RESOLUTION NO. 234-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA ADOPTING THE GENERAL PLAN 2045

WHEREAS, the General Plan is the overarching plan for ensuring social justice and racial equity while balancing community growth, development, resource protection, provision of public services, circulation and mobility, housing access and affordability, economic development and job growth, capital infrastructure investment, climate adaptation, and quality of life in the City. The City Council adopted the last comprehensive update to the City's General Plan in 1999 for the planning period ending 2020; and

WHEREAS, part of the General Plan planning effort included provisions for encouraging development in areas close to the urban core of Arcata, in proximity to jobs, retail, Cal Poly Humboldt, and housing, emphasizing infill development with the goals increasing racial equity and social justice, improving access to affordable housing, building a sense of place and culture, preserving and enhancing open space, while growing Arcata's economy in sustainable ways; and

WHEREAS, the City has been involved in the public process of updating the General Plan for the next 20-year planning period since 2017 and has engaged the community in each stage of the development of the revised General Plan and implementing Gateway Area Code, from concept to iterative draft document review, holding more than 180 stakeholder engagements over a range of meeting types; and

WHEREAS, the City's vision developed through this planning process inspires us to focuses on increasing access and equity to people of all backgrounds, races, abilities, and economic means to opportunities for housing, jobs, health, and inclusion in the community; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan, with the inclusion of new chapters, such as the Gateway Area Plan and the Health Element, as well as updated chapters prioritizing modern, sustainable practices in environmental preservation, economic growth, urban infill, alternative transportation, and housing, is the blueprint defining the arc between the City's vision for future development and its current state; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan includes all required Elements established in state law, as well as several optional Elements allowed within the City's discretion; and

WHEREAS, Planning Commission Resolution No. PC-24-05 adopted on May 14, 2024, contains the Planning Commission's recommendation for adoption of the General Plan;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Arcata certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the adoption of the comprehensive General Plan 2045 update, including the Gateway Area Plan, and the Gateway Code on _____, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Arcata:

1. Affirms the Findings of Approval adopted by the City Council of the City of Arcata for a Comprehensive Amendment to the General Plan by Resolution No. 234-48; and
2. Adopts the General Plan, with the exception of the Gateway Area Plan, with version date May 29, 2024, incorporated herein by reference.

DATED:

ATTEST:

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Rhea Varley City Clerk, City of Arcata	Meredeth Matthews Mayor, City of Arcata

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 234-49, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata, County of Humboldt, State of California, on the _____ day of _____, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

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Rhea Varley
City Clerk, City of Arcata