



2030 General Plan Discussion

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

Background

- At the October 3, 2017 City Council meeting, direction was given to staff to bring back a discussion on the General Plan
- Land Use, Conservation/Open Space and the Economic Development Element
- Goals/Policies/Implementation Measures

The General Plan

- A long range planning document for the community
- All Elements of the General Plan have equal legal status and must be internally consistent
- Minimum statutory requirements

Parts of a General Plan

- ▶ Each Element contains:

Goals – A general direction statement

Policies – A commitment to a specific course of action

Implementation Measures – An action, procedure or program that carries out a policy

Land Use Element

Land Use Element plan identifies the proposed general distribution and intensity of uses of the land for housing, business, industry, open space, natural resources, public facilities, waste disposal sites, and other categories of public and private uses.

Adoption: November 19, 2013

Revised: July 19, 2016 – amended a 10.05 acre parcel (previously in the County) to Low Density Residential

Conservation/Open Space

Conservation/Open Space Element
provides direction regarding the
conservation, development, and
utilization of natural resources.

Adoption: September 23, 2014

Economic Development Element

Economic Development Element is an optional element that addresses the economic health of the City and establishes goals and policies that encourage economic growth while also maintaining and improving the quality of life in the community. The City included this element for the first time in the General Plan.

Adoption: August 18, 2015

General Plan Amendments

- ▶ As a General Law City, the General Plan may be amended four times a year
- ▶ Currently, amendments are in process for the Zoning Ordinance comprehensive update and a request from CHC (Community Health Centers)
- ▶ Amendments are subject to CEQA review
- ▶ Public participation is a key component to the General Plan process
- ▶ A new required component is the addition of Environmental Justice (New Element or Policies if more than 2 Elements are revised)

Fiscal Considerations

- ▶ A City-initiated amendment to the General Plan would require a funding source
- ▶ The 2017-2019 budget provides no funding for a City initiated amendment
- ▶ The General Plan maintenance fund would normally cover the cost of an amendment
- ▶ Currently, the maintenance fund is not sufficient to cover amendments due to commitments to update the Zoning Ordinance and previous amendments completed on the Housing Element



Direction to Staff

- ▶ Provide direction to staff regarding potential amendments to Land Use, Open Space and Economic Development Elements
- ▶ Environmental Review, public workshop and a Planning Commission public hearing must be completed to discuss proposed amendments and a recommendation is made to the City Council
- ▶ City Council holds a public hearing to consider the Planning Commission recommendation, environmental review and then take action on proposed amendments