

CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

5:30 PM – Regular Meeting

David B. Roberts Council Chambers

City Hall

2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova

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AGENDA

1. PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING - CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL

Planning Commission Members - Surender Devarapalli, Lee Frechette, Dave Huhn, Rehana Rehman, Cynthia Stauss, Elliott Stevenson, and Chair Tegan Mauldin

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chair will call on someone in attendance to lead the Pledge.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public wishing to address the Planning Commission for any matter not on the agenda may do so at this time by completing and submitting a Speaker Card to the Planning Commission Clerk.

For items on the agenda, speakers will be called by the Chair at the point on the agenda when the item will be heard. Speakers are encouraged to keep comments to three minutes or less and to state name and community of residence.

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4. PRESENTATIONS

- 4.1. **Subject:** Introduction of New Employees: Brooke Lindquist, Planning Technician II by Arlene Granadosin-Jones, Planning Manager.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ROLL CALL VOTE

- 5.1. **Subject:** Meeting Minutes from the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of May 27, 2026.
Recommendation: Adopt the minutes.

6. CONSENT PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS - ROLL CALL VOTE

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- 7.1. **Subject:** A Resolution Providing a Recommendation to City Council for the Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Title 23, Zoning Code, Article 9 Specific Use Provisions of the City of Rancho Cordova Municipal Code (Exempt Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines).

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt a Resolution recommending that the City Council:

1. Find the project Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3); and
2. Adopt an Ordinance for a Zoning Text Amendment to amend Title 23 Zoning Code, Section 23.901.060 of the Rancho Cordova Municipal Code.

8. REGULAR CALENDAR

- 8.1. **Subject:** Community Engagement Division Update.

9. COMMISSION COMMENTS/IDEAS/QUESTIONS

10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

11. ADJOURNMENT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SPECIAL MEETINGS LISTED BELOW ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE/CANCELLATION WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 26, 2026	5:30 P.M. Regular Meeting
September 9, 2026	5:30 P.M. Regular Meeting
October 14, 2026	5:30 P.M. Regular Meeting
November 12, 2026	5:30 P.M. Regular Meeting
December 9, 2026	5:30 P.M. Regular Meeting

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I, Kelly Whitman, Planning Commission Clerk for the City of Rancho Cordova, declare that the foregoing agenda for the August 12, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Rancho Cordova Planning Commission was posted and available for review on August 5, 2026 at City Hall of the City of Rancho Cordova, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670. The agenda is also available on the city website at www.cityofranchocordova.org.

Signed August 5, 2026 at Rancho Cordova, California.



Kelly Whitman
Planning Commission Clerk

MEMORANDUM



ITEM 5.1.

DATE: August 12, 2026
TO: Planning Commission Members
FROM: Kelly Whitman, Planning Commission Clerk
SUBJECT: **MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 27, 2026**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the minutes.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. May 27, 2026 Planning Commission Draft Meeting Minutes

CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

5:30 PM – Regular Meeting

David B. Roberts Council Chambers

City Hall

2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova

DRAFT MINUTES

1. PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING - CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL

Chair Mauldin called the Regular meeting to order in the David B. Roberts Council Chambers at 5:30 P.M.

Planning Commission Members Present: Lee Frechette, Dave Huhn, Cynthia Stauss, Elliott Stevenson, and Chair Tegan Mauldin

Planning Commission Members Absent: Surender Devarapalli and Rehana Rehman

Staff Members Present: Chance Finley-Ross, Arlene Granadosin-Jones, Palmer Hilton, Brittany Mariscal, Lindsay Morrow, Quoc Nham, and Kelly Whitman

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Huhn led the pledge.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1. **Subject:** Chair Tegan Mauldin's Birthday on June 3, 2026.

3.2. **Subject:** Planning Commissioner Dave Huhn's Birthday on June 6, 2026.

3.3. **Subject:** Vice Chair Elliott Stevenson's Birthday on June 30, 2026.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Mauldin opened the public comment period. Seeing no speakers, Chair Mauldin closed the public comment period.

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5. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ROLL CALL VOTE

Chair Mauldin opened the public comment period. Seeing no speakers, Chair Mauldin closed the public comment period.

ACTION: Motion to approve item 5.1 by Frechette second by Huhn;
Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.
AYES: Frechette, Huhn, Statuss, Stevenson, Mauldin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Devarapalli, Rehman
ABSTAIN: None

- 5.1. **Subject:** Meeting Minutes from the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of May 13, 2026.

Recommendation: Adopt the minutes.

