



## **SPECIAL MEETING: PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA**

### **Joint City Council and Planning Commission Study Session for the General Plan and Land Use Overview**

**Thursday, September 18, 2025**

**Commencing at 1:30 p.m.**

**Wing Rooms 118, 119, 120**

**First Floor, City Hall Wing**

**200 East Santa Clara Street**

**San José, California**

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## **Public Comment in Person Only**

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1. Cable Channel 26.
2. <https://sanjoseca.gov/news-stories/watch-a-meeting>
3. <https://youtube.com/CityofSanJoseCalifornia>
4. By Phone: (888) 475 4499. Webinar ID is 931 9759 7876. Alternative phone numbers are: US: +1 (213) 338-8477 or +1 (408) 638-0968 or (877) 853-5257 (Toll Free).
5. Online at: <https://sanjoseca.zoom.us/j/93197597876>  
Use a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge 12+, Safari 7+. Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer.

## **How to submit written Public Comment before the Planning Commission meeting:**

Send email to [planningsupportstaff@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:planningsupportstaff@sanjoseca.gov) by 8:00a.m. the day of the meeting. Those emails will be attached to the item on the Agenda. Please identify the Agenda Item Number in the subject line of your email.

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## **THE LEVINE ACT**

[The Levine Act](#) requires a Party in a Proceeding before the City of San José that involves any action related to their contract, license, permit, or use entitlement to disclose any campaign contributions to City elected or appointed officials totaling more than \$500 within the 12 months prior to the City decision. A Participant to a Proceeding may voluntarily report a campaign contribution on the form located on [the Levine Act webpage](#)

## **AGENDA**

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

1:30 p.m. - Study Session – General Plan and Land Use Overview, Wing Rooms 118-120, City Hall

#### **JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION**

**Purpose:**

Provide the City Council and the Planning Commission an overview of the history of land use in San José from the early 1990s through today, covering emerging issues, and current City Council direction.

**Outcome:**

The City Council and the Planning Commission will have a better understanding of the context surrounding the development of the City's General Plan and current land use issues prior to beginning the General Plan 4-Year Review process.

**Attachments** [Memorandum](#)  
[Presentation](#)

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. General Plan 101**
- 3. Pathway to the Current General Plan: Context and Current Status**
- 4. Key Land Use Challenges and Emerging Issues**
- 5. Where We're Headed**
- 6. Review and Questions**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Members of the public may comment on agenda items only at this Study Session.*

*There will be no Open Forum. Cal. Govt. Code §54954.3(a).*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

## **CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS**

The Code of Conduct is intended to promote open meetings that welcome debate of public policy issues being discussed by the City Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, their Committees, and City Boards and Commissions in an atmosphere of fairness, courtesy, and respect for differing points of view.

### **1. Public Meeting Decorum:**

- a. Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior, which will disrupt the public meeting. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing or engaging in any other activity in a manner that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- b. Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.
- c. Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
- d. Appropriate attire, including shoes and shirts are required in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms at all times.
- e. Persons in the audience will not place their feet on the seats in front of them.
- f. No food, drink (other than bottled water with a cap), or chewing gum will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, except as otherwise pre-approved by City staff.
- g. All persons entering the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, including their bags, purses, briefcases and similar belongings, may be subject to search for weapons and other dangerous materials.

### **2. Signs, Objects or Symbolic Material:**

- a. Objects and symbolic materials, such as signs or banners, will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, with the following restrictions:
  - No objects will be larger than 2 feet by 3 feet.
  - No sticks, posts, poles or other such items will be attached to the signs or other symbolic materials.
  - The items cannot create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard.
- b. Persons with objects and symbolic materials such as signs must remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.
- c. Objects that are deemed a threat to persons at the meeting or the facility infrastructure are not allowed. City staff is authorized to remove items and/or individuals from the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms if a threat exists or is perceived to exist. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: firearms (including replicas and antiques), toy guns, explosive material, and ammunition; knives and other edged weapons; illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia; laser pointers, scissors, razors, scalpels, box cutting knives, and other cutting tools; letter openers, corkscrews, can openers with points, knitting needles, and hooks; hairspray, pepper spray, and aerosol containers; tools; glass containers; and large backpacks and suitcases that contain items unrelated to the meeting.

**CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS (CONT'D)**

3. Addressing the Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, Committee, Board or Commission:

- a. Persons wishing to speak on an agenda item or during open forum are requested to complete a speaker card and submit the card to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
- b. Meeting attendees are usually given two (2) minutes to speak on any agenda item and/or during open forum; the time limit is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. Applicants and appellants in land use matters are usually given more time to speak.
- c. Speakers should discuss topics related to City business on the agenda, unless they are speaking during open forum.
- d. Speakers' comments should be addressed to the full body. Requests to engage the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members, Commissioners, or Staff in conversation will not be honored. Abusive language is inappropriate.
- e. Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, writing materials, or objects that have been inspected by security staff.
- f. If an individual wishes to submit written information, he or she may give it to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
- g. Speakers and any other members of the public will not approach the dais at any time without prior consent from the Chair of the meeting.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct which will disturb, disrupt or impede the orderly conduct of the meeting may result in removal from the meeting and/or possible arrest.