

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SANTA BARBARA ADOPTING THE URBAN FOREST
MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara has a long history of municipal tree planting and a diverse urban forest;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the City's urban forest is currently comprised of more than 320,000 trees;

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara's urban forest faces a number of challenges related to tree age, infrastructure constraints, species diversity, program funding limits, and community participation;

WHEREAS, the City received a grant in 2012 from the California Department of Forestry and Fire to prepare an Urban Forest Management Plan;

WHEREAS, development of the Urban Forest Management Plan included extensive community outreach and public discussion with City Boards and Commissions;

WHEREAS, the Urban Forest Management Plan identifies key management issues, outlines goals, objectives, and actions, and proposes priorities for implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Forest Management Plan provides a long-term guide for the preservation and enhancement of trees in Santa Barbara.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA THAT the Council adopts the Urban Forest Management Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A.