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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE
DRAFT CITY OF ALAMEDA GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Alameda is inviting comments on the Draft comprehensive update of the Alameda General Plan: *Alameda General Plan 2040*. The City of Alameda is requesting that comments on the draft General Plan be submitted on or before **May 17, 2021**.

Alameda General Plan 2040 and related documents can be found at (<https://www.alameda2040.org>).

Comments on the draft General Plan update may be sent to Andrew Thomas, Planning, Building and Transportation Director, City of Alameda, 2263 Santa Clara Avenue, Room 190, Alameda, CA 94501 or e-mailed to Andrew Thomas at: athomas@alamedaca.gov.

Alameda General Plan 2040 is a statement of goals, objectives, policies and actions to guide and manage change to the physical, environmental, economic, and social conditions in Alameda, California. The General Plan has been prepared to comply with the requirements of California Government Code section 65300 *et seq.*, which mandates that each city and county adopt a comprehensive, long-range, internally consistent plan for future development. Alameda General Plan 2040 is an update to the Alameda General Plan, which was last comprehensively updated in 1991. The update does not include an update to the Housing Element, which will be updated in 2022.

The General Plan and the associated policies and actions in each element provide a policy framework to guide future decisions to achieve four overarching themes:

- To promote a healthy, equitable and inclusive city,
- To protect the environment, respond to the climate crisis and meet regional responsibilities,
- To enhance mobility and accessibility, and
- To preserve and enhance Alameda's distinctive character.

The Alameda General Plan 2040 includes the following elements:

Land Use + City Design Element. The Land Use and City Design Element establishes goals, policies, and actions to ensure the orderly development of the community and provide a sustainable and high quality of life for current and future generations of Alameda residents.

Conservation + Climate Action Element. The Conservation and Climate Action Element establishes the City's goals, objectives, policies, and actions necessary to conserve and protect Alameda's natural resources, reduce the community's greenhouse gas emissions and energy use, and to prepare for and address the threats of climate change promulgated in the previously adopted 2019 *Alameda Climate Action and Resiliency Plan (CARP)*, which aligns with State goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, as established by AB 32 and subsequent executive orders from the Governor.

Mobility Element. The Mobility Element establishes the City's policies to improve access, provide climate-friendly transportation choices, and improve the safety of the transportation system.

Open Space + Parks Element. The Open Space and Parks Element provides for a well-designed and maintained interconnected network of neighborhood and community parks, waterfront open spaces, recreational facilities, and natural habitat areas, which are essential to supporting the health and well-being of the community, sustaining and preserving the quality of the natural environment, sequestering greenhouse gases, and withstanding the impacts of climate change.

Health + Safety Element. The Health and Safety Element identifies the policies and strategies necessary to reduce the risk of death, injuries, property damage, environmental degradation, economic and social dislocation, and excessive and harmful noise from the natural and man-made hazards and noise sources in the City of Alameda.

The Housing Element, which was adopted in 2014, is not being updated at this time. It will be updated in 2022, as required by State Housing Law.

The City of Alameda appreciates your comments and suggestions on the General Plan Update. Any questions about the update may be referred to Andrew Thomas at the email given above or at 510-774-5361.

Thank you,

Andrew Thomas

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