

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-154

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA,
REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02 AND
ESTABLISHING THE GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the existing City of San Bernardino General Plan was adopted in 2005;
and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council have authorized the comprehensive update of the General Plan, the preparation of a Downtown Specific Plan and the update to the Development Code; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, the City Council authorized the execution of a contract with PlaceWorks for professional planning services to assist the City with the preparation of the above for mentioned tasks; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan Advisory Committee is intended to be an advisory committee created for the purpose of advising City staff, participating in public outreach and community forums, and making recommendations to the Planning Commission and the Mayor and City Council on various components of the overall project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Bernardino desires to formalize the creation of a General Plan Advisory Committee, including the purpose and role of the committee, the number of members and the term, as set forth in this resolution; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2021, Resolution 2021-02 establishing the General Plan Advisory Committee was adopted however the change in the committee membership from 16 to 17 members presented for consideration was not clearly identified and posted prior to the adoption of the Resolution; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure that the composition of the Committee is clarified;
and

WHEREAS, there has been a challenge getting a sufficient number of members appointed to the committee necessary to hold a committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to begin holding committee meetings as soon as possible in order to ensure that the General Plan process can move forward expeditiously as planned; and

WHEREAS, a change in the membership composition to include eight (8) voting members and eight (8) alternate members will provide for two (2) members representing each ward and two (2) at large members recommended by the mayor while enable the committee to hold meetings with fewer total members present.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Resolution No. 2021-02 is hereby repealed. All members appointed to the GPAC since Resolution No. 2021-02 shall remain on the GPAC re-established by this Resolution. Where two members have been appointed for a single ward, the nominating council member may select which member shall serve as the primary member and which member shall serve as the alternate member of the GPAC.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby forms the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC), which shall be an advisory body to the Planning Commission and, ultimately, to the Mayor and City Council. The GPAC shall operate as follows:

1. Purpose

The purpose of the GPAC is to actively participate, engage community members and provide recommendations to City staff and the consulting team regarding specific focus areas that relate to the elements under consideration for inclusion in the General Plan. This participation assists City staff and the consulting team in the development of the City's future long-term goals and policies that carry out the community's vision for the future. The GPAC will also assist in evaluating amendments to the Development Code that are intended to carry out these long-term goals and policies. The formulation of modern development concepts and standards will contribute to the creation of successful implementation tools.

2. Role

The GPAC is an advisory committee established by the Mayor and City Council to assist with the update to the City's comprehensive General Plan. The GPAC serves as an important component of the public participation program providing one of the primary communication channels for the community making recommendations to the Planning Commission and the Mayor and City Council.

Committee members will participate in a series of meetings to help shape the draft plan by providing informed and innovative input to the project team. Members are requested to provide feedback and guidance throughout the General Plan Update. Members are on the GPAC so that they may provide a community perspective on policies and programs proposed for the updated General Plan.

Participation by the members in the Committee is temporary and will terminate when a new General Plan is adopted by the City Council. It is anticipated that the process will take from 24 to 36 months to complete.

3. Appointment and Makeup

The GPAC will be made up of a total 16 members. Each City Council member will appoint 2 members. One appointment will be a voting member and the other will be

an alternate for each of the Council Wards. The Mayor would be allowed two at large representatives with one serving as a voting member and one serving as an alternate member. Appointees shall be a resident of the City of San Bernardino. The perspective individuals should be able to clearly articulate the community perspective and/or the area of the City in which they live. As individual appointments are considered, please take into account their education, work experience and background and how they will be valuable in the update process. Some of the experience that would be considered beneficial includes land use, planning, engineering, architecture, environmental, real estate, housing development and programming, social services administration, transportation etc. Each member of the Committee shall serve without compensation and without reimbursement for expenses.

4. Meetings: Appointment of Chair/Vice Chair; Attendance

Meetings of the GPAC shall be open and public in accordance with the Brown Act.

At the first meeting of the General Plan Advisory Committee, a Chair and Vice Chair shall be selected by the Committee at large to manage the meetings.

The GPAC members are expected to regularly attend meetings and public workshops. However, it is understood that on occasion, a Committee member may not be able to attend a meeting. Three absences in a calendar year may subject the member to expulsion from the GPAC.

Alternate members may vote only in the absence of the voting member.

5. Powers of the Mayor and City Council and Planning Commission

Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as restricting or curtailing any of the powers of the Mayor and City Council and Planning Commission, or as a delegation to the GPAC of any of the authority or discretionary powers vested and imposed by law in such bodies.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and City Council finds this Resolution is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty, as in this case, that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the City Council and signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk this 16th day of June, 2021.



John Valdivia, Mayor
City of San Bernardino

Attest:



Genoveva Rocha, CMC
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

PP.

Sonia Carvalho
City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO) ss
CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO)

I, Genoveva Rocha, CMC, City Clerk, hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of Resolution No. 2021-154, adopted at a regular meeting held at the 16th day of June, 2021 by the following vote:

<u>Council Members:</u>	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
SANCHEZ	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
IBARRA	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
FIGUEROA	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
SHORETT	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
REYNOSO	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CALVIN	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ALEXANDER	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

WITNESS my hand and official seal of the City of San Bernardino this 16th day of June, 2021.


Genoveva Rocha, CMC
City Clerk