requires that a Housing Element include a program that sets forth a schedule of actions during the planning period that the local jurisdiction is undertaking or intends to undertake to implement the policies and achieve the goals
and objectives of the Housing Element through the administration of land use and development controls, the provision of regulatory concessions and incentives, and other means; and

11. The Proposed Housing Element identifies programs for the 2008-2014 planning period, which implement the County’s housing goals and policies regarding housing availability, housing affordability, neighborhood and housing preservation, equal housing opportunity, and implementation and monitoring; and

12. California Government Code §65583 requires that a Housing Element include an analysis of population and employment trends, existing and projected housing needs including any special housing needs, and other housing needs assessments; and

13. The Proposed Housing Element includes an analysis of population and employment trends, an assessment of existing and projected housing needs for all income levels; an assessment of special housing needs, and an assessment of at-risk assisted housing development needs; and

14. California Government Code §65583 further requires that a Housing Element include an analysis of governmental and nongovernmental constraints to housing development, maintenance and improvement for all income levels; and

15. The Proposed Housing Element includes an analysis of governmental constraints, environmental and safety constraints, infrastructure constraints and market constraints relevant to the meeting of housing needs for all income levels; and

16. The Proposed Housing Element, as amended during the course of the Regional Planning Commission ("RPC") public hearings, is responsive to the revisions recommended in a letter dated April 29, 2008 to the Director of Planning by the California Department of Housing and Community Development ("HCD") as part of the statutory 60-day review of the draft Housing Element; and

17. The Proposed Housing Element, as amended during the course of the RPC public hearings, is responsive to the recommendations made by various County Departments and members of the public; and

18. Adoption of the Proposed Housing Element by resolution will satisfy the requirements of California Government Code §65585; and

19. Upon adoption, the County will submit the Housing Element for certification review, pursuant to California Government Code §65585; and

20. The Housing Element must be certified to comply with the State Housing Element Law; and

21. The State prioritizes funding for State housing programs for local jurisdictions with certified Housing Elements; and

22. An Initial Study was prepared for the Proposed Housing Element in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the County’s environmental guidelines and reporting procedures, which demonstrates that there is no substantial evidence that the Proposed Housing Element will have a significant effect on the environment. Based on the Initial Study, the Department of Regional Planning has prepared a related Negative Declaration for the Proposed Housing Element; and
23. California Government Code §65583(c)(7) requires that a local jurisdiction's Housing Element describe the means by which consistency will be achieved with other General Plan Elements and community goals; and

24. The Proposed Housing Element is consistent with the purpose, intent and provisions of the General Plan; and

25. At the time of adoption of the forthcoming General Plan Update, the County will amend the Housing Element, as needed, to demonstrate the continued ability to accommodate the RHNA under the updated General Plan Land Use Element.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles:

1. Considers the proposed Negative Declaration that was prepared for the Proposed Housing Element, certifies that it has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the State and County guidelines related thereto, finds on the basis of the whole record before it that there is no substantial evidence that the Proposed Housing Element will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County, and adopts the Negative Declaration; and

2. Finds that the policies and proposals contained in the Proposed Housing Element, considered individually and cumulatively, do not adversely affect the internal consistency of the Los Angeles County General Plan; and

3. Adopts the Proposed Housing Element to the Los Angeles County General Plan as the 2008-2014 Los Angeles County Housing Element (Fourth Revision), and repeals the existing Housing Element (Third Revision) adopted on October 23, 2001.

The foregoing resolution was on the 5th day of August, 2008, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
The County of Los Angeles

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