

AVONDALE NOW

GENERAL PLAN 2030

Strides Toward a Great Place to Live, Work, and Invest

The Development Services Department's Planning Division continues to work through the General Plan 2030 update, the blueprint for growth in Avondale over the next 20 years. Citizens' feedback has been excellent and welcomed. The City Council has provided good direction in providing the framework for what will be a tool to assist Avondale in developing over the next several years.



The draft General Plan will address the challenges of growth in Avondale and incorporate goals and objectives to further implement the Mayor and Council's goal to be responsive to the various stakeholder and citizen comments. City Council adoption of the General Plan Update is anticipated in spring 2011 with a public vote anticipated for August 2011.

The first steps in the General Plan update process were to engage the citizens by launching a city-wide survey. The survey was provided at the City's libraries, the senior center, the first community/neighborhood meeting at City Hall, through the General Plan webpage, and the department's traveling kiosk. Results are currently being tallied and will be placed on the General Plan webpage.



In addition, staff has been working with the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) which continues to provide excellent guidance and direction. The first two draft elements completed are the Land Use Element and the Economic Vitality Elements. Each element will be posted on the General Plan webpage for public review. The update to the Land Use Element provides revisions to the land use categories, and its goals, and objectives.

Revisions to the Economic Vitality Elements provide a clear direction for Avondale to follow for the next several years in fostering a competitive edge in the west valley, attracting and retaining businesses, promoting workforce development, higher education, and increased salary levels - all while balancing a very difficult economy.

The City of Avondale is pleased to offer several public community meetings and presentations on the City's General Plan. The community is encouraged to participate to address any concerns and to review draft elements of the plan. City staff will be looking for citizen input at the next community meeting held on April 27, 2010 at the Sam Garcia Library on Western Avenue at 6 p.m. Citizens are encouraged to attend and provide feedback to planning staff on how they would like Avondale to develop and grow over the next several years. For more information on the General Plan, please visit our website at www.avondale.org/generalplan.



Our mission:

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for present and future generations by providing progressive, professional services and leadership that reflects the needs of all those who live, work, and play in the City of Avondale. Building on the past and looking to the future.

