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**SUBJECT: CIVIC STANDARDS (M01-069)**

**LOCATION/COUNCIL DISTRICT: All**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that City Council approve the attached resolution which defines Civic Standards that promote quality of life in the Sacramento region.

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**SUMMARY:** The Civic Standards provide a definition of what is important for the city and region's quality of life and provide a means to implement and measure compliance with the Smart Growth Principles at the regional level. The Standards are based on the Capitol Regional Compact, the City's Strategic Action Plan and council policy initiatives in the Housing Element, proposed Sphere of Influence policy, Infill Strategy and Smart Growth Principles.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City intends to promote smart growth principles in it's review of development proposals, infrastructure investments, planning projects and in it's role as a representative on regional boards and commissions including the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), Local Area Formation Commission(LAFCO), Sacramento Regional Transit District and Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (see Attachment A for list of regional bodies).

To what extent does the City Council want to review and comment on proposed actions by other local governments in the region? For example, Sacramento's comments on the draft Sphere policies during the