

1 [Adopt the Hazards and Climate Resilience Plan as the 2025 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan]

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3 **Resolution adopting the 2025 Hazards and Climate Resilience Plan as San Francisco's**  
4 **update to the 2020 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

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6 WHEREAS, Local hazard mitigation planning is governed by the Stafford Act, as  
7 amended by the Disaster Management Act of 2000 ("DMA 2000"), and by federal regulations  
8 implementing the Stafford Act; and

9 WHEREAS, As revised by DMA 2000, the Stafford Act requires state, local, and tribal  
10 governments to develop and submit for approval a mitigation plan that outlines processes for  
11 identifying the natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities of the jurisdiction; and

12 WHEREAS, The Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") requires local  
13 governments to adopt a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan ("LHMP") as a condition of future  
14 funding for mitigation projects under multiple FEMA pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant  
15 programs, and requires local governments to update their LHMP every five years; and

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco last updated its LHMP, titled the Hazards and Climate  
17 Resilience Plan ("HCR"), in 2020, and is therefore due for an update; and

18 WHEREAS, The Office of Resilience and Capital Planning within the Office of the City  
19 Administrator led the effort to update the 2020 HRC in partnership with other departments to  
20 identify mitigation goals, objectives and priority actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risks  
21 to infrastructure, buildings, and communities in San Francisco from the impacts of hazards  
22 and climate change impacts, and

23 WHEREAS, The 2025 HCR serves as the 2025 LHMP, and will serve as the foundation  
24 to reinforce San Francisco's Safety and Resilience Element, Emergency Operations Plan, and  
25 Climate Action Plan update; and

1 WHEREAS, The HCR shall be deemed the LHMP and all references in the Safety and  
2 Resilience Element to the LHMP or “CCSF Hazard Mitigation Plan” will be deemed to refer to  
3 the HCR; and

4 WHEREAS, San Francisco recognizes the threat that natural and human-caused  
5 hazards pose to people and property within its community; and

6 WHEREAS, Undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to  
7 people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

8 WHEREAS, The federal government defines "hazard mitigation" as "any action taken  
9 to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from hazards"; and

10 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has experienced new and  
11 unprecedented climate-related hazard events such as the Labor Day 2017 heat wave,  
12 November 2018 wildfire smoke events, atmospheric rivers of late 2022; and high wind events  
13 of 2023; and

14 WHEREAS, Climate change is expected to make some natural hazard events more  
15 severe and frequent; and

16 WHEREAS, The City fully participated in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning  
17 process to prepare the HCR; and

18 WHEREAS, The California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA have pre-  
19 approved the HCR, contingent upon official adoption by the City; and

20 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors adopted the Safety and Resilience Element of  
21 the General Plan in 2022, in Board of Supervisors File No. 221065; and

22 WHEREAS, Adoption of the HCR, its reference and integration in the Safety and  
23 Resilience Element of the City’s General Plan, and providing it to the public will maintain  
24 compliance with 44 CFR Part 201, Section 201.6, and California Government Code, Sections  
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1 8685.9, 65302.6 and 8685.9 requirements, and associated eligibility for mitigation grant  
2 funding; and

3 WHEREAS, The Planning Commission received an informational memo and  
4 presentation about the 2025 HCR and its integration with the Safety and Resilience Element  
5 at the September 2024 public hearing; and

6 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 379 (2016) requires that when a jurisdiction updates its LHMP,  
7 they must also review and update as necessary the Safety Element of the General Plan to  
8 address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies; and

9 WHEREAS, Adoption of the 2025 HCR by the City demonstrates the City's  
10 commitment to hazard mitigation and climate action, and to achieving the goals outlined in the  
11 Plan; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco adopts the 2025 HCR as the  
13 City's official LHMP; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Administrator shall submit this Resolution to the  
15 FEMA Region IX officials to obtain final approval of the 2025 HCR.