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City of Riverside Launching General Plan Update & Climate Action and Adaptation Plan for 2050

Multi-year Citywide initiative will benefit Riverside for generations to come

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The City of Riverside is thrilled to announce the launch of the General Plan Update (GPU) and Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) for 2050. The General Plan was last updated in 2007 and is currently guiding the City’s growth to 2025. This citywide effort is important because the GPU and CAAP will guide the city’s growth into a bright future for years to come by ensuring that both documents reflect current conditions in the community and its collective vision for the City through 2050.

The CAAP is being developed alongside the GPU because the City of Riverside is not immune to the local and regional environmental challenges that the City faces from climate change, including extreme heat, fewer colder days, prolonged drought, and poorer air quality. Updating the CAAP alongside the GPU will not only ensure robust and effective climate adaptation and mitigation efforts, but also synergize the CAAP’s goals with the City’s policy priorities to maximize resources and create efficiency. The GPU and CAAP process is expected to conclude in early 2027.

Join us for the FutureFest at Riverside Plaza on Oct. 24 from 4-8 p.m. to celebrate the launch of the GPU and CAAP! All community events will have children’s activities, food, and a chance to win free prizes. Everyone is welcome to attend these events and encouraged to get involved. This effort will guide the development and growth of the City through the year 2050 and your participation and input are critical to ensure that the Riverside of tomorrow is reflective of your needs and values.

Community input is the most critical component of this update process as the GPU and CAAP will be designed from top to bottom to reflect the community's vision for Riverside's future. No formal decision will be made without obtaining community feedback first. Key decision makers like the City Council, City staff, and the consultant team will solicit and incorporate public input before establishing key strategies, objectives, and actions for the project. The City of Riverside is committed to an inclusive outreach process that leads to robust public participation and a community-driven path toward the city's future growth. A variety of outreach activities and events will be available for the community to engage in throughout the course of the project.

Community Mural Project: Community members will have the opportunity to submit an art piece that reflects their vision of the future of Riverside. All the submitted art pieces will come together to form a beautiful community mural that reveals a unified vision of the future of Riverside. You can access the artwork submission form digitally at www.Riverside2050.com. To pick up or drop off an artwork form in person, you can visit a Riverside GPU community event, the library, or City Hall. Visit www.Riverside2050.com for a full list of locations.

Community Workshops: A series of community workshops will be held throughout the City to provide opportunities for community members to engage in lively discussions and activities to learn more about the GPU and CAAP and share how the update can reflect their current needs and values. Spanish and American Sign Language interpretation will be available at all workshops.

Pop-Up Events in Every Ward: The Project Team will host several pop-ups at community events happening in all seven wards to share information about this citywide effort and to collect public feedback. Stay tuned for a pop-up event near you.

Movable Exhibits in Every Ward: These exhibits will display project information and serve as a station for community members to learn more about the project. These exhibits will live at their designated community location until they are moved to another location so that everyone can have the opportunity to check them out.

Interactive Mapping Activity: A digital activity where the public can share their input about their block, neighborhood, community, or Ward and identify their assets and challenges.

City Council and Committee Briefings: City Council and committee briefings will be open for community members to attend and provide public feedback.

General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) Meetings: GPAC meeting materials and recordings will be shared via the project website for public review. The GPAC is composed of representatives from a broad range of communities who will serve as liaisons between their networks and organizations and the Project Team for information about the project and input from the community.

For more information about the project or to receive notifications visit www.Riverside2050.com. This website will serve as the main hub for project information, resources, and access to various digital activities. Additional information will be published as it becomes available.

For general inquiries send a text to 844-289-8614, or email info@Riverside2050.com.