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Request to Extend the Community Outreach & Engagement Period for General Plan Land Use to the End of 2024

On the Significant Agenda Items for Sep-Nov 2024, there is a scheduled item for the City Council to review General Plan Land Use Maps **on November 18, 2024**.

This scheduled vote on land use maps would not allow sufficient time for the community to review, understand, and give their feedback on the Land Use Alternatives. It is crucial that we extend the community outreach and engagement period to the end of 2024 to ensure adequate participation.

The State of California emphasizes:

“Robust and inclusive community engagement is a vital component of drafting and updating a general plan. State law requires the local planning agency to provide opportunities for the involvement of the community. Such involvement should include public agencies, public utility companies, community groups, and others through hearings or other appropriate methods (Gov. Code § 65351). State of California, OPR

When the General Plan team presented the Land Use Framework to the General Plan Advisory Committee in **August 2024**, GPAC was concerned with the limited time to review the document (September 2024).

To engage the entire community on land use, staff reported that all events will occur in September. Two community events are scheduled on **Saturday, September 21, and Wednesday, September 24**. In addition, there are pop-ups in neighborhoods, but this information is not searchable on the General Plan website.

Despite these events being scheduled and announced last week in the City newsletter, there is a notable concern that a considerable portion of the 60,000 residents may not be aware of the General Plan or these upcoming events. More opportunities and more time are needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Veronica Olsen