

# CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

City Council Hearing Study Session #1 | November 19, 2019 | 6:00 pm

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## MEETING NOTES

City Council Agenda Item 10.A. Thousand Oaks 2045 General Plan: Themes and Key Issues from Public Input

### OBJECTIVES

- Provide a project update
- Highlight key existing conditions
- Present community ideas voiced through the survey, workshop, and pop-up workshops
- Present preliminary guiding principles

### MEETING NOTES

#### Presentation

Matt Raimi provided a project update including flow of recent and upcoming work, phase one community engagement activities and participation and existing conditions overview. The high-level existing conditions overview highlighted land use, demographics, open space, housing, economic development, natural hazards, mobility, and community health. He then presented the results from community engagement completed to date. This included a summary of the engagement activities and a composite summary of the strengths, challenges or threats, and opportunities for Thousand Oaks 2045. Finally, Matt presented preliminary General Plan guiding principles which were drafted directly from community feedback.

#### City Council Feedback

Following Matt's presentation, City Council was invited to ask questions and provide comments on the existing conditions overview and preliminary guiding principles. City Council feedback is summarized below.

##### *Community Engagement*

- Pleased with the volume of participation in first phase
- Pleased with ongoing arts and cultural engagement
- Desire to have greater involvement of 18-24 year-old population
  - Ability to connect with religious youth groups

##### *Draft Guiding Principles*

- Concerned with rapidly aging community and migration from Ventura County
- Concerned with lack of high paying jobs
- Quality of life should be accessible to all

- Thousand Oaks scores low in walkability assessment, desire to be less car dependent in the future
- Pleased that Visioning 2064 guiding principles are referenced
- Housing is an important topic
- Housing is expensive but Ventura County remains less expensive than Los Angeles and Orange Counties
- Concerned that some of the guiding principles may hinder affordability in the future
- Feeling that members of the community are happy

*Other Comments*

- Reference the Ventura County Economic Forecast Report (CLU CERF)
  - Interested in migration to and from Thousand Oaks
- Interested in the city's current environmental ozone status
- Concerned that feedback from community may be expensive and/or hard to implement

**Public Comment**

Following City Council's discussion, the public was invited to provide comment. Three members of the public provided comments, their feedback is summarized below.

*Community Engagement*

- Pleased with the volume of participation in first two months
- Community is appreciative of opportunity to participate
- Overall tone from community input was unity
- Opportunity to reach young people through local restaurants and entertainment centers, including the Canyon Club

*Draft Guiding Principles*

- Good governing principles
- Need to focus on balancing needed growth
- Healthy community means somewhere people can both live and work

*Other Comments*

- Room to improve Thousand Oaks
- Desire for more restaurants and nightlife in Thousand Oaks
- Desire for apartments oriented for people who don't want or need cars
- Desire to see tiny homes in Thousand Oaks housing options