

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING (DOH), OR DESIGNEE, IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY WILL FACILITATE HOUSING ELEMENT PLANNING ACTIVITIES AMONG THE 21 JURISDICTIONS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY FOR THE TERM OF AUGUST 1, 2021, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$807,375 (“REAP AGREEMENT”)

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, State law mandates that all California cities, towns, and counties plan for the housing needs of their residents; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCD”) determines the total number of new homes that need to be built, and level of affordability of the new homes, in order to meet the housing needs in each region of California (“Regional Housing Needs Allocation” or “RHNA”); and

WHEREAS, the Association of Bay Area Governments (“ABAG”) received the sixth cycle of RHNA from HCD for the Bay Area region and further distributed the allocation to each city and county in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, ABAG has assigned to each jurisdiction within San Mateo County (the “County”) and the unincorporated area of the County their respective portions of the Bay Area region RHNA; and

WHEREAS, each city, town, and County must submit a document to HCD, which sets forth how it plans to meet its RHNA, otherwise known as its “Housing Element”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State’s 2019-20 Budget Act, Governor Gavin Newsom allocated \$250 million for all regions, cities, and counties to facilitate planning activities that accelerate housing production; and

WHEREAS, with a portion of this allocation, HCD established the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program (“REAP”), which provides one-time grant funding to regional governments and regional entities for planning activities related to the drafting and submission of Housing Elements; and

WHEREAS, ABAG was awarded REAP funds pursuant to the Notice of Funding Availability – REAP, released by HCD on February 27, 2020, and ABAG suballocated this REAP funding to support county-based groups of jurisdictions, or “Planning Collaboratives”, that share consulting resources and work together to address their RHNA planning, including drafting their Housing Elements; and

WHEREAS, ABAG allocated \$807,375 in REAP funds to the County to support the County’s Planning Collaborative (“21 Elements”), which includes all twenty cities, towns, and unincorporated County, and which is facilitated by the consulting firm Baird and Driskell Community Planning (“Baird and Driskell”); and

WHEREAS, Baird and Driskell is recognized as an expert in the fields of housing policy, public participation, long-range strategic planning, land use, and affordable housing and Baird and Driskell was involved in forming 21 Elements and has rendered consulting services to support 21 Elements since its formation; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2021, County entered into an agreement with Baird and Driskell for its facilitation and work products related to 21 Elements for the term of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023 (Resolution No. 078495(a-b)) in a total amount not to exceed \$1,158,794, \$538,250 of which is funded with the County's allocation of REAP funds, which is subject to the County's execution of the REAP Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the remaining \$269,125 of REAP funds provided under the REAP Agreement will be allocated through a competitive process at a future date.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Director of the Department of Housing, or designee, is authorized, in consultation with County Counsel, to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Association of Bay Area Governments to facilitate Housing Element planning activities among the 21 jurisdictions in San Mateo County for the term of August 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023, in a total amount not to exceed \$807,375.

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