California Strategic Growth Council
Resolution No. 26-04
Celebrating and Concluding Council Priorities 1 (Racial Equity Resource Hub), 2 (Capacity Building as an Equity Strategy) and 3 (Housing, Climate, and Equity)

WHEREAS, the Newsom Administration is committed to a California for All agenda and believes the State plays a critical role and holds unique responsibility to reduce barriers and create equitable opportunities for all Californians; and

WHEREAS, the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) has over several years advanced three interconnected strategic priorities — Priority 1: Racial Equity Resource Hub, Priority 2: Capacity Building as a Key Equity Strategy, and Priority 3: Housing, Climate, and Equity — each aimed at improving outcomes for under-resourced communities, California Native American Tribes, and communities disproportionately affected by climate, housing, and environmental burdens; and

Priority 1: Racial Equity Resource Hub

WHEREAS, California is committed to a California for All agenda and believes the state plays a critical role and holds a unique responsibility to reduce barriers and create equitable opportunities for all Californians; and

WHEREAS, the Council has a vision for healthy, thriving, and resilient communities for all and a deep commitment to equity; and

WHEREAS, in August 2020, the Council adopted Resolution 20-01, which among other things directed staff to present updates on the Racial Equity Action Plan to the Council twice each year; WHEREAS, the Council approved a resolution in 2022 prioritizing this vision and directing staff to develop and maintain a public resource for state boards, agencies, departments, offices, and other local and regional entities to access information about racial equity initiatives of different government agencies; and

WHEREAS, through Priority 1, SGC and its member agencies achieved the following notable Priority 1 accomplishments:

- Established the online Racial Equity Resource Hub to provide a public resource for State and local entities to access information about racial equity initiatives being led by diverse governmental agencies
- Coordinated an interagency Racial Equity Work Group
- Developed the SGC Racial Equity Vision and Action Plan, the first racial equity plan and a model for state agencies

- Promoted and supported programs that build capacity within state agencies to advance racial equity; and

WHEREAS, the commitments in Resolution 20-01 have been institutionalized through the SGC Racial Equity Vision and Action Plan and integrated into SGC's programs and operations, and the Council's annual public reporting now provides the most effective vehicle for tracking that progress; and

Priority 2: Capacity Building as a Key Equity Strategy

WHEREAS, communities most vulnerable to climate change, affordability and housing insecurity, public health emergencies, and other disasters are often the least equipped to prepare for or respond to these challenges, making capacity building and technical assistance essential for equitable access to state tools, resources, and funding; and

WHEREAS, technical assistance and capacity building have been shown to increase the competitiveness and success of under-resourced communities seeking state investment, yet structural barriers — including language access, contracting, and reporting requirements — limit full participation; and

WHEREAS, in response, the Council adopted the Technical Assistance Guidelines for State Agencies and directed deeper commitments to equity, including expanding partnerships with California Native American Tribes and under-resourced communities; and

WHEREAS, billions in state and federal climate-related funding created an urgent need for expanded capacity building strategies to ensure equitable access and outcomes; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Council committed to integrate capacity building and technical assistance strategies into their Agencies' programs, policies and practices and committed to implementing concrete and measurable actions to advance capacity building, particularly for Native American Tribes and under-resourced communities, identifying capacity building as a key strategy to advance equitable growth in the State; and

WHEREAS, notable Priority 2 accomplishments include:

- Establishment of the Tribal Capacity Building Program, providing technical assistance and capacity building support to California Native American Tribes strengthening climate resilience and operational support
- Completion of the Advance Pay Pilot Program and development of resource templates and trainings
- Launch of the Interagency Advance Pay Convening series, providing cross-agency learning and engagement on advance pay implementation

- Development of the Health in All Policies' Grants and Contracts Evaluation Tool
- Establishment of the Imperial Valley Civic Ecosystem Initiative to support capacity building for local government and community-based organizations in Imperial Valley; and

Priority 3: Housing, Climate, and Equity

WHEREAS the Council has called for deeper, more coordinated commitments and actions regarding the alignment of the state's housing, climate, and equity efforts to build more sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS coordinating agency activities relating to housing, climate, and equity is a core mandate of the SGC authorizing statute, which directs the Council to identify and review activities of participating agencies that may be coordinated to increase the availability of affordable housing and meet the goals of our state's climate change policies; and

WHEREAS, in December 2022 the Council adopted Council Priority 3, establishing a statewide interagency framework for aligning housing, climate, and equity goals to support strategic, inclusive growth across California; and

WHEREAS, SGC staff and interagency partners developed a Priority 3 Work Plan consisting of 27 actions across three key goals: maximizing existing opportunities, identifying new tools and strategies, and improving coordination among State, local, federal, and tribal partners; and

WHEREAS, notable Priority 3 accomplishments include:

- Creation of a statewide inventory of 49 existing policies, programs, and funding opportunities aligned with housing, climate, and equity objectives;
- Three successful rounds of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program, providing more than $2.3 billion to 66 projects across the state;
- Development and launch of the SGC Tribal Housing and Capacity Building Initiative, providing more than $25 million across two grant programs to help California Native American Tribes to strengthen climate resilience and advance affordable housing;
- Launch of the State/Local Energy & Climate Coordination (SLECC) meetings as a statewide channel for information sharing and collaborative action;
- Factory-built Housing Regional Pilot Program: awarded $10 million in grant funding to accelerate the development and use of factory-built housing across the state;

WHEREAS, these actions demonstrate a maturing statewide interagency infrastructure capable of delivering coordinated housing, climate, transportation, natural lands, and equity outcomes to advance California's long-term resilience and prosperity; and

Integration of Priorities 1, 2, and 3

WHEREAS, the achievements of Priority 1 and Priority 2 laid critical groundwork for Priority 3's success, including building technical capacity among local governments, tribal governments, and community-based organizations to participate in housing, climate, and planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Council's priorities strengthened its long-term ability to support a more inclusive, accessible, and equitable approach to State policy implementation.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the SGC hereby celebrates and formally concludes Council Priorities 1, 2, and 3, acknowledging the substantial progress made toward equitable capacity building and integrated housing climate equity policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council expresses deep appreciation to SGC staff, member agencies, local and regional governments, California Native American Tribes, and community partners whose participation and leadership were essential to Priority 1, 2, and Priority 3 achievements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Resolution 20-01 is amended to provide that staff shall report to the Council on its Racial Equity Action Plan at least once each year, which may be included in the annual public reporting described in this resolution, in place of the requirement for two meetings each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, except as amended by this resolution, Resolution 20-01 remains in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council encourages SGC staff to integrate and institutionalize the tools, practices, lessons learned, and partnerships developed under all priorities into ongoing programs and future Council priorities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council reaffirms its commitment to continued statewide collaboration, program development, and annual public reporting on crosscutting progress that advances equity, capacity building, well-being, community resilience, climate goals, and housing affordability.

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Passed and adopted this 28 day of October, 2026.