

WHAT IS THE CHANDLER GENERAL PLAN 2016?

The City has been working over the past year to develop the Chandler General Plan 2016. Arizona municipalities are required by state law to adopt general plans and the residents ratify the adoption every ten years. Chandler General Plan 2016 updates General Plan 2008 that was adopted on June 26, 2008 and ratified at the General Election held November 4, 2008. Citizens, landowners, officials, agencies, and interested stakeholders have participated in 48 public events held to date. A 23-member Citizen's Advisory Committee was appointed by the City Council that has worked closely with staff and the consultant to prepare the Draft General Plan 2016. Additionally, regional agency stakeholders participated on the Regional Resource Team at key process milestones to provide guidance.

The General Plan outlines how and where the City of Chandler should develop or redevelop as it reaches build-out over time. The Plan addresses:

- A vision that will guide decision making;
- Where growth areas should be targeted;
- Identifies locations for employment-related uses and residential areas, and
- Designates where commercial or services should be located.

Fundamental to the Plan is the Vision, Core Values, and Policies that will guide decisions to preserve Chandler's quality of life. The Plan is a compilation of policies, text, graphics, and maps that must be used collectively to understand how development will be managed.

Your Input is IMPORTANT!

Public planning forums are planned to provide an overview of Chandler General Plan 2016 and receive the public's input. The events will be a combination of Plan displays, presentation followed by Q&A, a facilitated discussion with staff and consultants, and a comment card for the public to provide written input.



PLANNING Forum #1

Tuesday January 19, 2016; 6:00 PM
Environmental Education Center
4050 E. Chandler Heights Road



PLANNING Forum #2

(North Arizona Avenue Focus)

Thursday January 21, 2016; 1:00 PM
Downtown Police Community Room
250 E. Chicago Street



PLANNING Forum #3

Tuesday January 26, 2016; 1:00 PM
Desert Breeze Police Community Room
251 N. Desert Breeze Blvd.



PLANNING Forum #4

Wednesday January 27, 2016; 6:00 PM
Downtown Library, Copper Room (2nd floor)
22 South Delaware Street

2015

Project Start-Up

This phase evaluated and programmed tasks to prepare the General Plan Update. Deliverables included a General Plan Audit and Strategic Analysis and a dialogue paper outlining community opportunities and issues.



Visioning & Gathering Input

The foundation of this phase was the multi-day, multi-event **Chandler Vision Fest**. Based on the feedback received at a variety of events and activities, a range of corridor or subarea alternatives were developed.



Development of Draft General Plan Update

This phase crafted a preferred alternative and, from it, created drafts of the general plan update elements and chapters. Feedback received informed the development of the final draft General Plan Update.



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Final Draft Plan

A 60-Day Review Draft General Plan has been developed and circulated for outside agency review. Based on feedback received by the public and stakeholders, a Final Draft General Plan will be developed.



March 9 & 16 Planning & Zoning Public Hearings

April 14 Council Public Hearing

August 30 Public Election

Citizen Advisory Committee meeting public meetings, events, input opportunities

CHANGES MADE IN GENERAL PLAN 2016

The General Plan is reorganized and focused on Chandler's Vision – In addition to an Introduction and Orientation Chapter, Amendments, and Appendix, the Plan is organized around the three Principles and Core Values that serve as chapter and address various Plan elements. The plan includes 17 elements organized around these three core values.

Strategic Community Building

This chapter identifies policies related to the community's overall development pattern and physical character. The chapter includes policies on community placemaking; connecting people and places; growth areas; building a world-class economy; healthy Chandler; and conservation, rehabilitation, and redevelopment.

Focused Stewardship

This chapter identifies recommendations to protect Chandler's resources while continuing to create a quality community. The chapter includes policies on conservation and environmental planning; meeting evolving energy needs; and ensuring future water.

Strong Community Foundation

In this chapter, how the city will develop and maintain safe, state-of-the-art physical infrastructure to support community development is addressed. The chapter includes policies on public services and facilities; public buildings; and financial sustainability.

Addresses new development trends –

The General Plan 2016 includes a "Healthy Chandler" section that identifies strategies to improve access to healthy foods and increase pedestrian-oriented developments that support active living.

Identifies Growth Areas – General Plan 2016 identifies new Growth Areas that support economic growth with a planned concentration of a variety of uses. Examples include: North Arizona Avenue, Airport, and Downtown Chandler.

Where can I get more information?

Download or view the General Plan at www.chandleraz.gov/GPupdate
Chandler General Plan 2016 is available for review at public libraries throughout Chandler.
Contact project team members with questions or comments.

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