6. CONSENT PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS - ROLL CALL VOTE

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- 7.1. **Subject:** Walmart Expansion Major Design Review (Exempt Pursuant to Section 15301(e)(2) "Existing Facilities" of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines) - Project No. PLND-0325-0123.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission:

1. Determine the project Exempt from CEQA per Section 15301(e)(2), Existing Facilities; and
2. Adopt the Resolution approving the Walmart Expansion Major Design Review subject to the findings contained in the Resolution and the Conditions of Approval.

Chair Mauldin opened the public comment period. The following individuals addressed the Planning Commission or submitted public comment via email:

1. Barbara Lindsay
2. Sara McMinn
3. Barabra Lindsay

Chair Mauldin closed the public comment period.

ACTION: Motion to continue item 7.1. to a date uncertain by Stauss second by Huhn;
Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.
AYES: Frechette, Huhn, Stauss, Stevenson, Mauldin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Devarapalli, Rehman
ABSTAIN: None

- 7.2. **Subject:** A Resolution Providing a Recommendation to City Council for the Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Title 23, Zoning Code, Article 9 Specific Use Provisions of the City of Rancho Cordova Municipal Code (Exempt Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines).

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt a

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ATTACHMENT 1

Resolution recommending that the City Council:

1. Find the project Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3); and
2. Adopt an Ordinance for a Zoning Text Amendment to amend Title 23 Zoning Code, Section 23.901.060 of the Rancho Cordova Municipal Code.

Chair Mauldin opened the public comment period. The following individuals addressed the Planning Commission or submitted public comment via email:

1. James Lloyd

Chair Mauldin left the public hearing open.

ACTION: Motion to continue item 7.2. to the August 12, 2026 Regular Planning Commission Meeting by Huhn second by Stevenson; Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

AYES: Frechette, Huhn, Stauss, Stevenson, Mauldin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Devarapalli, Rehman

ABSTAIN: None

8. COMMISSION COMMENTS/IDEAS/QUESTIONS

Planning Commission provided comments, ideas, and questions since the last meeting.

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Planning Manager Arlene Granadosin-Jones provided her report.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mauldin adjourned the meeting at 7:07 P.M.

Kelly Whitman
Planning Commission Clerk

MEMORANDUM

ITEM 7.1.



DATE: August 12, 2026

TO: Planning Commission Members

FROM: Chance Finley-Ross, AICP, Associate Planner

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 23, ZONING CODE, ARTICLE 9 SPECIFIC USE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE (EXEMPT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15061 (b)(3) OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) GUIDELINES)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt a Resolution recommending that the City Council:

1. Find the project Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3); and
2. Adopt an Ordinance for a Zoning Text Amendment to amend Title 23 Zoning Code, Section 23.901.060 of the Rancho Cordova Municipal Code.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Ordinance will be scheduled for a public hearing at the next regular City Council meeting. The City Council would then decide whether to introduce the Ordinance and waive the first reading. If the City Council introduces and waives the first reading, the Ordinance would then return to the City Council for second reading and adoption at a subsequent meeting. Approval of the Ordinance would amend Title 23 Zoning Code, Article 9 Specific Use Provisions, Section 23.901.060 Accessory dwelling units.

BACKGROUND

Periodically, amendments to the Municipal Code are necessary to address ambiguities, provide clarification, maintain consistency with customary practice, and comply with changes in State law. In recent years, the State has adopted several amendments to Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU) regulations intended to reduce barriers to housing production and streamline permitting processes.

The City received a technical assistance letter from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) identifying recent changes to State ADU law and

recommending updates to the City's ADU Ordinance to ensure continued consistency with State law requirements. The City previously updated its ADU regulations in 2024; however, additional amendments are necessary to address subsequent changes to State law and incorporate clarifications identified by HCD.

The proposed Ordinance was originally scheduled for consideration by the Planning Commission on May 27, 2026. On the day of the public hearing, the City received correspondence raising questions regarding several of the proposed amendments and their consistency with State ADU law. In order to allow additional time to review the correspondence, the Planning Commission continued the public hearing. Following the continuance, City staff met with a representative from HCD to review the proposed amendments and confirm that the revisions accurately implement current State ADU law and address the technical assistance comments previously provided by HCD.

The proposed amendments primarily consist of updates necessary to maintain consistency with current State ADU and JADU regulations, clarify permitting and development standards, and improve the overall organization and readability of the ordinance.

ANALYSIS

Section 23.901.060 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance Update

An updated Section 23.901.060 Accessory Dwelling Units has been prepared to ensure continued consistency with current State ADU and JADU law requirements. The proposed amendments include updates related to application completeness review timelines, appeal procedures, impact fee applicability, fire sprinkler requirements, rental term restrictions for junior accessory dwelling units, owner occupancy requirements, and revisions to development standards and definitions consistent with recent amendments to State law.

