A RESOLUTION APPROVING UPDATES TO FULTON COUNTY'S SUSTAINABILITY PLAN AND GOALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCELERATING THE PATH TOWARDS INCREASED SUSTAINABILITY BY 2030 IN FULTON COUNTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Fulton County recognizes that a healthy and sustainable environment is important to its citizens, its economy, and our future; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2019, as Agenda Item #19-0449, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners approved the *Fulton County 2019-2025 Sustainability Plan* (the "Sustainability Plan"), which evidenced a commitment by Fulton County of obtaining sustainability by identifying the most salient internal and external challenges or opportunities and providing solutions that also connect to Fulton County's Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Plan sets targeted goals for the reduction of energy and water consumption, improvement of air quality, and empowering employees and residents with education on issues related to environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the approved Sustainability Plan includes the development of streamlined objectives that will allow Fulton County to leverage in-house policies that enhance service levels, citizen well-being, sustainability, economic development, and technology strategies by 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Plan focuses on and sets goals for climate change mitigation; social equity and smart transit; high-performance County infrastructure; education, outreach and green jobs training and placement; fostering partnership for the

1 implementation of the Sustainability Plan; and budgetary appropriation for implementation

2 of the Sustainability Plan; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Fulton County staff has continued to review the Sustainability Plan

4 and have updated the goals for Fulton County through 2030, as set is forth in the "Fulton

5 County Sustainability Goals Updates," attached hereto and incorporated by reference as

6 Exhibit "A;" and

7 **WHEREAS,** pursuant to Fulton County Code § 1-117, the Board of Commissioners

8 has exclusive jurisdiction and control over "making such rules and regulations for the

9 support of the poor of the county, and for the promotion of health, as are not inconsistent

10 with law; [and] . . . exercise such other powers as are granted by law, or are indispensable

11 to their jurisdiction over county matters and county finances"; and

12 **WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the updates to the

13 Sustainability Plan and finds that adopting the new sustainability goals and targets and

14 approving the updated Sustainability Plan is in the best interest of the citizens of Fulton

15 County.

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Commissioners of

17 Fulton County does hereby approve and adopt the updates to the Sustainability Plan,

18 attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit "A."

19 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective upon its

20 adoption, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution

21 are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

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1   **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 16th day of February, 2022.

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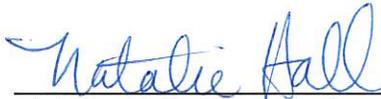9   Robert L. Pitts, Chairman
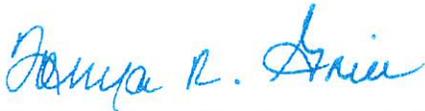10
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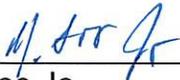18   Natalie Hall, Commissioner
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EXHIBIT A

Fulton County Sustainability Plan Goals Updates

Fulton County Sustainability Plan Goals Updates

1. Priority Area 1: Sustainability is Climate Change Mitigation
    a. Current Goal: improve energy efficiency of FC facilities
        i. Current Target: 20% reduction of energy usage by 2025
            1. **Goal / Target Update:**
                a. *R**educe buildings energy usage by 50% by 2030 through the assessment of facilities and implementation of cost-effective energy conservation measures, utilizing budgetary appropriations, grants, and alternative financing mechanisms such as Energy Savings Performance Contracting.***
    b. Current Goal: Develop renewable energy pilot study project
        i. Current Target: install project by 2020
            1. **Goal / Target Update:**
                a. ***Offset 25% of electricity demand and carbon dioxide emissions by 2030 through the implementation of a solar energy program to finance or own solar installations at a capacity of up to 27 megawatts at suitable facilities and assets, and the purchase of verified green power certificates and renewable energy certificates.***
2. Priority Area 2: Sustainability is Social Equity and Smart Transit
    a. Current Goal: Transportation, air quality, and green spaces: reduction of overall vehicle emissions by FC Government vehicles
        i. Current Target: transition 20 percent of fleet mileage to hybrid or other alternative fuel technology by 2025
            1. **Goal / Target Update:**
                a. ***Transition 25% or all light-duty administrative vehicles to electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles by 2030 utilizing lease and purchase models and install Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (e.g., charging stations) (min. Level II or DCFC) at all viable facilities for public and employee use, and encourage municipalities to expand public and private EV charging infrastructure.***
        ii. Current Target: increase the percentage of employees who are regularly using sustainable commute options to 20 percent by 2025 using employee surveys to measure the percentage increase.
            1. **Goal / Target Update:**
                a. ***Increase the percentage of employees who are commuting to work via sustainable and alternative modes such as not driving alone, taking transit, walking / biking, carpooling, and***

teleworking by 50% by 2030, and provide additional incentives and rewards for sustainable and alternative commuting.

     iii. Current Target: encourage the use of current and upcoming alternative transportation methods including carpooling, MARTA, bus rapid transit, light rail, cycling, and walking to get commuters through the last mile of their destination.

