

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-88\*\***

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA,  
ESTABLISHING THE DOWNTOWN ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE AS AN ADVISORY BODY TO THE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVING GUIDING  
PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE THE WORK OF THE  
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 Downtown 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 Downtown Advisory Committee, including the purpose and role of the committee, the number of members and the term, as set forth in this resolution.

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

**SECTION 1.** The City Council hereby forms the Downtown Advisory Committee (DAC), which shall be an advisory body to the Planning Commission and, ultimately, to the Mayor and City Council. The DAC shall operate as follows:

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of the DAC is to actively participate, engage community members and provide recommendations to City staff and the consulting team regarding specific focus on Downtown San Bernardino. 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 DAC 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 to revitalize Downtown.

2. Role

The DAC is an advisory committee established by the Mayor and City Council to assist with the formulation of an innovative Specific Plan for the City's Downtown. The DAC 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 Specific Plan by providing informed and innovative input to the project team. Members are requested to provide feedback and guidance throughout the formulation of the area specific plan. Members are on the DAC so that they may provide a community and/or business perspective on policies and implementation tools for the proposed Downtown Specific Plan.

Participation by the members in the Committee is temporary and will terminate when the draft Downtown Specific Plan is adopted by the City Council. It is anticipated that the process will take from 18 to months to complete.

3. Appointment and Makeup

The DAC will be made up of a total of 9 members. The Mayor will appoint 2 members and each Council person will appoint 1 members. Appointees shall be either a resident of the City of San Bernardino, or a non-resident business or property owner within the City. At no point shall more than 34 percent of the members of the committee be made up of non-resident business or property owners. The individuals appointed to the DAC 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 DAC shall be open and public in accordance with the Brown Act.

At the first meeting of the Downtown Advisory Committee, a Chair and Vice Chair shall be selected by the Committee at large.

The DAC 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 removal from the DAC.

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 DAC 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 when and if proposed Ordinance No. 2021-1552 becomes effective .

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** by the City Council and signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk this 17th day of February 2021.



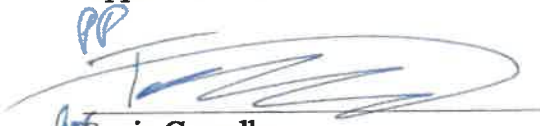
John Valdivia, Mayor  
City of San Bernardino

**\*\* Resolution was originally assigned Resolution No. 2021-37 revised due to use of duplicated number.**

Attest:

  
Genoveva Rocha, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
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. 2021-88, adopted at a regular meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

  
Genoveva Rocha, CMC, City Clerk