The proposed revisions also include updates responding to comments and technical assistance provided by California Department of Housing and Community Development, including clarifications regarding Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit regulations and permitting requirements. Following the May 27, 2026, public hearing continuance, staff met with HCD to review the proposed amendments, and HCD confirmed that the revisions are consistent with current State law and appropriately address the Department's technical assistance comments. Additional minor grammatical, formatting, and organizational revisions are also included to improve clarity and consistency throughout the ordinance.

Attachment 4 includes all draft amendments shown in track changes format. New draft language is underlined and language proposed for deletion is shown in strikethrough. Only sections containing proposed amendments are included in the attachment as excerpts from the Rancho Cordova Municipal Code. Attachment 3 includes a clean version of the proposed amendments and is provided as an exhibit to the Ordinance.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

CEQA requires analysis of agency approvals of discretionary "projects." A "project" under CEQA is defined as "the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15378.)

As reflected in CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), an activity is not subject to CEQA where “it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.”

The proposed amendments are not a “project” within the meaning of CEQA because the amendments primarily clarify and update existing development standards and procedures to maintain consistency with State law. The amendments do not approve or authorize any specific physical development beyond what is already permitted by existing regulations and State law. As such, no significant expansion of uses or activities would occur as a result of the proposed amendments, and no possibility exists that the ordinance amendments would result in a significant effect on the environment.

Further, any future development projects facilitated by the ordinance amendments would remain subject to applicable permitting requirements and environmental review, as necessary. Therefore, the proposed ordinance amendments are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), and no further environmental review is required.

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt the resolution recommending that City Council:

1. Find the project Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3); and
2. Adopt an Ordinance for a Zoning Code Text Amendment to amend Title 23 Zoning Code, Section 23.901.060 of the Rancho Cordova Municipal Code.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Resolution
2. Draft Ordinance
3. Exhibit A to the Draft Ordinance
4. Track Changes

CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. XX-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 23, ZONING CODE, ARTICLE 9 SPECIFIC USE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the City conducts periodic updates of the provisions of the Rancho Cordova Municipal Code (RCMC) to ensure compliance with current laws, changes in local policy, consistency with adopted plans and programs, clarify ambiguities, address changing market conditions, reflect best practices, and to address issues or concerns with current regulations; and

WHEREAS, Title 23 Chapter 23.901 Residential Uses Section 23.901.060 Accessory Dwelling Units of the Municipal Code, sets forth provisions for Accessory Dwelling Units; and

WHEREAS, The Ordinance would amend Section 23.901.060 to make the accessory dwelling unit provisions consistent with State law and to make minor grammatical and structural changes for improved clarity; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Rancho Cordova conducted a properly noticed public hearing pursuant to Government Code Section 65090 and has duly considered all written and verbal testimony presented during the hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA: recommends that the City Council adopt an Ordinance amending Title 23 Chapter 23.901 Residential Uses, Section 23.901.060 Accessory Dwelling Units of the Rancho Cordova Municipal Code based upon the following findings and evidence:

- A. **CEQA Compliance.** CEQA requires analysis of agency approvals of discretionary “projects.” A “project,” under CEQA, is defined as “the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.” (CEQA Guidelines, § 15378.) As reflected in State CEQA Guideline 15061 (b) (3), an activity is not subject to CEQA, “[w]here it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment...” The proposed amendments are not a “project” within the meaning of CEQA because the amendments seek to provide clarification of uses, standards and/or enforcement procedures, address inconsistencies between definitions, delete text that is no longer necessary. Because no expansion of uses or activities is reasonably anticipated, no possibility exists that the ordinance will result in a significant effect on the environment. Thus, the proposed ordinance is not subject to the requirements of CEQA. However, in the event that adoption of the ordinance is considered a CEQA project, it would nonetheless qualify for categorical exemptions as set forth below.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) states that a project is exempt from CEQA “where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may

have a significant effect on the environment.” The approval of the code amendments set forth in the proposed ordinance does not approve any physical development and it would not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Any specific development projects that may result from these changes will be subject to environmental review. The proposed amendments are consistent with the City’s General Plan. For these reasons, the proposed amendments would not have the potential to result in individually or cumulatively significant effects on the environment and these Zoning Code amendments are exempt from review under CEQA and no further environmental review is necessary.

- B. **The proposed amendment is consistent with the General Plan.** The attached Zoning Code Amendments (“Amendment”) are consistent with the General Plan. The amendments would address inconsistencies, delete text that are no longer necessary, and provide clarifying language for implementation.
- C. **The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City.** The amendments would address inconsistencies, delete text and graphics that are no longer necessary, and provide clarifying language for implementation. None of these proposed amendments will be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City.
- D. **The proposed amendments are internally consistent with other applicable provisions in this Zoning Code.** The Amendments have been reviewed for consistency with the entirety of the Zoning Code and are consistent with other applicable provisions of the Zoning Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the City of Rancho Cordova on the 12th day of August 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Tegan Mauldin, Chair

ATTEST:

Kelly Whitman,
Planning Commission Clerk

CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA

ORDINANCE NO. XX-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA, STATE
OF CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 23, ZONING CODE, ARTICLE 9 SPECIFIC USE
PROVISIONS OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Purpose and Declarations.

