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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE OF INTENT TO SUPPORT FORMATION OF A HOUSING SUBREGION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO FACILITATE AND IMPLEMENT COUNTYWIDE HOUSING PRODUCTION CONSISTENT WITH THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA) FORMULA CURRENTLY ASSIGNED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (ABAG)**

WHEREAS, the Housing Element Law (California Gov. Code §§ 65580–65589.8) provides for a Regional Housing Need Allocation process (“RHNA”); and

WHEREAS, to implement such RHNA process in the San Francisco Bay Area, the State of California has delegated to the Association of Bay Area Governments (“ABAG”) responsibility to adopt an allocation methodology, then use the adopted methodology to assign to each jurisdiction in the Bay Area the obligation to zone enough housing development capacity to accommodate production of a specific number of housing units during the period from 2023 through 2031; and

WHEREAS, Gov. Code § 65584.03 provides that certain combinations of local governments may form a subregion to perform RHNA for themselves in order to allocate among themselves the total number of housing units assigned to them collectively by ABAG; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in exploring the formation of a RHNA subregion consistent with Gov. Code § 65584 et seq. and acceptable to ABAG and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCD”) to facilitate collaboration with the county and all cities in the County of Santa Clara, to efficiently and effectively deliver housing production goals; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County has directed the review of the benefits of such a subregion and subsequently representatives of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (“CASCC”) have formed a committee to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the importance of and opportunities for success through shared housing strategies which could be facilitated by a subregional effort; and

WHEREAS, housing is a countywide challenge, and housing production types, numbers, density, appropriateness and affordability levels can vary in different communities, and the Cities’ recognize all production types are important to the housing supply of the County and its related economic and social health; and

WHEREAS, Cities are individually accountable for, and retain full local authority for, identifying sites for housing development and for adopting and implementing housing policies intended to facilitate production of housing to meet local, regional and state policy objectives embodied in the numbers prescribed by ABAG the Sustainable Community Strategy that will be adopted by ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (“MTC”) in 2021; and

WHEREAS; through mutual cooperation and planning, the production of these housing units may be enhanced through collective efforts and resources, therefore creating a forum for developing countywide policy consensus on matters related to the Sustainable Community Strategy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE THAT:

1. It is in the best interest of the City to join with other cities in Santa Clara County to explore creation of the RHNA subregion and that by working together to plan for housing growth, the stage is set for implementing housing and more housing will ultimately be built to meet the needs of the entire County and its residents.
2. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to enter into discussions regarding the formation of a RHNA subregion and the development of a workplan and budget, and schedule of actions leading to the countywide, self-administration of the housing needs allocation process, allocating the countywide total housing needs allocation among all the Cities and unincorporated County by consensus; and to bring back a recommendation and resolution for action to join a RHNA subregion, or in the alternative, an explanation detailing the decision not to participate in the RHNA subregion.

Adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:  
RECUSAL:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk  
(SEAL)

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Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney