



Visioning Workshop #1

Don Knabe Community Meeting Room | June 27, 2023



Workshop Overview

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- What is the General Plan?
- Community Engagement Process
- Activity 1: Assets & Challenges
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- Activity 3: Community Mapping
- Wrap Up & Next Steps





Welcome & Introductions



What is the General Plan?

- The State requires every city and county in California to adopt a General Plan.
- A comprehensive blueprint for the future.
- Long-range planning document projecting 20+ years.
- Built on community goals and priorities.
- Lomita last updated its GP in 1998.
- Adopted updated Housing Element in December 2021.
- The City's Zoning Code implements the General Plan- they must be consistent.



General Plan Content: Elements

Required Elements

- Land Use
- Circulation/Mobility
- Housing
- Conservation
- Open Space
- Safety
- Noise
- Environmental Justice

Optional Topics

- Economic Development
- Implementation



Why Do We Need an Update?

- Changes to demographics and market conditions since 1998.
- Changes to State law in the ways cities address mobility, climate change, and environmental justice.
- Potential long-term economic impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Opportunity to connect with the community to confirm values and priorities.





General Plan Process



Summary of the Process

Community Engagement

Existing Conditions Report



Happening now!

Identify Community Priorities

Issues and Opportunities

Land Use Alternatives Report and Preferred Land Use Plan

General Plan Goals, Policies and Programs

Draft General Plan Update and Phase 1 Zoning Update

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Public Hearings – General Plan and EIR

Community Engagement Opportunities

Ongoing

- General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC)
- Website
- Video
- Social Media
- Emails/ Newsletters
- Partner Communication
- Informational Materials

In-Person

- Workshops
- Open House
- Pop-up events
- Focus Groups
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Planning Commission Meetings
- City Council Meetings
- Scoping Meeting (EIR)

Digital

- Website
- Social Media
- Online Survey – Visioning
- Online Survey – Land Use





Activity 1: Assets & Challenges



Community Assets

- What Are Community Assets in Lomita?
 - What are your favorite things about your City?
 - Why did you move here & why do you stay?
 - What do you value most?
 - What are important aspects of your neighborhood's culture and traditions?
- Write one thought per Post-It Note
- Facilitation team will place the Post-It Notes on the wall, clustering yours with similar ideas



Potential Challenges

- What Are Potential Challenges of Lomita?
 - What are the biggest challenges in the City today?
 - What obstacles are currently facing your neighborhood?
- Write one thought per Post-It Note
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Activity 2: Visions



Visions

- What Are Your Visions for the Future of Lomita?
 - What does the ideal or dream City look and feel like?
 - Who lives, works, and plays there in the future?
 - What is going on in the City?
 - What do you hope stays the same?
1. First: Individually, write your Postcard from the Future Lomita
 2. Then: As a group, brainstorm key words/ideas to incorporate into a vision using the flipchart at your table.





Activity 3: Community Mapping

Mapping Activity

Use the **BLUE markers** to identify areas that should be preserved and protected

- What do you value most about Lomita?
- What makes this a special place to live or work?

Use the **RED markers** to highlight areas that need special attention

- Which areas of the City are not living up to their potential?
- Where should land use changes be considered?
- Areas that need enhancement or improved design?

Use the **GREEN markers** to identify important roadways and corridors

- Key corridors where congestion is a problem?
- Areas that would benefit from improvements such as bike lanes, better sidewalks, and increased transit access?



How to Stay Involved

Attend Our Workshops

- Tuesday, July 11 - Mobility
 - 5:30-7:30pm
 - Don Knabe Community Meeting Room
- Tuesday, July 25 – Land Use & Design
 - 5:30-7:30pm
 - Don Knabe Community Meeting Room

Check Out the Website

lomita.generalplan.org



Project Website



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What's New

Work on the City's General Plan Update is just getting started. The City has contracted with a consulting firm, De Novo Planning Group, to lead this effort and guide the City through this process.

In the coming months, the project team will announce opportunities for the

Welcome

Welcome to the Lomita General Plan Update website! The City is excited to embark on the process of updating its General Plan, and this website will provide the community with an ongoing resource to provide input, track progress, review resource documents, and participate in this very important project.

Each city in California is required to have a General Plan, which serves as a guiding document for the city's long-term growth and development. Lomita's existing General Plan dates back to 1998, and a lot has changed since then. New housing developments have been built, business and industry are changing, and the City has become more culturally diverse.



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