

RESOLUTION NO. 02-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ADOPTING AN ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND THE 2002 LOS ALTOS GENERAL PLAN

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of California, as provided in Section 65300 of the California Government Code, that every City and County prepare a General Plan containing policies to guide its future development; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2001 the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cotton Bridges Associates to prepare an update of the City's 1987 General Plan. The goal of the update was to comprehensively reevaluate the Circulation Element and to update the other Elements with current demographic data and policy language; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Element is not included as that document was updated separately in 2001 and has been approved by the City Council. The Land Use Element has been modified to reflect the new Housing Element.

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department conducted the following extensive public participation program to involve community members in the General Plan update process:

- A three-day Circulation Element Transportation Charrette conducted by Dan Burden of Walkable Communities.
- Use of the City's website to inform the public of the status of the General Plan effort. The draft General Plan is also posted on the website.
- Contact with the Los Altos Town Crier to publicize the General Plan update.
- Preparation of a General Plan update summary newsletter at key points in the process, which was mailed to all households to summarize the issues and objectives being addressed, and to provide a schedule for subsequent meetings.
- Five meetings of a General Plan Advisory Committee, consisting of 14 City Council appointed members and representing a broad cross-section of the community.
- Three interactive community workshops, which were publicized through the Los Altos Town Crier, the City's website, and the General Plan newsletter.
- Four joint study sessions with the Planning Commission and City Council to provide policy direction at decision points in the program.
- Public hearings before the Planning Commission on November 7, 2002 and the City Council on November 12, 2002 to consider the draft General Plan update.

WHEREAS, an environmental Initial Study and resultant Mitigated Negative Declaration have been prepared for this project pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, which determined that the General Plan update would not have a significant effect on the environment. Copies of the environmental Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and draft General Plan were sent to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, to all adjacent cities and the County of Santa Clara planning and transportation departments, and to all GPAC members, Planning Commissioners and Council members.

WHEREAS, a notice announcing the availability of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the 2002 Los Altos General Plan, and both the November 7, 2002 Planning Commission meeting and the November 12, 2002 City Council meeting, was also distributed to all City Commissioners and Committee members and to all those organizations and individuals maintained on the Community Development Department's community mailing list and a display add was posted in the Los Altos Town Crier.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on November 7, 2002 to take testimony and consider the documents and recommended unanimously that the City Council adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the 2002 Los Altos General Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council held a public hearing on November 12, 2002 wherein the Council moved to approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration and 2002 Los Altos General Plan.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a regular meeting thereof held on the 12th day of November, 2002 by the following role call vote:

AYES: Mayor La Poll, Mayor Pro Tem Casto, Councilmembers Becker, Lear and Moss

NOES:

ABSENT:


Francis A. La Poll, Mayor

ATTEST


Carol Scharz, City Clerk