

## Resolution 2024-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KERMAN PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT THE COUNCIL ADOPT GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2024-01 TO REPLACE THE CURRENT FRESNO MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL 2015-2023 HOUSING ELEMENT WITH THE FRESNO MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL 2023-2031 HOUSING ELEMENT INCLUDING APPENDIX 1G-KERMAN LOCAL HOUSING ELEMENT SECTION, AND ADOPT A FINDING FOR A COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 15061(B)(3) OF CEQA GUIDELINES (ENV 2024-04).**

**WHEREAS**, the General Plan is a long-range, comprehensive document that serves as a guide for the orderly development of the City of Kerman; and

**WHEREAS**, by its very nature, the General Plan is subject to periodic revisions necessary to accommodate the City's current and future needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code § 65580 et seq. requires cities and counties to periodically prepare and update their Housing Element, one of the seven State-mandated elements of the General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, California State Housing Element Law establishes the requirements for Housing Elements. California Government Code Section 65588, a provision of the State Housing Element Law, requires that local governments review and revise the Housing Element of their General Plans not less than once every eight years. Additionally, the California State Legislature identifies overall housing goals for the State with the goal of ensuring every resident has access to housing and suitable living environments. The City's Housing Element was last updated in April 2016 for the 2016-2023 planning period, and an update is required for the planning period of 2023-2031 (known as the 6th Cycle Housing Element Update); and

**WHEREAS**, the 6th Cycle Housing Element was prepared for the City of Kerman based on input from the City Council, Planning Commission, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and public comment, including updated data in compliance with State Housing Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the draft Housing Element was made available for a 30-day public review and comments from May 17, 2023, through June 17, 2023, and public comments were received, considered, and incorporated into the draft revision before submitting to HCD on July 5, 2023 for a 60-day review; and

**WHEREAS**, a revised draft Housing Element was submitted to HCD on November 21, 2023, and February 27, 2024, along with minor revisions submitted on March 21, 2024, and April 18, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the City received a "substantial compliance" letter on the revised draft Housing Element on April 19, 2024, allowing the City to proceed with adoption of the draft Housing Element; and



**WHEREAS**, a City-initiated General Plan Amendment 2024-01 application would replace the current Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2015-2023 Housing Element with the Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2023-2031 Housing Element including Appendix 1G- Kerman Local Housing Element Section included herein as Exhibit 'A-1' and 'A-2'; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission reviewed all the evidence, staff report analysis at duly noticed public hearing, and determined that General Plan Amendment 2024-01 is consistent with the City's 2040 General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, it was determined that the project is exempt as a "common sense" exemption under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission now desires to recommend to the City Council to approve General Plan Amendment 2024-01 replacing the current Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2015-2023 Housing Element with the Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2023-2031 Housing Element including Appendix 1G- Kerman Local Housing Element Section.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Kerman Planning Commission as follows:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by reference.

SECTION 2. Based upon the evidence in the staff report, staff's presentation, public testimony, and the project file, the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council recognize the appropriateness of General Plan Amendment 2024-01 replacing the current Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2015-2023 Housing Element with the Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2023-2031 Housing Element including Appendix 1G- Kerman Local Housing Element Section, based on the following findings;

- A. The Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2023-2031 Housing Element including Appendix 1G- Kerman Local Housing Element Section addresses all of the requirements as set forth in Government Code §§ 65302 and 65580.
- B. The Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2023-2031 Housing Element including Appendix 1G- Kerman Local Housing Element Section is compatible with, consistent with, and integrated with all other elements of the City's 2040 General Plan.
- C. Adoption of the Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2023-2031 Housing Element including Appendix 1G- Kerman Local Housing Element Section is the final requirement for certification of the 6th Cycle Housing Element update per Government Code §65580.
- D. Adoption of the Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2023-2031 Housing Element including Appendix 1G- Kerman Local Housing Element Section is exempt as a "common sense" exemption under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).



SECTION 3. Based on the foregoing the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council approve General Plan Amendment 2024-01 replacing the current Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2015-2023 Housing Element with the Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2023-2031 Housing Element including Appendix 1G- Kerman Local Housing Element Section included herein as Exhibit 'A-1' and 'A-2', and find the project exempt under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City of Kerman Planning Commission held on May 13, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: S. Bishop, K. Nehring, R. Bandy, C. Molloy  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: R. Felker

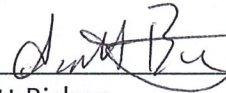
The foregoing resolution is approved.

Attest:



Jesus R. Orozco

Planning Commission Secretary



Scott Bishop  
Chairperson