



Outlook

All District Leadership Group inputs for the Envision 2040 General Plan Review

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Hello, Honorable Mayor, City Councilmembers.

Please find attached the All District Leadership Group's letter regarding the Envision 2040 General Plan.

All District Leadership Group (ADLG) is a consortium of leaders from active San Jose leadership groups representing San Jose neighborhood associations.

Respectfully,
Greg Peck
Chair, All District Leadership Group (ADLG)

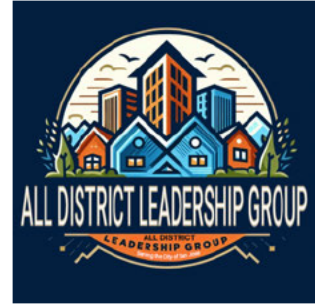
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April 21, 2026

Sent via email

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
City of San Jose
200 E. Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

SUBJECT: Envision 2040 General Plan Review: Public Engagement and Outreach

Since its 2019 formation, the All District Leadership Group (ADLG) has served as a forum to strengthen two-way communication between San Joseans and elected officers and senior appointed staff. Today, the All District Leadership Group represents more than 500 neighborhood and community based organizations. As neighborhood leaders, ADLG members provide a forum for sharing best practices and timely updates on civic matters. Our efforts are intended to ensure that appropriate engagement and advocacy occurs with all communities and residents especially where there are city-wide areas of interest.

San Jose's General Plan is now being updated, and all San Joseans will be impacted by the proposed changes. These changes are complex, and the current direction of Task Force deliberations seems to go well beyond State mandates. When finalized, it appears they will constitute the most extreme and radical transformation of land use regulations creating a system where future projects will receive no public review or input. This major zoning policy update could result in unintended consequences, and undoing zoning changes are near-impossible.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 18, the ADLG reviewed the current outreach program and believe it is wholly inadequate. ADLG members believe that these deliberations warrant broad and robust engagement with all stakeholders and the general public. In summary, this process deserves a lot more than a booth at Viva Calle (with handouts only in English), and three public meetings for the entire city.

We are therefore urging that Council Members advocate to the City Manager that additional outreach events be held including at least one in every Council District as well as one final City-wide event. The ADLG pledges to assist in ensuring that all Districts leaders and organizations are aware of these events once scheduled.

Sincerely,

Greg Peck
ADLG Chair

cc: Toni Taber, City Clerk

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Community Input - General Plan Review - Envision 2040

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Mayor Mahan & City Council Members -

I have had the opportunity to voluntarily serve San Jose on a variety of citizen advisory groups and a few commissions over my 79+ years living in the Bay Area. The topics ranged from Transportation to Neighborhood Engagement to Senior Citizen lifestyle issues to name a few.

You are about to review San Jose's General Plan update as recommended by the current Task Force. Unfortunately, the process for their conclusions and recommended changes has been sorely lacking the needed public input to make the extreme changes they are putting forward.

San Jose is perhaps the best suburban big city in the entire country as judged by it's, low crime rate and the strength of its neighborhoods. The preponderance of single-family housing here has lead to a stable environment that, in itself, causes residents to want to get involved in maintaining their quality of life. The major recommendations of the Task Force involve a true threat to this stability without providing a true opportunity for these neighborhoods to express their concerns to you. There have been only 4 meetings held for public input and one of those was scheduled during Viva Calle (A huge gathering pulling community advocates away from that hearing.).

Recommendations such as: (1) Allowing up to 8 units on a single family, 6,000 SF lot and up to 14 units on a 10,000 SF lot without any increase in parking; (2) Straining our already overburdened infrastructure and (3) Eliminating public review and comments of neighborhood projects (by right) are not only extreme but pure insanity.

The residents of San Jose need to be fully informed and allowed to express their feelings on the future of our city. Please instruct the Task Force to go back to the drawing board and schedule more hearings at times that will draw maximum resident participation.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Rich Crowley
District 10 Homeowner since 1970
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Items C2 and C3 for Tomorrow's Rules Meeting

From Matt Savage [REDACTED]
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Chair Cohen and Members of the Rules and Open Government Committee,

On behalf of more than one thousand members of San José YIMBY, we are writing in **strong support of the proposed ordinance under Item C2** to expand ministerial approval for projects developed pursuant to AB 130. Ministerial approval is one of the most effective tools cities have to streamline housing production.

By allowing qualifying infill projects to move forward more predictably and without lengthy discretionary processes, San José can accelerate the delivery of new homes closer to jobs and transit, improve economic feasibility for builders, and enable more housing options for residents. This approach also reduces the burden on staff time, allowing the Planning Department to focus resources on more complex housing work.

We also want to express our **support for Item C3**, which would explore alternative financing tools for affordable housing. Additional analysis of funding mechanisms, including public-private models and lease-revenue financing, can help the city evaluate pathways that complement existing programs and expand future production capacity.

Together, these items will help San José advance more homes more efficiently, strengthen its overall housing pipeline, and support infill development that benefits both residents and the environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Theresa Do, David Naczycz, and Matt Savage
San José YIMBY Co-Leads

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