CITY OF SAN MATEO RESOLUTION NO. ____ (2019)

AFFIRMING THE CITY COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO RETAIN AND APPLY PROVISIONS OF THE SAN MATEO GENERAL PLAN ENACTED BY THE VOTERS IN PASSING MEASURE P UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE 2040 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, in 1991, the City's voters passed Measure H, a citizen's initiative that amended the City's general plan to, among other things, establish building height, residential density, and building floor area ratio limits for a specified period of years; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the City's voters passed Measure P which made certain limited amendments to the general plan provisions enacted in Measure H and extended the sunset date of those provisions until December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the City initiated a comprehensive effort to amend the City's general plan ("General Plan Update 2040") that was intended to be completed before the Measure P sunset date of December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in early 2019, the City determined to slow the general plan update process to allow additional opportunity to solicit and consider community input and amended its consultant's scope of work and schedule for completion of the General Plan Update 2040 by the end of 2023; and

WHEREAS, this revised schedule contemplates completion of the General Plan Update 2040 after the expiration of the Measure P sunset date; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is sensitive to community concerns that once Measure P sunsets the Council would have the legal authority to approve development proposals that would exceed the height, density, or buildings intensity limits established in Measure P without seeking voter approval and before the general plan update process has been completed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to allay these concerns by expressing its commitment to comply with the limitations established by Measure P until such time as the general plan update process has been completed and General Plan Update 2040 has been adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

1. The City Council commits that from December 31, 2020 until the City completes the ongoing process to amend the General Plan and the City Council adopts General Plan Update 2040, the City will apply the provisions of the general plan as approved by voters in enacting Measure P and as amended since passage of Measure P to all development proposals submitted to the City for approval.