

RESOLUTION NO. 20-8823

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA
SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF WORKER
COOPERATIVES IN THE CITY**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara has identified economic development as a priority;

WHEREAS, small businesses are an important part of the local economy;

WHEREAS, a significant percentage of small business owners nationwide do not have a succession plan in place and are at risk of closure;

WHEREAS, worker cooperatives are a tool to help businesses remain locally owned for the long term; and,

WHEREAS, worker cooperatives are owned and democratically governed by their members, provide wages and benefits above industry average, develop important leadership and management skills, and build wealth for low to moderate income residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City of Santa Clara affirms its support of worker cooperatives.
2. That the City of Santa Clara will pursue the establishment of a worker cooperative initiative.
3. That the City of Santa Clara will pursue the phased workplan approved by City Council, and adjust as necessary as work progresses, to allow for the greatest flexibility in pursuing this initiative.

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4. Effective date. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, AT A SPECIAL MEETING THEREOF HELD ON THE 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:


AYES: COUNCILORS: Chahal, Davis, Hardy, O'Neill, and Watanabe and Mayor Gillmor

NOES: COUNCILORS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILORS: None

ABSTAINED: COUNCILORS: None

ATTEST:



NORA PIMENTEL, MMC
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Attachments incorporated by reference: None