



CITY OF CHANDLER GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

COMMUNITY VISION MEETING(S)

Tuesday, August 21 • 6:00-8:00 p.m. • Santan Junior High School,
1550 East Chandler Heights Road

Monday, August 27 • 6:00-8:00 p.m. • City Council Chambers,
22 South Delaware Street (Chandler Public Library, 2nd floor)

Wednesday, August 29 • 6:00-8:00 p.m. • Chandler Police Desert Breeze Substation
Community Room 251 North Desert Breeze Blvd West

Visioning responses from three Community meetings and website input will be emphasized in developing General Plan Focused Vision statements.

CHANDLER BUILD-OUT AND BEYOND FUTURE VISION

What points of pride should characterize the City a generation from now? Please select five (5) key phrases from the list or add your own.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 16__ citizen involvement | <input type="checkbox"/> 9__ community spirit | <input type="checkbox"/> 7__ family values |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4__ socio-economic mix | <input type="checkbox"/> 9__ bicycle-friendly | <input type="checkbox"/> 15__ well-maintained |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 22__ environmental quality | <input type="checkbox"/> 14__ water conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6__ recreational opportunity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7__ historic preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> 21__ excellent schools | <input type="checkbox"/> 11__ visually attractive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2__ residential variety | <input type="checkbox"/> 20__ strong job base | <input type="checkbox"/> 6__ Chandler identity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 24__ fiscal stability | <input type="checkbox"/> 10__ housing affordability | <input type="checkbox"/> 21__ transportation efficiency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5__ pathway system | <input type="checkbox"/> 9__ full-service City | <input type="checkbox"/> 7__ selective growth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12__ economic development | <input type="checkbox"/> 6__ high livability | <input type="checkbox"/> 12__ efficient local government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1__ small business friendly | <input type="checkbox"/> 1__ areas for high-rise land | |

CHALLENGES

What may be the City's obstacles as build-out approaches? Check all that apply in your opinion. Please add written comments about any of these or other problems you foresee (see back page for comments).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 5__ aging population | <input type="checkbox"/> 15__ maintain spaciousness | <input type="checkbox"/> 10__ activities for youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 17__ housing cost | <input type="checkbox"/> 12__ social diversity | <input type="checkbox"/> 15__ regional competition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 40__ traffic congestion | <input type="checkbox"/> 19__ City operation expense | <input type="checkbox"/> 31__ neighborhood revitalization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1__ diverse employment | | |

ASSETS

At present, what are Chandler's strong points? Select all that you believe are important. You may wish, also, to add written observations (see back page for comments).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15__ job base | <input type="checkbox"/> 11__ friendly residents | <input type="checkbox"/> 24__ good streets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 26__ community appearance | <input type="checkbox"/> 22__ schools, churches | <input type="checkbox"/> 26__ convenient services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14__ civic pride | <input type="checkbox"/> 21__ recreational facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> 18__ local economy |

WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED

CHALLENGES

What may be the City's obstacles as build-out approaches? Written comments about any foreseen problems included:

- Support small, family-owned and operated business...small town appeal...social services...safety...support youth and education...Economic Development Plan...better transportation for non-drivers...main focal point like Tempe Town Lake.
- Adequate public transportation for senior citizens...
- Well-rounded "built-out" community could use more sports, convention center, hotel element...have blighted areas yet need affordable housing, incentives for new low-income housing should be a priority.
- Risk overbuilding by building on all available agricultural land...focus on redevelopment...save some agriculture...build up instead of out...unique neighborhoods...mixed uses (e.g., Keirland Commons).
- Obstacles: high density...high-rise that intensify heat island.
- New speed signs are an eye-opener.
- Collaboration and compatibility with the County...change County plans from the 60s.
- Protect the airport!...expensive homes 55dbl.
- Less affordable housing...more families moving into one house.
- Chandler needs an identity...we are not Intel and an Ostrich Festival...itself, not Phoenix suburb.
- More hospital capacity.
- Dislocation of those in poverty.
- Water Quality.
- Price freeway is principally a very large issue to surrounding neighborhoods.
- Traffic is already tough in spite of intersection improvements. Timing of traffic lights would smooth out traffic. There are too many neighborhoods on their way to ruin. Codes/standards are needed and they need to be enforced. City operations must always be economically run to get the most of every tax dollar.
- Impact fees are last when buildout is here – where does the money come from after?
- Lose impact fees when build out. Need money to maintain aging.
- Please maintain citizen involvement.
- Stay and play in Chandler – Prepare a train youth and adults for chandler jobs – community pride – balance strip malls with downtown growth.

ASSETS

At present, what are Chandler's strong points? Written observations from the three August meetings included:

- Impressed with City government operations, services offered to citizens.
- Urge Chandler to also have comprehensive update to the Zoning Code...
- Promote highly-educated candidate pool.
- Excellent fire department and law enforcement...Town Square restoration.
- Need to work on smaller employer (50-200) base...building space zoning protected (3-10 acre parcels).
- Great future potential if developed correctly.
- Need for more classrooms K-8...improve streets in South Chandler.
- Chandler fails to involve residents (e.g., process not subject to Open Meeting Law)...
- Decent job maintaining...concerned City Council...residents have an air of aloofness...
- City does try very hard to involve citizens.
- Still have an airport.
- Great staff!
- A lot of really smart residents...get some innovation..."out of the box"...
- Quality infrastructure.
- Great City employees.
- Coalition for youth.
- City needs to be much more environmental focused. The computer chip companies have created pollution superfunds.
- Chandler is the most communicating City to citizens who read, watch TV, get email or go to the incredible City web site.
- Concerned about increased density and buildings going up (high-rises). This needs to be controlled and selective areas chosen not near houses whether it is residential high-rise or office/business high-rise.
- Lets make sure the citizens map the Plan, not the consultants.
- Strong neighborhood and community involvement.
- Encourage "new urbanism".
- Need strong schools to train people for new economic realities. Train creative brains.