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Date: October 7, 2020  
Patron: Thomas Wright

## RESOLUTION

### AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN ENDORSEMENT GUIDELINES

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-199 et seq. (the Act), duties of the State Planning Commission (the Commission) include the development and promotion of procedures to facilitate cooperation and coordination among State agencies, regional entities and local governments with regard to development of plans, programs and policies which affect land use, environmental, capital and economic development issues; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C.5:85-7.2, the Office of Planning Advocacy shall prepare Guidelines for petitioners seeking to pursue plan endorsement; and,

**WHEREAS**, the current Guidelines were adopted on October 17, 2007 and revised in February, 2010; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governor signed Executive Order 89 on October 29, 2019, requiring the State Planning Commission to incorporate climate change considerations, such as increasing temperatures, rising sea levels, increased flooding, and increased vulnerability to droughts and forest fires, as a mandatory requirement for State Development and Redevelopment Plan endorsement of the development and redevelopment plans of local units of government; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State Planning Commission desires to support the Governor's stated goals of a fairer and more equitable New Jersey by incorporating equity considerations in the Plan Endorsement process; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State Planning Commission desires to update the Plan Endorsement Guidelines to incorporate Climate Change and Equity considerations and to modernize the current Guidelines; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Planning Advocacy, with input from State agency partners, presented, proposed revisions to Plan Endorsement Guidelines to the Plan Implementation Committee at public meetings on July 22, 2020, August 26, 2020 and September 23, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Plan Implementation Committee approved the revisions and proposal to present to the Commission for approval, the attached Plan Endorsement Guidelines.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commission approves the proposed Plane Endorsement Guidelines, to be posted on the Office of Planning Advocacy's website to be utilized effective immediately; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the members of the Commission and the Executive Director and staff of the Office for Planning Advocacy are hereby authorized and directed to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the implementation of this resolution.

I hereby certify that this resolution was  
duly adopted by the State Planning Commission  
at its meeting on October 7, 2020



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Donna A Rendeiro, Secretary  
State Planning Commission  
Dated: October 7, 2020