

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO (1) NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE REQUIRED MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT AS A COALITION PARTNER AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS PROGRAM BY JULY 1, 2024; AND (2) NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT AND EFFECTUATE THE GRANTS**

WHEREAS, the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program provides \$5 billion in grants to states, local governments, tribes, and territories to develop and implement ambitious plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 60114 of the Inflation Reduction Act, this two-phase program provides \$250 million for noncompetitive planning grants and approximately \$4.6 billion for competitive implementation grants; and

WHEREAS, awards are expected to range from \$2 million to \$500 million across five funding tiers; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara submitted a Priority Climate Action Plan to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on behalf of communities in Santa Clara and San Benito Counties, enabling eligible member agencies, including Cupertino, to apply for competitive implementation grants; and

WHEREAS, priority for the competitive implementation grant funds seeks to achieve substantial community benefits such as the reduction of air pollutants in communities that have high levels of fine-particle pollution, are in proximity to Superfund sites, and have linguistic isolation; and

WHEREAS, Cupertino has census tracts that are considered to have high levels of fine-particle pollution, proximity to Superfund sites, and have linguistic isolation as defined by the EPA; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to serve as a coalition partner agency, demonstrating a collaborative and regional approach to maximizing greenhouse gas reductions and community benefits; and

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WHEREAS, Cupertino submitted letters of intent to enter in Memorandums of Agreement with participating agencies as part of two coalition grant applications; and

WHEREAS, if awarded grant funds, the City of Sunnyvale will be the lead agency and fiscal agent of the Community-Scale Reusable Foodware System Design and Implementation Project and Cupertino will partner with the City of Sunnyvale, the City of Mountain View, the City of San José, and the San Benito County to support implementation of the project, receiving no funds directly; and

WHEREAS, if awarded grant funds, Cupertino will partner with Mountain View, Morgan Hill, San José, and Sunnyvale, led by Silicon Valley Clean Energy, to electrify and fortify critical facilities that serve a community's most urgent needs during emergencies as part of the Public Facility Resiliency Implementation Project; and

WHEREAS, Cupertino is proposing to upgrade and electrify Quinlan Community Center water heating, space heating, and space cooling equipment to reduce greenhouse gases and increase resiliency during extreme heat and dangerous air quality events because of climate change at an estimated labor and equipment cost of approximately \$1.9 million over five years; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive grant funds, applicants are required to negotiate and enter into Memorandum of Agreements with participating agencies by July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager or their designee negotiate and execute the required Memorandums of Agreement with participating agencies by July 1, 2024 to ensure the City is eligible to receive grant funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager or their designee to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City the required Memorandums of Agreement with participating agencies by July 1, 2024 for the purpose of securing grant funds from the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program;

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cupertino this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, by the following vote:

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Members of the City Council

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

<p>SIGNED:</p>  _____ Sheila Mohan, Mayor City of Cupertino	  _____ Date
<p>ATTEST:</p>  _____ Kirsten Squarcia, City Clerk	  _____ Date