

RESOLUTION NO. 24-085, SERIES 2024

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAVIS
AMENDING AND RE-ESTABLISHING THE
OPEN SPACE AND HABITAT COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, City Commissions are established by City Council to provide advice and increase public input and participation in City Council decision-making; and

WHEREAS, City Council reviews and amends the structure and functions of its advisory commissions as needed to reflect the evolving nature of the Davis community and the Council's needs and interests; and

WHEREAS, City Council recognizes that open space includes agricultural, natural, and semi-natural lands within and around the City of Davis; and

WHEREAS, City Council is amending and re-establishing the Open Space and Habitat Commission to support the City's policies to protect farmlands and habitat areas surrounding the Davis community and to further the goals of the City's Open Space Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Davis does hereby:

1. Establishment

The Open Space and Habitat Commission is hereby established as an advisory body to the Davis City Council.

2. Purpose

The Open Space and Habitat Commission will advise City Council on matters relating to open space and habitat.

3. Functions

The Open Space and Habitat Commission shall have the responsibilities as provided in this section and such other duties as the Council may, from time to time, determine:

- a. Advise on matters related to wildlife, wildlife habitat, habitat restoration, public access in open space, and trail connectivity between open space areas. Review and make recommendations on the spending of funds dedicated to maintaining existing open space and acquiring new open space and conservation easements.
- b. Advise on the City's agricultural mitigation and agricultural buffer requirements, possible acquisitions of new open space and/or conservation easements, and the policies related to such acquisitions.

- c. Serve as lead commission on implementation efforts of the Open Space 2030 Strategic Plan for the Open Space Program, and subsequent plan development.

4. Effective Date

The Open Space and Habitat Commission shall assume its amended duties and responsibilities on July 1, 2024.

This resolution supersedes all previous resolutions related to the purpose and function of the Open Space and Habitat Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis on this 21st day of May, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Arnold, Partida, Vaitla, Chapman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Neville



Josh Chapman
Mayor

ATTEST:



Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC
City Clerk