

IN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LEANDRO

RESOLUTION NO. 2006 -

RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND PROMOTING THE USE OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY RESIDENTIAL GREEN BUILDING GUIDELINES (FOR NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION, HOME REMODELING AND MULTIFAMILY), U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL'S LEED™ RATING SYSTEMS (FOR NEW COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING), AND BAY FRIENDLY GUIDELINES AS CITY REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of San Leandro's General Plan sets forth goals for preserving and improving the City's natural and built environment, protecting the health of its residents and visitors, and fostering its economy; and

WHEREAS, green building and sustainable landscape design, construction, operation and maintenance can have a significant positive effect on energy, water and resource efficiency, waste and pollution generation, wildlife habitat and the health and productivity of a property's occupants over the life of the building and/or landscape; and

WHEREAS, green buildings and sustainable landscapes benefit building industry professionals, residents and communities by improving construction quality, increasing building durability, reducing utility, maintenance, water and energy costs, creating healthier buildings and landscapes, and enhancing comfort and livability; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, green building and sustainable landscaping design, construction, and operational techniques have become increasingly widespread in California and the nation, with many homeowners, businesses, and building professionals voluntarily seeking to incorporate green building and sustainable landscaping techniques into their projects; and

WHEREAS, StopWaste.Org has developed a series of voluntary guidelines designed specifically for the residential building industry for New Home Construction, Home Remodeling and Multifamily ("Alameda County Residential Green Building Guidelines") that provide helpful and valuable guidance for applying these techniques to residential building projects; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Green Building Council has developed a series of guidelines designed specifically for the commercial building industry, including LEED™ (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Rating Systems, such as LEED™ NC for new construction and major renovations and LEED™ CI for commercial interiors renovation; and

WHEREAS, StopWaste.Org has developed the Bay-Friendly Landscape Guidelines and Bay Friendly Gardening Guide designed specifically for landscape professionals and homeowners; and

WHEREAS, the practices contained in the Alameda County Residential Green Building Guidelines, U.S. Green Building Council's LEED™ Rating Systems, and the Bay-Friendly Landscape Guidelines were selected for their viability in today's market and their ability to promote sustainable buildings, landscapes and communities; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to both the economic and environmental health of San Leandro that the City provide leadership to both the private and public sectors in the area of green building and sustainable landscaping; and

WHEREAS, a number of cities and counties throughout California have used these guidelines and rating systems; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of these guidelines and rating systems as reference documents would not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA");

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby endorses and promotes the use, whenever feasible of the Alameda County Residential Green Building Guidelines, the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED™ Rating Systems, and the Bay-Friendly Guidelines as they may be amended from time to time; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council directs City staff to explore development of a more extensive voluntary residential program and to prepare a draft municipal building ordinance that would require minimum LEED™ standards for certain municipal projects.

Introduced by Council Member
2006, by the following called vote:

and passed and adopted this 17th day of January,

Members of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Attest: _____
Marian Handa, City Clerk