WHEREAS, the City conducts periodic updates of the provisions of the Rancho Cordova Municipal Code (RCMC) to ensure compliance with current laws, changes in local policy, consistency with adopted plans and programs, clarify ambiguities, address changing market conditions, reflect best practices, and to address issues or concerns with current regulations; and

WHEREAS, Title 23 Chapter 23.901 Residential Uses, Section 23.901.060 Accessory Dwelling Units of the Municipal Code, sets forth provisions for Accessory Dwelling Units; and

WHEREAS, The Ordinance would amend Section 23.901.060 to make the accessory dwelling unit provisions consistent with State law and to make minor grammatical and structural changes for improved clarity; and

WHEREAS, on DATE XX, 2026, the City Council held a properly noticed public hearing for this Ordinance and considered all oral and written testimony.

Section 2: Findings. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the following findings:

- A. **CEQA Compliance.** CEQA requires analysis of agency approvals of discretionary “projects.” A “project,” under CEQA, is defined as “the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.” (CEQA Guidelines, § 15378.) As reflected in State CEQA Guideline 15061 (b) (3), an activity is not subject to CEQA, “[w]here it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment...” The proposed amendments are not a “project” within the meaning of CEQA because the amendments seek to provide clarification of uses, standards and/or enforcement procedures, address inconsistencies between definitions, delete text that is no longer necessary. Because no expansion of uses or activities is reasonably anticipated, no possibility exists that the ordinance will result in a significant effect on the environment. Thus, the proposed ordinance is not subject to the requirements of CEQA. However, in the event that adoption of the ordinance is considered a CEQA project, it would nonetheless qualify for categorical exemptions as set forth below.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) states that a project is exempt from CEQA “where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.” The approval of the code amendments set

forth in the proposed ordinance does not approve any physical development and it would not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Any specific development projects that may result from these changes will be subject to environmental review. The proposed amendments are consistent with the City's General Plan. For these reasons, the proposed amendments would not have the potential to result in individually or cumulatively significant effects on the environment and these Zoning Code amendments are exempt from review under CEQA and no further environmental review is necessary.

- B. **The proposed amendment is consistent with the General Plan.** The attached Zoning Code Amendments ("Amendments") are consistent with the General Plan. The amendments would address inconsistencies, delete text and graphics that are no longer necessary, and provide clarifying language for implementation.
- C. **The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City.** The amendments would address inconsistencies, delete text and graphics that are no longer necessary, and provide clarifying language for implementation. None of these proposed amendments will be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City.
- D. **The proposed amendments are internally consistent with other applicable provisions in this Zoning Code.** The Amendments have been reviewed for consistency with the entirety of the Zoning Code and are consistent with other applicable provisions of the Zoning Code.

Section 3. Amendments to Title 23 Zoning Code

The City Council hereby adopts the amendments to Title 23 Zoning Code of the Rancho Cordova Municipal Code, as shown and incorporated in Exhibit A to this Ordinance.

Section 4. Severability

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be held unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable.

Section 5. Effective Date

Within fifteen (15) days after adoption, a Summary of this Ordinance shall be published once in the Grapevine Independent, or the Sacramento Bee, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Sacramento County and circulated in the City of Rancho Cordova, in accordance with Government Code Section 36933. This Ordinance shall take effect and be enforced thirty (30) days after its adoption.

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ATTACHMENT 2

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova on the ____ day of ____, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Garrett Gatewood, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stacy Leitner, CMC, City Clerk

Rancho Cordova

Municipal Code Amendments

ITEM 7.1.

Exhibit A to the Draft Ordinance

Note to Reader: Only those sections and/or subsections listed within this document are being amended. Unless otherwise indicated, all sections and subsections prior to and after the amended section and/or subsection shall remain unchanged.

23.901.060 Accessory dwelling units.

A. Purpose and Intent. This section establishes regulations and a ministerial review process for accessory dwelling units. Accessory dwelling units are intended to expand housing opportunities for low-income and moderate-income or elderly households by increasing the number of rental units available within existing neighborhoods while maintaining the architectural character of the area.

B. Applicability. This section applies to all accessory dwelling units, including junior accessory dwelling units, as defined.

C. Where Permitted. Accessory dwelling units are permitted by right in any zoning district which permits single-family or multifamily homes.

D. Relationship to General Plan and Zoning.

1. Any accessory dwelling unit which conforms with the requirements of this chapter shall be deemed to be consistent with the General Plan designation and zoning for the parcel, regardless of any limitations on residential density imposed by the General Plan or zoning.

