

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
WATSONVILLE ORDERING A REPORT PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA
ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 9212**

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2021, Petitioners filed a Notice of Intent to Circulate a Petition to amend the City of Watsonville General Plan; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2021, the City provided Petitioners with the title and summary, as required by California Elections Code Section 9203. The Petitioners published the Notice of Intent and the title and summary on July 2, 2021, and filed the Certificate of Publication with the City Clerk's Office on July 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2021, Petitioners submitted 3,176 signatures in support of the petition, which is in excess of the minimum required number of 2,170 signatures; and

WHEREAS, the City transmitted the signatures to the Santa Cruz County Clerk for verification, and, on January 19, 2022, the Santa Cruz County Clerk confirmed the sufficiency of the petition, with 2,411 valid signatures; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 9114 requires the City Clerk to certify the results of the examination of the signatures to the Council at the next regular Council meeting after receiving the signatures; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 9215 states that, if the petition is signed by not less than ten percent of the voters, the City Council shall do one of the following:

- (a) Adopt the ordinance, without alteration, at the regular meeting at which the certification of the petition is presented, or within 10 days after it is presented.
- (b) Submit the ordinance, without alteration, to the voters pursuant to Section 1405.

- (c) Order a report pursuant to Section 9212 at the regular meeting at which the certification of the petition is presented. When the report is presented to the legislative body, the legislative body shall either adopt the ordinance within 10 days or order an election pursuant to subdivision (b).

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9212, Staff recommends that Council order a report analyzing the impacts of the proposed measure on the City, to be provided to the Council on March 8, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council hereby declares that the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into this resolution as findings of the City Council.
2. The City Council hereby finds that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), in that adopting a Resolution ordering a report does not meet CEQA's definition of a "project," because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and because the action constitutes organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and is exempt pursuant to Section 15269(c) of the CEQA Guidelines, as specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.
3. That the City Council hereby accepts the City Clerk's certification of the results of the examination of the signatures on the petition.

4. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9212, the City Council hereby orders a report analyzing the impacts of the proposed measure on the City, to be submitted to the Council on March 8, 2022.
