Irvine 2035 | Our Future

General Plan Workshop
Lakeview Senior Center
October 4, 2016
AGENDA

• Introduction
• General Plan Overview (10 min)
• Opportunities to be Involved (3 min)
• Next Steps (2 min)
• Q & A - Formal (30 min)
• Q & A - Informal 1 on 1 (60 min)
IRVINE GENERAL PLAN

- The Irvine General Plan is the City’s master plan for its development, improvement, and preservation.

- State law requires all communities in California to prepare a general plan to guide long-term development.

- Irvine incorporated in 1971, the City adopted its first general plan in 1972, with subsequent updates over time.
CURRENT PLAN

• Irvine General Plan guides Physical Character and location of Land Uses

• Planned balance of Land Uses
  1/3 Residential use
  1/3 Non-residential use
  1/3 Open space and recreation

• Organization of Land Uses
  Villages – Planning Areas
  Integrated street network
  Landscape and streetscapes
  Services – Physical location
RECENT KEY UPDATES

• Key amendments to the General Plan since the last comprehensive update:
  – Northern Sphere Project (2002)
  – Great Park Neighborhoods GPA/ZC (2013)
  – Updates to the Housing Element (2013)

• General Plan has evolved over time, while remaining true to its original principles.
WHY UPDATE THE PLAN

- Since the last major update of the plan in 1999, Irvine has continued to mature.
  - Annexed 20 square miles
  - Population increase of 100,000+
- State laws have also significantly changed; general plans must be updated to keep pace with changing regulations.
- As community needs change, priorities and services must be adapted to maintain and improve quality of life.
GENERAL PLAN CONTENTS

- **Vision** ... that describes what the community aspires Irvine to become
- **Blueprint** ... for growth & preservation
  - Issues
  - Goals
  - Policies/Strategies
- **Implementation Plan**
  - Specific actions to achieve goals
  - Timeframes for completion
  - Agencies responsible for actions
USING THE GENERAL PLAN

The General Plan is used in many ways

• By the City, to guide decisions, prioritize services, and plan improvements
• By developers, to build new projects and amenities to serve the community
• By agencies, to understand key needs of the community and plan for services
• By residents, to provide input on policies and programs to improve quality of life
## GENERAL PLAN TOPICS

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The Irvine 2035 General Plan will include required topics and additional topics that address community needs.
PROCESS CHART

Background & Vision
- Data Collection and Mapping
- Strategic Plans
- Vision Framework
- Outreach
  - Workshops
  - Open Town Hall
  - Pop Up Event
  - Interviews

Land Use Framework
- Land Use Plan Framework
- Opportunity Area Strategies
- Preferred Land Use Plan
- Outreach
  - Workshops
  - Open Town Hall
  - Pop Up Event

General Plan & Environmental Impact Report
- General Plan
- Environmental Impact Report
- Implementation Plan
- Outreach
  - Workshops
  - Open Town Hall
  - Public Hearings

Plan Review & Adoption
- Draft Plan
- Public Review Draft Plan
- Public Hearings
- Outreach
  - Public Hearings
OPPORTUNITIES TO BE INVOLVED

- Community Workshops
- Community Surveys and Website
- Pop-up booths at local events
- Planning Commission and City Council hearings
Comprehensive Update

The City is embarking on a comprehensive update of its General Plan. California State Law requires each city and county to adopt a comprehensive General Plan. The General Plan is a blueprint for decision making and represents the community's view of its future. City Councils, and Planning Commissions use the goals and policies of the General Plan as a basis for making land use decisions. The general plan is considered long term since it looks 20 years or move into the future.

The City of Irvine’s General Plan was initially adopted in 1972 and has been periodically updated and amended over the ensuing years. The last Comprehensive Update occurred in 1999. Since 1998, the City has continued grow at its historic rate and the community has matured and evolved. The significant amount of land once available to accommodate growth is diminishing as the City proceeds toward build-out. As Irvine approaches build-out, the focus of the General Plan objectives and policies must be re-focused to ensure that the high quality of life factors that make Irvine exceptional are maintained for residents and businesses into the future. General Plans are required to address seven topics: Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, and Safety. In addition to the seven topics, Irvine also includes Citywide Policies in the General Plan. These policies provide a framework for addressing development issues that may not be covered in the City’s specific policies and programs.
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SURVEY

Provided in two parts
1. Demographics: a few questions about you
2. Priorities: questions pertaining to your vision for Irvine's future

Information will be shared with City decision makers and will help our team to identify the community's priorities for the General Plan

Available until the end of October
NEXT STEPS

• Survey ends October 31st
• Recap of outreach will go to Planning Commission and City Council in early 2017
• Update of the General Plan and preparation of the Environmental Impact Report will begin in mid-late 2017