2. Accessory dwelling units shall not be counted when determining residential density for conformance with General Plan or zoning.

E. Permits and Approval.

1. Ministerial Action. Approval or denial of an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit is a ministerial action and subject to compliance with the standards in this section.

2. Building Permit. All accessory dwelling units or junior accessory dwelling units shall require a building permit, subject to all the standard application and processing fees and procedures that apply to building permits generally. No other separate planning-related permit is required.

3. Application Completion Determination. Within 15 business days of receiving an application for an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit, the City shall determine whether the application is complete and shall provide written notice of the determination to the applicant. If the application is determined to be incomplete, the written notice shall identify the missing information and describe how the application may be made complete.

4. Issuance of Permit. The city shall issue a building permit for an accessory dwelling unit within 60 calendar days from the date on which the city received a completed submittal package application, unless either:

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a. The applicant requests a delay, in which case the 60-day time period is put on hold for the period of the requested delay; or

b. The application to create an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit is submitted with an application to create a new single-family or new multifamily dwelling on the parcel. The city may delay acting on the permit application for the accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit until the city acts on the permit application to create the new single-family or new multifamily dwelling on the parcel.

F. Denial. If the City denies an application for an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit, the City shall provide the applicant, within the applicable review period, a written notice identifying all items that are incomplete, deficient, or otherwise require correction. The notice shall describe the steps or revisions necessary for the applicant to remedy the identified issues and resubmit a complete application.

G. Appeals. The City shall provide a process for an applicant to appeal a determination that an application is incomplete or a denial of an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit permit. The City shall issue a final written determination on the appeal within 60 business days of receipt of the appeal.

H. Definitions. The following words and phrases shall, for the purposes of this chapter, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section, as follows:

1. "Accessory dwelling unit or ADU means an attached or a detached residential dwelling unit that provides complete independent living facilities for one or more persons and is located on a lot with a proposed or existing primary dwelling. It shall include permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation and shall be constructed on the same parcel as the single-family or multifamily dwelling unit that is the primary dwelling unit or will be situated. An accessory dwelling unit also includes the following: (a) an efficiency unit, as defined in Section [17958.1](#) of the Health and Safety Code, and (b) a manufactured home, as defined in Section [18007](#) of the Health and Safety Code. This definition shall be interpreted as consistent with and including the definition of accessory dwelling unit found in Government Code Section [66313](#).

2. "Accessory structure" means a structure that is accessory and incidental to a dwelling located on the same parcel. This definition shall be interpreted as consistent with and including the definition of accessory structure found in Government Code Section [66313](#).

3. "Car share" means a program that allows customers hourly access to shared vehicles from a dedicated home location, with the vehicles required to be returned to that same location at the end of the trip.

4. "Efficiency kitchen" means a cooking facility that includes all of the following:

a. A cooking facility with appliances.

b. A food preparation counter and storage cabinets that are of reasonable size in relation to the size of the junior accessory dwelling unit.

5. Efficiency Unit. As defined in Section [17958.1](#) of the Health and Safety Code.

6. Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit or JADU. A "junior accessory dwelling unit" means a unit that is no more than 500 square feet of interior livable space contained entirely within a single-unit primary dwelling. A junior accessory dwelling unit may include separate sanitation facilities or may share sanitation facilities with the primary dwelling. This definition shall be interpreted as consistent with and including the definition of junior accessory dwelling unit found in Government Code Section [66313](#).

ATTACHMENT 3

Exhibit A to the Draft Ordinance

ITEM 7.1.

7. “Living area” means the interior habitable area of a dwelling unit including basements and attics, but does not include a garage or any accessory structure. This definition shall be interpreted as consistent with and including the definition of living area found in Government Code Section [66313](#).

8. “Passageway” means a pathway that is unobstructed, clear to the sky and extends from a street or alley to one entrance of the accessory dwelling unit. This definition shall be interpreted as consistent with and including the definition of passageway found in Government Code Section [66313](#).

9. “Primary dwelling” means an existing or proposed residential structure on a lot with an accessory dwelling unit.

10. “Public transit” means a location, including but not limited to a bus stop or train station, where the public may access buses, trains, subway, and other forms of transportation that charge set fares, run on fixed routes, and are available to the public.

11. Single-Unit and Multi-Unit. “Single-unit” means the same as a single-family dwelling and “multi-unit” means multifamily dwellings with two or more units.

12. “Tandem parking” means two or more automobiles parked on a driveway or in any other location on a parcel, lined up behind one another.