          1. **Goal / Target Update:**

               a. *Partner with municipalities to encourage the improvement of last mile connectivity and commuting options through transportation funding investments (T-SPLOST, TIP, etc.).*

               b. *Develop partnership to offer an employee and community bikeshare and carshare (EV) program with ownership incentives.*

b. Current Goal: promote and educate Fulton County residents on local farming programs and community gardening and promote food self-sufficiency and food security for Fulton County residents through local partnerships and educational programs.

     i. Current Target: number of active programs and partnerships related to sustainable food practices, and establish affordable, healthy food options within five miles of every resident. Target sources include community gardens, farmers' markets, or mini organic markets at major transit stops.

          1. **Goal / Target Update:**

               a. *Establish affordable, healthy food options within five miles of every resident - community gardens, farmers' markets, or mini organic markets at major transit stops in alignment with the sustainable food and urban agriculture resolution (#21-0779).*

3. Priority Area 3: Sustainability is High-Performance County Buildings

a. Current Goal: reduce or divert waste from county facilities sent to landfill, identify composting, natural cleaners, providing eco-friendly options, material reuse, etc., and mitigate the use of polystyrene and plastic bag/plastic straws by vendors at county facilities, parks, and related events.

     i. Current Target: 20% waste diversion by 2025, composting pilot and single-use plastics resolution / policy.

          1. **Goal / Target Update:**

               a. *50% waste diversion rate by 2030 through the implementation of additional recycling supplies and education, composting / food donation program for high-priority facilities with food service (Govt. Center, Justice Center, multipurpose sr. centers, annexes) to divert or donate all food waste, policy to divert and reuse 95% of construction and demolition waste from major renovations and new construction projects, and a sustainable purchasing policy such that 100% of office, custodial and hospitality supplies are sustainable and environmentally responsible by 2030.*

b. Current Goal: create a water efficiency management system to reduce overall potable water use and sewer needs.

      i. Current Target: reduce water consumption 20% by 2025.

           1. **Goal / Target Update:**

               a. *Reduce water consumption by 30% by 2030 through cost-effective water conservation measures via Water-Smart initiatives, use of EPA WaterSense labeled products, irrigation monitoring and controls, and low-impact landscaping for all facilities utilizing green infrastructure, xeriscaping, rainwater reuse and green building standards.*

4. Priority Area 4: Sustainability is Education, Outreach and Green Jobs Training

    a. Current Goal: collaborate with Workforce Development to train county staff in sustainable programs through other organizations and support sustainable development programs to continue attracting a talented workforce to Fulton County.

        i. Current Target: number of county employees and residents that become certified as Green Professionals as established during yearly job performance evaluations and number of residents that become certified as Green Professionals per year.

           1. **Goal / Target Update:**

               a. *Establish a green workforce development training and job placement program available to all residents and county employees in partnership with WorkSource Fulton, prioritizing trainings and funding resources for un/under employed and low-moderate income residents. Train at least 100 people per year and place at least 75% in living wage industry related jobs by 2030.*

5. Priority Area 5: Sustainability is Fostering Partnerships for Plan Implementation

    a. Current Goal: foster partnerships between organizations within Fulton County Government promoting sustainable homes, workplaces, and communities. The new Green Team will drive sustainability through county departmental leadership

        i. Current Target: number of internal Fulton County sustainability projects / programs initiated and maintained

           1. **Goal / Target Update:** *create a Fulton County Sustainability Committee consisting of representatives from all municipalities, Board of Commissioners, county departmental leadership and FCCCE / community. Reconstitute and reinvigorate the internal county "Green Team" with leadership from all relevant departments*

6. Priority Area 6: Sustainability is Budgetary Appropriation for Plan

    a. Current Goal: Fulton County Green Purchasing is using purchasing power in the most cost-effective, fair, and environmentally benign way; creating a healthier workplace. Green Purchasing includes implementing a sustainability requirement in the county's request for proposal templates as well as the standardization of environmentally friendly products across all departments.

        i. Current Target: transition at least 80% of all office and custodial supplies purchased and used annually to "eco-friendly" products, and 100 percent recycled copier paper and 30 percent post-consumer content for all paper products.

1. **Goal / Target Update:**
   a. *Annual budgetary appropriation to the Sustainability Division in the Department of Real Estate and Asset Management and other applicable departments and divisions, and establishment of a green revolving loan fund to increase capacity, resources and funding for projects and initiatives to make progress on the Sustainability Plan goals and targets.*