

ALBANY 2035 GENERAL PLAN

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES ELEMENT

December 10, 2014

Current and Proposed Plan Structure



Current Structure

- Introduction
- Summary
- Land Use
- Circulation
- Housing
- Open Space, Recreation, and Conservation
- Community Health and Safety
- Implementation

Proposed Structure

- Introduction
- Framework
- Land Use
- Transportation
- *Housing (summary)*
- Recreation and Open Space
- Conservation/ Sustainability
- Environmental Hazards
- **Community Services and Facilities**
- Waterfront
- Implementation

Community Facilities and Services Element



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- Optional Element, new to General Plan
- Policies help mitigate the impacts of growth on City services and ensure coordination with other service providers
- Policies derived from 1992 General Plan and more recent plans/programs—many policies and actions are new
- Addresses:
 - ▣ Schools
 - ▣ Public Safety (Police, Fire, EMS)
 - ▣ Civic Facilities (City Hall, Library, Corp Yard, etc.)
 - ▣ Child Care, Youth Services, and Seniors
 - ▣ Arts and Culture
 - ▣ Infrastructure (water, sewer, storm drainage, power, telecommunication)

1 Schools



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Work with the Albany Unified School District to sustain exceptional schools that provide comprehensive learning opportunities in a safe, supportive, and collaborative environment.

- Coordinate with AUSD on facility planning/development
- Coordinate with AUSD in evaluating impacts of new development on schools, enrollment trends
- Work collaboratively on external issues (parking, student pick-up, traffic safety, security)
- Promote joint use agreements for mutual facility access
- Recognize schools as neighborhood centers
- Acknowledge the contributions of private schools

2 Public Safety



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Provide quality police, fire, and emergency medical services to Albany residents and businesses through efficient and professional service delivery and strong community partnerships.

- Maintain police and fire service levels
- Support community policing, good community relations
- Maintain positive programs for youth
- Support crime prevention through environmental design
- Promote traffic safety and enforcement
- Ensure sufficient fire protection and water facilities
- Maintain mutual aid agreements
- Engage police and fire in the development review
- Balance “complete streets” with emergency access needs

3 Civic Facilities



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Provide high-quality community facilities that are a source of civic pride and support the delivery of outstanding public services.

- Coordinate facility planning among all departments
- Work with other cities to provide services and facilities that Albany cannot efficiently provide
- Sustain outstanding library services
- Consider O&M costs when planning capital projects
- Explore a variety of funding sources
- Explore co-location of facilities
- Coordinate with University on service delivery

4 Children, Youth, and Seniors



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Respond to the special needs of children, youth, and seniors in the delivery of community services.

- Expand and increase awareness of child care programs
- Coordinate child care between multiple service providers
- Maintain after school and youth programs
- Provide special programs for seniors—transportation, social, health, nutrition, recreation, education, housing
- Support intergenerational activities

5 Arts and Culture



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Recognize the potential of the arts to strengthen local identity, promote freedom of expression, create richer urban places, contribute to the social and economic vitality of the City, and enhance awareness of the value of art and the creative process.

- Enhance the City's reputation as an arts and cultural center
- Provide outdoor spaces that celebrate arts/performance
- Encourage public art and maintain public art requirements
- Pursue grants, donations, funding for the arts
- Recognize the link between the arts and the economy
- Engage local artists in City sponsored arts activities

6 Infrastructure



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Provide water, sewer, storm drain, energy, and telecommunication facilities that are safe, reliable, well maintained, efficient, sustainable, and responsive to current and projected needs.

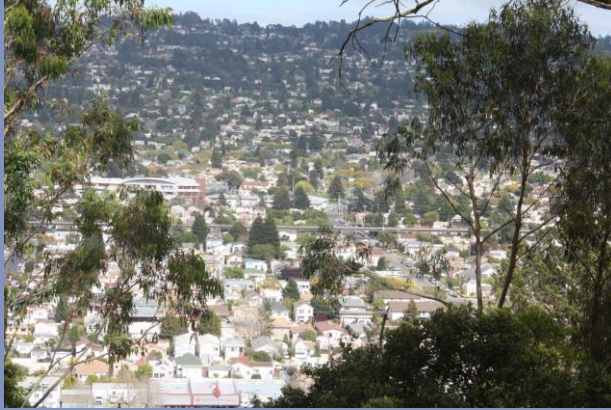
- Work with EBMUD to ensure adequate water supply and distribution system and safe wastewater treatment
- Maintain and improve sanitary sewers to achieve water quality goals
- Work to expand availability of reclaimed water
- Support greener infrastructure
- Improve telecommunication services

Discussion Questions



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- Are there missing goals or policies?
- Do the policies provide the right direction?
- Are there additional action programs needed to implement the policies?



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