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WHEREAS, the current population of the San Diego region is almost three million people, and the region's population, jobs, and housing units are steadily growing; and

WHEREAS, collectively, current local plans will not meet the housing and employment needs for our new residents and our future economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, without changes to current plans, the San Diego region will face a growing crisis in affordable housing, transportation, habitat and open space preservation, economic prosperity, and energy and water needs; and

WHEREAS, REGION2020 is the region's growth management strategy which espouses planning principles that reduce sprawl and address the challenges that come with future growth; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego region has defined smart growth as a compact, efficient, and environmentally-sensitive pattern of development that provides people with additional travel, housing, and employment choices by focusing future growth closer to existing and planned job centers and public facilities, and away from rural areas; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the Council supports the REGION2020 strategy, and the following smart growth principles that it promotes:

1. New development to be focused closer to urban jobs and activity centers and away from rural areas.
2. Additional travel choices among activity centers, and more mixed use development and pedestrian-friendly urban designs.
3. Location of new jobs near existing housing, and new housing near existing jobs.
4. A variety of housing types in each community that meet the housing needs of all income levels.
5. Adequate investment for existing and future infrastructure needs in smart growth areas.
6. Environmentally-sensitive development that conserves energy and water; ensures the protection of resources that preserve the biodiversity of the region; and preserves open space, community parks, agricultural lands, watersheds, wetlands, scenic values, and wildlife.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that local plans and regulations should ensure that future growth improves the quality of life throughout the region and local elected officials are urged to plan now for the future by incorporating smart growth principles into local general plans, zoning ordinances, project review criteria, street design standards, and other implementation processes, and to make decisions consistent with the above-stated smart growth principles.

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