R-2025-44

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ENVISION LAKEWOOD 2040. AS A CITYWIDE PLAN

WHEREAS, a city's comprehensive plan serves as a long-term vision for a community that establishes a shared vision, goals, and priorities;

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-23-206 and City Charter Section 9.1(a), the Planning Commission shall make and adopt a comprehensive master plan for the physical development of the City of Lakewood (the "City"), including amendments thereto and periodic updating thereof, subject to the approval of the City Council;

WHEREAS, prior to creation of a new Comprehensive Plan for the City, a Community Engagement Ad Hoc City Council Committee (the "Committee") was formed and the Committee appointed various stakeholders to Advisory Groups in order to facilitate in-depth conversations with community members, Planning Commissioners, City Council, and City staff related to the Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, stakeholders consisted of fifty-one (51) community members serving on three (3) Advisory Groups to include: community and quality of life; housing and economy, and transportation; and green infrastructure and systems. Thirteen Advisory Group meetings were held with an estimated one thousand (1,000) volunteer hours expended by the Advisory Group members;

WHEREAS, in addition to the Advisory Groups, the City created a robust engagement process for the Comprehensive Plan which included:

- a. Three City Council informational meetings;
- b. Three Planning Commission informational meetings;
- c. Four open house events with one of the events primarily offered in Spanish;
- d. Seven pop-up booths at City-wide events;
- e. Forty hours of outreach to the City's Spanish-speaking community in partnership with Community Language Cooperative;
- f. Thousands of mailings to City residents;
- g. Hundreds of conversations with community members at events and meetings; and

h. Dozens of posts about the Comprehensive Plan process on City social media channels.

WHEREAS, these efforts resulted in the Lakewood Planning Commission unanimously adopting the new City Comprehensive Plan, *Envision Lakewood 2040*, at a public hearing on April 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that approving the new City Comprehensive Plan *Envision Lakewood 2040* is in the best interests of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Colorado, that:

SECTION 1. The City's Comprehensive Plan, *Envision Lakewood 2040*, as presented to City Council and adopted by the Planning Commission on April 23, 2025, is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. The City's Comprehensive Plan, *Envision Lakewood 2040*, shall supersede the City's 2015 Comprehensive Plan Lakewood 2025: Moving Forward Together.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Wendi Strom, Mayor

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED by a vote of 11 for and 0 against at a hybrid regular meeting of the City Council on July 28, 2025, at 7 o'clock p.m., at the Lakewood Civic Center, 480 South Allison Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado.

ATTEST:

Jay Robb, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alison McKenney Brown, City Attorney