

RESOLUTION NO. 22-9057

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA
SUPPORTING THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA IN ITS EFFORTS TO
BE SELECTED AS A HOST CITY FOR THE 2026 FIFA WORLD
CUP**

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

WHEREAS, The Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup is a quadrennial multi-city festival where culture, diversity, and sport are expressed by thousands of fans, athletes, and community legacy and sustainability initiatives; it is the premier global soccer event watched by over 3.2 billion fans worldwide;

WHEREAS, the United Bid Committee representing North America is competing with the country of Morocco for the right to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup;

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2017, Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor signed a letter to the United Bid Committee confirming that the City of Santa Clara/Levi's Stadium will submit a proposal to host one or more matches of the 2026 FIFA World Cup;

WHEREAS, there is no better place than Levi's Stadium and surrounding South Bay venues to host soccer; the City of Santa Clara is home to luxury hotels, world-class training facilities, and year-round sunshine; the U.S. Men's National Team held its training camp for the 2014 FIFA World Cup in this very region; International soccer powers Manchester United, FC Barcelona, Liverpool FC and AC Milan have all trained here in our region over the last several years;

WHEREAS, Santa Clara's Levi's Stadium is near California's Great America theme park and the Santa Clara Convention Center and provides easy access to public transportation, highways, and the San Jose, Oakland and San Francisco International Airports; the City of Santa Clara is a world-class city with a high-tech venue ready for the opportunity to host this premier event; and,

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WHEREAS, 2026 FIFA World Cup matches would be a Santa Clara Stadium Authority Non-NFL event and both the City of Santa Clara and Santa Clara Stadium Authority must be insulated from any financial losses in accordance with voter-approved Measure J: The Santa Clara Stadium Taxpayer Protection and Economic Progress and required in Government Guarantees requirements, respectively.

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

1. That the Santa Clara Mayor and City Council do hereby support the City of Santa Clara being selected as a host city of the 2026 FIFA World Cup in Santa Clara, California.
2. 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 REGULAR MEETING THEREOF HELD ON THE 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:	COUNCILORS:	Becker, Chahal, Hardy, Park, and Watanabe, and Mayor Gillmor
NOES:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILORS:	Jain
ABSTAINED:	COUNCILORS:	None

ATTEST:


NORA PIMENTEL, MMC
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Attachments incorporated by reference:
1. Letter to 2026 United Bid Committee