I. Types of Accessory Dwelling Units. The following are the types of accessory dwelling units:

1. Accessory dwelling unit, attached and detached, as defined below.

a. Attached. An accessory dwelling unit that is attached to an existing or proposed primary dwelling, such as through a shared wall, floor, or ceiling, including attached garages, storage areas or similar uses, or within an accessory structure. An attached accessory dwelling unit can be created by converting a portion of an existing primary dwelling, by constructing a new primary dwelling with an integral accessory dwelling unit, or by constructing an addition to an existing primary dwelling.

b. Detached. An accessory dwelling unit that is physically detached or separated from the primary dwelling. Detached includes a second-story addition above an existing detached structure. A detached accessory dwelling unit can be new construction or the conversion or expansion of an existing structure.

2. Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit. An attached accessory dwelling unit is a unit that meets specific criteria as specified below.

a. Maximum of 500 square feet in size.

b. Contained entirely within a single-unit primary dwelling.

c. Has a separate entrance from the main entrance to the primary dwelling.

d. Includes a bathroom within the JADU or shares a bathroom with the primary dwelling, provided the JADU has a separate entrance that is not the main entrance and maintains interior access to the primary living area.

e. Includes an efficiency kitchen.

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J. Number of Accessory Dwelling Units or Junior Accessory Dwelling Units Allowed per Parcel in Zones Permitting Single-Family Homes. In all zoning districts where single-family homes are a permitted use, the following units are allowed per parcel:

1. One accessory dwelling unit and one junior accessory dwelling unit located within the existing or proposed space of a single-family dwelling or accessory structure, as provided in Government Code Section [66323\(a\)\(1\)](#).
2. One detached, newly constructed accessory dwelling unit, as provided in Government Code Section [66323\(a\)\(2\)](#).
3. One additional accessory dwelling unit authorized pursuant to Government Code Section [66314](#), independent of the accessory dwelling units permitted under Government Code Section [66323](#).

K. Type and Number of Accessory Dwelling Units per Lot with an Existing Multifamily Home. The following apply to accessory dwelling units in all zoning districts that allow multifamily homes as a permitted use:

1. Accessory Dwelling Units.

- a. At least one ADU or up to 25 percent of the existing multifamily units shall be allowed within an existing multifamily dwelling.
- b. Accessory dwelling units in a multifamily development may be created only through the conversion of parts of existing multifamily dwelling structures that are not used as livable space, including, but not limited to, storage rooms, boiler rooms, passageways, attics, basements, or garages.

2. Detached Accessory Dwelling Units.

- a. Up to eight detached accessory dwelling units shall be allowed on a parcel with existing multifamily structures, subject to compliance with the development standards for detached accessory dwelling units in this chapter. The number of ADUs may not exceed the number of existing units on the lot.
- b. If the existing multifamily dwelling has a rear or side setback of less than four feet, no modification of the existing multifamily dwelling shall be required as a condition of approving the application to construct an accessory dwelling unit.

L. Development Standards for Attached and Detached Accessory Dwelling Units. The following standards apply to accessory dwelling units:

1. Attached Accessory Dwelling Units.

- a. Location. Attached accessory dwelling units shall be located on the same lot or parcel as an existing or proposed primary dwelling unit and be attached to the primary dwelling unit by at least one wall or by a ceiling (above or below the primary dwelling unit) on a lot that is zoned to allow single-family or multifamily dwelling residential use and includes a proposed or existing dwelling.
- b. Size. The total floor area of an attached accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed 850 square feet for a one-bedroom unit or 1,000 square feet for an accessory dwelling unit that provides more than one bedroom. If there is an existing primary dwelling, the total floor area of an attached accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed 50 percent of the existing primary dwelling. These limits do not include up to 150 square feet of area added to the primary dwelling for the sole purpose of providing ingress and egress to the accessory dwelling unit.
- c. Setbacks.
 - i. Front yard setback: Per the zoning district standard for the primary dwelling, except that no front setback requirement shall preclude the construction of at least one accessory dwelling unit of up to 800 square feet with four-foot side and rear yard setbacks and a height of at least 16 feet.

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ii. Side yard: Four feet.

iii. Rear yard: Four feet.

iv. No setback shall be required for an existing living area or accessory structure, or a structure constructed in the same location and to the same dimensions as an existing structure that is converted to an accessory dwelling unit or to a portion of an accessory dwelling unit.

d. Height. 25 feet or the height limitation in the local zoning ordinance that applies to the primary dwelling, whichever is lower. This height requirement shall not require the city to allow an accessory dwelling unit to exceed two stories.

e. Access. An attached accessory dwelling unit shall have direct exterior access separate from the main entrance to the primary dwelling.

f. Passageway. No passageway shall be required in conjunction with the construction of an accessory dwelling unit.

g. Fire Sprinklers. Fire sprinklers are not required in an accessory dwelling unit if they are not required for the primary dwelling. Construction of an accessory dwelling unit shall not trigger fire sprinkler installation in an existing primary dwelling.

