



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 4/25/2022

ITEM NO: 1

DATE: April 22, 2022
TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Joel Paulson, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Review and Make Recommendations on the Draft 2040 General Plan and Final Environmental Impact Report to the Town Council.

REMARKS:

On April 13, 2022, the Planning Commission received public comments on the Draft 2040 General Plan and Environmental Impact Report (EIR); and began the review of the Draft 2040 General Plan including the Introduction; Racial, Social and Environmental Justice Element; Mobility Element; and Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure Element.

The review included the following unanimous motions:

1. In the Introduction, recommend approval of the GPAC recommendations for the Vision and Guiding Principles (Exhibit 7, Item 1);
2. In the Introduction, modify Section 1.5 “The Los Gatos Community” to include additional information about the Ohlone in relation to the land that the Town of Los Gatos now occupies and the cultural history of the land, rather than only the topographical history;
3. Adopt modifications recommended by staff in Exhibit 7 listed as Items 2 through 7;
4. In the Racial, Social, and Environmental Justice Element, add a new Implementation Program, “Research the viability of increasing support for the acceptance of food vouchers at local food retailers and farmers markets” to implement Policy RSEJ-4.1;
5. In the Racial, Social, and Environmental Justice Element, modify definitions for equality and equity, to state “Equality. ~~The state of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities.~~ Equal opportunity, levels of support, and allocation of resources, regardless of different circumstances.” and “Equity. ~~Fairness or justice in the way people are treated.~~ Differing allocation of opportunities, levels of support, and resources based on each person or group’s circumstances and needs, thereby reaching an equal outcome.” (Commissioner Barnett expressed concerned about change of these definitions, and has provided additional input in Exhibit 14);

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REMARKS (continued):

6. In the Racial, Social, and Environmental Justice Element, modify Policy RSEJ-6.2 to state, “Support leadership development programs for historically marginalized and socially disadvantaged individuals and groups to enhance effective engagement in Town processes.” (Exhibit 7, Item 17);
7. In the Racial, Social, and Environmental Justice Element, recommend the modifications in Exhibit 7 listed as Items 11, 15, and 18;
8. In the Mobility Element, recommend the modifications in Exhibit 7 listed as Items 62 and 63 as a single Implementation Program;
9. In the Mobility Element, recommend the modification in Exhibit 7 listed as Item 67;
10. In the Mobility Element, recommend a change to the timeframe of Implementation Program D to 2020-2025;
11. In the Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure Element, recommend a new definition of recycled and reclaimed water; and
12. In the Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure Element, recommend modified language of Implementation Program C to include consideration of alternative ground covers and a change to the timeframe to 2020-2025; and
13. In the Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure Element, recommend the modifications in Exhibit 7 listed as Items 70, 73, and 80.

Shortly before 11:30 p.m. the Planning Commission continued the discussion to a Special Meeting on April 25, 2022. At this meeting the Planning Commission will continue their discussion including review of:

- The Open Space, Parks, and Recreation Element;
- The Environment and Sustainability Element;
- The Hazards and Safety Element;
- The Land Use Element;
- The Community Design Element; and
- The Final EIR.

Exhibit 14 contains Planning Commissioner comments.

Exhibit 15 includes public comment received between 11:01 a.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2022, and 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022.

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SUBJECT: Draft 2040 General Plan and Final EIR

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EXHIBITS:

Exhibits previously provided: (available online here: <http://losgatos2040.com/documents.html>)

1. Draft 2040 General Plan
2. Draft EIR
3. Revised NOA and Transportation section
4. Final EIR

Exhibits previously received with the April 13, 2022 Staff Report:

5. Draft Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations
6. GPAC Recommended Changes to the Vision and Guiding Principles
7. Modifications Proposed in Public Comment
8. Board of Forestry Recommended Changes
9. Public Comments received between 11:01 a.m., Thursday, May 6, 2021, and 11:00 a.m., Monday, September 20, 2021
10. Public Comments received between 11:01 a.m., Monday, September 20, 2021, and 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 7, 2022

Exhibit previously received with the April 13, 2022 Addendum:

11. Public Comments received between 11:01 a.m., Thursday, April 7, 2022, and 11:00 a.m., Monday, April 11, 2022

Exhibits previously received with the April 13, 2022 Desk Item:

12. Planning Commissioner Comments
13. Public Comments received between 11:01 a.m., Monday, April 11, 2022, and 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Exhibits received with this Staff Report:

14. Planning Commissioner Comments
15. Public Comments received between 11:01 a.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2022, and 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 22, 2022

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