

THE CITY OF NEWPORT

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNCIL**

No.

- WHEREAS, the Newport Planning Board was inspired by the civil unrest of 2020 to form a working group to conduct a preliminary review of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan with the goal of improving that Plan's handling of equity, diversity, and inclusion, and
- WHEREAS, in its preliminary review, the working group found that the Comprehensive Land Use Plan does not explicitly address equity and that new language is needed in the Plan to confront inequity, and
- WHEREAS, the American Planning Association recognizes the role of City Planning in shaping a community's equity, stating, "It is important for city planners, the planning board and other civic-minded community members to understand and recognize the past and present role city planning has created in perpetuating discriminatory practices...", and
- WHEREAS, the Planning Board has sent the City Council a report from its working group that includes short-, medium, and long-term recommendations for improvements and changes to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. These recommendations all have the goal of improving and ensuring equity in Newport, now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the Newport City Council will begin the process of amending our Comprehensive Land Use Plan to address equity, diversity, and inclusion, and be it further
- RESOLVED, the Council include the Planning Board in future diversity, anti-bias, equitable development, and other relevant training opportunities, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the City Council will work with the Planning Board to engage the public in a workshop or forum to discuss the potential amendments and policy changes, and be it further;
- RESOLVED, that the City Manager investigates the hiring of a consultant with expertise in equitable development policy and equitable planning policy to update the Comprehensive Land Use Plan to improve the overall language and add chapters that explicitly address health, education, and equity.

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IN COUNCIL
READ AND PASSED

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