h. Landscape. Landscaped areas within setbacks shall meet the requirements of this code.

i. No provision within this section, including but not limited to lot coverage, building separation, or legal nonconformity, shall preclude the construction of at least one accessory dwelling unit of up to 800 square feet with four-foot side and rear yard setbacks

2. Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit Development Standards.

a. Location. Detached accessory dwelling units shall be located on the same lot or parcel as an existing or proposed primary dwelling on a lot that is zoned to allow single-family or multifamily dwelling residential use and includes a proposed or existing dwelling.

b. Size. A detached accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed 850 square feet for a one-bedroom unit or 1,000 square feet for an accessory dwelling unit that provides more than one bedroom.

c. Setbacks.

i. Front yard setback: Per the zoning district standard for the primary dwelling, except that no front setback requirement shall preclude the construction of at least one accessory dwelling unit of up to 800 square feet with four-foot side and rear yard setbacks and a height of at least 16 feet

ii. Side yard: Four feet.

iii. Rear yard: Four feet.

d. Height. The maximum height of a detached accessory dwelling unit shall be:

- a. 16 feet for new structures built specifically as an accessory dwelling unit on a lot with an existing or proposed single family or multifamily dwelling unit. Existing structures taller

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than 16 feet can be converted to an accessory dwelling unit consistent with the requirements of this chapter.

- b. 18 feet for a detached accessory dwelling unit on a lot with an existing or proposed single family or multifamily dwelling unit that is within one-half of one mile walking distance of a major transit stop or a high-quality transit corridor. An additional two feet in height may be permitted to accommodate a roof pitch on the accessory dwelling unit that is aligned with the roof pitch of the primary dwelling unit.
- c. 18 feet for a detached accessory dwelling unit on a lot with an existing or proposed multifamily, multistory dwelling.

e. Passageway. No passageway shall be required in conjunction with the construction of an accessory dwelling unit.

f. Fire Sprinklers. Fire sprinklers are not required in an accessory dwelling unit if they are not required for the primary dwelling. Construction of an accessory dwelling unit shall not trigger fire sprinkler installation in a primary dwelling.

g. Landscape. All setback areas shall be landscaped as required by this code.

h. Building Separation. An accessory dwelling unit shall comply with the building separation requirements of the underlying zone, except that such requirements shall not preclude the construction of at least one accessory dwelling unit of up to 800 square feet with four-foot side and rear yard setbacks.

i. No provision within this section, including but not limited to lot coverage, building separation, or legal nonconformity, shall preclude the construction of at least one accessory dwelling unit of up to 800 square feet with four-foot side and rear yard setbacks.

3. Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit Development Standards.

a. Location. Shall be located on the same lot or parcel as a primary dwelling unit and shall be constructed entirely within the walls of the single-family residence, including an attached garage. A junior accessory dwelling unit may be located above or below the primary dwelling unit.

b. Size. Maximum of 500 square feet of interior livable space.

c. Setbacks. A junior accessory dwelling unit shall be constructed entirely within the existing or proposed single-family residence, including an attached garage, and shall not involve an expansion of the primary dwelling unit to create the junior accessory dwelling unit. No additional setbacks shall be required beyond those applicable to the primary dwelling, except as required by applicable building or fire codes.

d. Access. A junior accessory dwelling unit shall have a separate entrance that is not the main entrance to the primary dwelling.

e. Kitchen. Each junior accessory dwelling unit shall include an efficiency kitchen which must include (i) a cooking facility with appliances and (ii) a food preparation counter and storage cabinets that are of reasonable size in relation to the size of the junior accessory dwelling unit.

f. Fire Sprinklers. Fire sprinklers shall not be required for a junior accessory dwelling unit if they are not required for the primary dwelling. Construction of a junior accessory dwelling unit shall not trigger a requirement for fire sprinklers in the primary dwelling.

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g. Utilities.

i. A junior accessory dwelling unit shall not be considered a separate or new dwelling unit for the purposes of calculating connection fees or capacity charges for utilities, including water, sewer, power service, or impact fees.

ii. No new or separate utility connection between the junior accessory dwelling unit and the utility shall be required, although the property owner may voluntarily install a submeter for the junior accessory dwelling unit.

iii. Any utility charges or fees shall be consistent with state law.

h. Parking. No additional off-street parking is required for the junior accessory dwelling unit.

i. Owner Occupancy and Deed Restriction.

i. If a junior accessory dwelling unit shares sanitation facilities with the primary dwelling, a person with legal or equitable title to the property shall reside on the property in either the primary dwelling or the junior accessory dwelling unit as their legal domicile and permanent residence.

ii. If the junior accessory dwelling unit includes separate sanitation facilities, owner occupancy shall not be required.

iii. The owner occupancy requirement does not apply if the property is entirely owned by a governmental agency, land trust, or nonprofit housing organization.

iv. Prior to issuance of a building permit for a junior accessory dwelling unit, a deed restriction shall be recorded against the property in a form approved by the City Attorney consistent with state law. The deed restriction shall run with the land and shall be binding on all future property owners pursuant to Government Code Section [66333](#).

j. Rental Term. junior accessory dwelling unit shall not be rented for a term of less than 30 days.

