

Los Gatos Ongoing Strategic Priorities 2024-2026

Mission

The mission of the Town of Los Gatos is to enhance the quality of life in Los Gatos by providing the highest quality leadership and most efficient services and facilities.

The Town strives to provide a working environment which promotes excellence; fosters cooperation; values volunteerism; and seeks to meet the needs of the community and the Town Council, employees, commissions, committees, and boards.

Vision Statement

After community discussions at the General Plan Update Advisory Committee and Planning Commission, the Los Gatos Town Council approved a Vision Statement for the Los Gatos 2040 General Plan on August 20, 2019. The Vision Statement is written in the present tense to describe the Town in the year 2040.

“The Town of Los Gatos is a welcoming, family-oriented, and safe community nestled in the beautiful foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains. The Town is a sustainable community that takes pride in its small-town character and provides a range of housing opportunities, historic neighborhoods, local culture and arts, excellent schools, and a lively and accessible downtown. Los Gatos offers a choice of mobility options, superior public facilities and services, and an open and responsive local government that is fiscally sound. The Town includes a mix of businesses throughout Town that serve all residents, workers, and visitors. Los Gatos has a dynamic and thriving economy that includes a mix of businesses throughout Town that serves all residents, workers, and visitors.”

Core Goals

- **Community Character:** Preserve and enhance the Town’s historic resources and small-town character; foster the economic vitality of all business locations; maintain and enhance diverse neighborhoods, promote sustainability practices, and protect and conserve the natural environment for present and future generations.
- **Good Governance:** Ensure open, responsive, accountable, transparent, accessible, inclusive, and collaborative government that encourages public involvement.
- **Fiscal Stability:** Maintain current and long-term fiscal stability while striving to deliver high-quality, cost-effective, and efficient municipal services that meet the current and long-term needs of the community.

- ***Quality Public Infrastructure:*** Maintain the condition and availability of public facilities, infrastructure, and a well-connected transportation system that enables safe access for all transportation modes, including pedestrians, people with access and functional needs, bicyclists, motorists, transit riders, and people of all ages and abilities.
- ***Civic Engagement:*** Foster opportunities for meaningful community involvement in government processes, encourage recreational and personal enrichment, and promote ethnic, cultural, and socio-economic diversity and equity to enhance the quality of life in Los Gatos.
- ***Public Safety:*** Ensure public safety through proactive community policing, effective emergency response, community-wide emergency preparation, education, and a community design that is responsive to the full range of potential natural and human-made hazards and safety issues.