

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12-18-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN
CAPISTRANO, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING SUSTAINABILITY CHARTER
FOR THE CITY OF SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO AND ESTABLISHING
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

WHEREAS, sustainability means integrating and balancing the competing expectations of the present generation and not compromising the future. Sustainability acknowledges and considers the impact of our decisions and actions beyond the City of San Juan Capistrano recognizing that continuous commitment is essential; and

WHEREAS, sustainability achieves vitality and well-being for all through responsible planning and management of interdependent social, environmental, and economic capacities; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Juan Capistrano elects to be an environmental advocate and a leader in environmental compliance and protection. The City shall cultivate superior environmental standards that will provide for sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Juan Capistrano wishes to develop a shared vision and culture of sustainability by building consensus and a shared vision through open and meaningful public engagement and a transparent, accountable government, raising the awareness and public profile of sustainability and fostering a sense of belonging and community; and,

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that growth and opportunity cannot be conducted at the expense of environmental protection and that growth and environmental stewardship are intimately related; and,

WHEREAS, the City believes that the implementation of an environmental ethic need not interfere with economic development and that practicing such environmental ethic can be expected to enhance economic affairs and provide for responsible, farsighted development; and,

WHEREAS, the City believes that the protection of the urban and natural environment is a social responsibility and a fundamental obligation of a democratic government, and that an ecologically impoverished and polluted environment adversely impacts human health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Juan Capistrano does hereby intend on making the city a model for environmental excellence and a prevailing force in environmental protection. The City commits to becoming a Sustainable City that continues to meet its current needs, environmental,


economic and social, without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same.

Be it further resolved that the City's Sustainability is designed to help the community begin to think, plan and act more responsibly, to help address the root causes of problems, and to provide criteria for evaluating the long-term rather than the short-term impacts of decisions. In short, to help think about the future when making decisions about the present; and

The Sustainable City program includes goals and strategies to conserve and enhance local resources, safeguard human health and the environment, maintain a healthy and diverse economy, and improve the livability and quality of life of all community members in San Juan Capistrano; and

In order to accomplish these goals, the City hereby adopts the attached Sustainability Guiding Principles (Exhibit A), and commits to use them in future policies.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 18th day of December 2007.



JOE SOTO, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MARGARET R. MONAHAN, CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss.
CITY OF SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO)

I, MARGARET R. MONAHAN, appointed City Clerk of the City of San Juan Capistrano, do hereby certify that the foregoing **Resolution No. 07-12-04-04** was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of San Juan Capistrano at a Regular meeting thereof, held the 18th day of December 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Hribar, Uso and Mayor Soto
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER: Allevato, Nielsen


MARGARET R. MONAHAN, City Clerk