

RESOLUTION 2026-###

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATION S. 4505 - (ERNST; R-IA) - A BILL TO REQUIRE THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO DESIGNATE ZIP CODES FOR CERTAIN COMMUNITIES, WHICH INCLUDES THE INCORPORATED MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO, CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2026, S. 4505, the Zip Code Geographic Integrity Act, was introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA), co-sponsored by Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA), read twice, and referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, where it remains pending;

WHEREAS, S. 4505 would require the United States Postal Service to designate ZIP Codes for approximately seventy (70) communities nationwide, including the incorporated municipal limits of the City of San Pablo, California, and consolidates several related legislative proposals seeking ZIP Code designations;

WHEREAS, the City of San Pablo does not have a ZIP Code that corresponds to its incorporated boundaries, and instead shares ZIP Code 94806 with portions of the adjacent cities of Pinole, CA and Richmond, CA, and with the unincorporated Contra Costa County communities of Montalvan Manor, North Richmond, Rollingwood, and Tara Hills;

WHEREAS, recent business license and sales tax audits conducted by the City's contracted consultants determined that businesses physically located within San Pablo city limits operate under Richmond, CA or El Sobrante, CA mailing addresses assigned by their local post offices, impairing the City's ability to accurately administer business licensing, reconcile annual sales tax reporting, and capture revenue properly attributable to San Pablo;

WHEREAS, this concern is heightened by the City's recent permitting of licensed cannabis retail establishments within City limits, for which precise revenue attribution is essential to the City's General Fund;

WHEREAS, ongoing efforts to revise the State of California's Bradley-Burns local sales tax apportionment framework, including the reallocation of Contra Costa County-pool use tax revenues established under AB 147 (2019), could further affect local sales tax revenues for cities whose ZIP Codes encompass major fulfillment and distribution facilities, compounding the fiscal risk posed by ambiguous address attribution;

WHEREAS, “Focus on Economic Development and Fiscal Diversification” is a major policy area of the adopted FY 2025-27 City Council Priority Workplan, effective April 7, 2025, and a dedicated ZIP Code aligned with the City's incorporated boundaries would allow the City to accurately attribute business activity and sales tax revenue, reduce reliance on neighboring jurisdictions' postal designations, and reinforce San Pablo's distinct economic and civic identity;

WHEREAS, the City's federal legislative advocate has engaged the office of Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA) in coordination with the National Zip Code Advocacy Coalition, which represents communities across the country pursuing dedicated ZIP Codes through the United States Postal Service;

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2026, Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado transmitted a letter of support for S. 4505 to the Honorable Rand Paul, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, which letter was ratified by majority vote via minute order at the July 6, 2026, City Council meeting;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to express its formal support for S. 4505 by resolution and to urge its prompt consideration and enactment; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this Resolution is not a “project” as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15378(b), and there is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City Council hereby expresses its full and formal support for S. 4505 (Ernst, R-IA), the Zip Code Geographic Integrity Act, and urges the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs to take prompt action on the bill and the United States Congress to enact it.

Section 3. The City Council supports the efforts of the National Zip Code Advocacy Coalition and authorizes the City's continued participation and coordination with the Coalition, the City's federal legislative advocate, and the City's congressional delegation in support of a dedicated ZIP Code for the incorporated municipal limits of the City of San Pablo.

Section 4. The City Council reaffirms its ratification of the Mayor's June 29, 2026, letter of support and authorizes the Mayor and City Manager to execute and transmit such further correspondence and take such further actions as are necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Section 5. The City Clerk is directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA), Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA), the Honorable Rand Paul, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the co-sponsors of S. 4505, the City's congressional delegation, and the National Zip Code Advocacy Coalition.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing recitations are true and correct and are included herein by reference as findings.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 3rd of August, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Dorothy Gantt, City Clerk

Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado, Mayor