

RESOLUTION NO. 71,697-N.S.

ADOPT THE 2024 LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (LHMP) and AMEND THE
GENERAL PLAN TO INCORPORATE 2024 LHMP

WHEREAS, City Council adopted the Disaster Mitigation Plan on June 22, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was updated in 2014 and in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Plan has expired; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley ("City"), in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code Section 65300 et seq., is required to adopt a General Plan for its long-range development, and further to periodically update that plan to reflect current conditions; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a current Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) and an associated amendment to the Disaster Preparedness and Safety Element of the City's General Plan to explicitly reference the adoption year of the LHMP will maintain the City's compliance with 44 CFR Part 201, Section 201.6, and Government Code 65302.6 requirements, and associated eligibility for mitigation grant funding; and

WHEREAS, City staff has collaborated with numerous partner representatives, scientists and hazard experts to develop the LHMP; and

WHEREAS, City staff has collaborated with numerous partner representatives, scientists and hazard experts to develop a First Draft Plan; and

WHEREAS, from May 24, 2024 through August 8, 2024, the community and all City commissions and boards were invited to provide feedback on the First Draft Plan, and these comments were reviewed and incorporated into the Final Draft 2024 LHMP; and

WHEREAS, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency reviewed and determined the Final Draft LHMP to be eligible for final approval on January 13, 2025 (pending its adoption by the Berkeley City Council); and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2025, the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission reviewed the Final Draft 2024 LHMP and voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the LHMP; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed Public Hearing to consider public input and comment on the Final Draft 2024 LHMP and to consider changes to the Disaster Preparedness and Safety Element of the General Plan to update the LHMP reference in the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission voted to recommend adoption of the LHMP; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption).

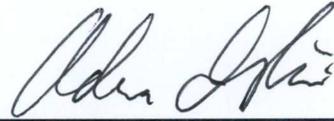
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted and the General Plan is hereby amended, as shown in Exhibit A and Exhibit B.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on March 18, 2025 by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Blackaby, Humbert, Kesarwani, Lunaparra, O'Keefe, Taplin, Tregub, and Ishii.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.



Adena Ishii, Mayor

Attest:



Mark Numainville, City Clerk