M. Impact Fees.

1. Impact Fee Requirements.

a. No city-imposed impact fees shall be charged for an accessory dwelling unit that is less than 750 square feet in size.

b. For accessory dwelling units 750 square feet or larger, city-imposed impact fees shall be charged proportionately in relation to the square footage of the primary dwelling.

c. Impact fees do not include any connection fee or capacity charge charged by a local agency, special district, or water corporation.

N. Required Parking for Accessory Dwelling Units.

1. Number of Parking Spaces. Parking for accessory dwelling units shall be provided per the following:

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a. One off-street parking space, covered or uncovered, is required for each attached and detached accessory dwelling unit or bedroom, whichever is less. These spaces may be provided as tandem parking on a driveway.

b. Notwithstanding any other section, no off-street parking is required for an attached or detached accessory dwelling unit if one or more of the following applies:

i. The accessory dwelling unit is located within one-half-mile walking distance of public transit, including transit stations and bus stations.

ii. When on-street parking permits are required by the city, but not offered to the occupant of the accessory dwelling unit.

iii. The accessory dwelling unit is part of the proposed or existing primary residence.

iv. The accessory dwelling unit is located within an architecturally and historically significant historic district.

v. When there is a car share vehicle located within one block of the accessory dwelling unit.

vi. When a permit application for an accessory dwelling unit is submitted with a permit application to create a new single-family dwelling or a new multifamily dwelling on the same lot, provided that the accessory dwelling unit or the parcel satisfies any other criteria listed in this chapter.

c. Off-street parking shall be permitted in setback areas in locations determined by the city or through tandem parking, unless specific findings are made that parking in setback areas or tandem parking is not feasible based upon specific site or regional topographical or fire and life safety conditions.

2. When a garage, carport, or covered parking structure is demolished to allow for the construction of an accessory dwelling unit or for the conversion of a structure to an accessory dwelling unit it shall not be required to be replaced.

3. Guest parking spaces shall not be required for accessory dwelling units under any circumstances. [Ord. 17-2021 § 3 (Exh. A); Ord. 4-2017 § 3 (Exh. B); Ord. 12-2011 § 3 (Exh. A); Ord. 27-2008 § 1 (Exh. A § 5.1.060)].

23.901.065 Junior accessory dwelling units.

Repealed by Ord. 1-2022. [Ord. 4-2017 § 3 (Exh. B)].

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Municipal Code Amendments

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DRAFT Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations XX-XX-26

Note to Reader: Only those sections and/or subsections listed within this document are being amended. Unless otherwise indicated, all sections and subsections prior to and after the amended section and/or subsection shall remain unchanged.

23.901.060 Accessory dwelling units.

A. Purpose and Intent. This section establishes regulations and a ministerial review process for accessory dwelling units. Accessory dwelling units are intended to expand housing opportunities for low-income and moderate-income or elderly households by increasing the number of rental units available within existing neighborhoods while maintaining the architectural character of the area.

B. Applicability. This section applies to all accessory dwelling units, including junior accessory dwelling units, as defined.

C. Where Permitted. Accessory dwelling units are permitted by right in any zoning district which permits single-family or multifamily homes.

D. Relationship to General Plan and Zoning.

1. Any accessory dwelling unit which conforms with the requirements of this chapter shall be deemed to be consistent with the General Plan designation and zoning for the parcel, regardless of any limitations on residential density imposed by the General Plan or zoning.

2. Accessory dwelling units shall not be counted when determining residential density for conformance with General Plan or zoning.

E. Permits and Approval.

1. Ministerial Action. Approval or denial of an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit is a ministerial action and subject to compliance with the standards in this section.

2. Building Permit. All accessory dwelling units or junior accessory dwelling units shall require a building permit, subject to all the standard application and processing fees and procedures that apply to building permits generally. No other separate planning-related permit is required.

3. Application Completion Determination. Within 15 business days of receiving an application for an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit, the City shall determine whether the application is complete and shall provide written notice of the determination to the applicant. If the application is determined to be incomplete, the written notice shall identify the missing information and describe how the application may be made complete.

43. Issuance of Permit. The city shall issue a building permit for an accessory dwelling unit within 60 calendar days from the date on which the city received a completed submittal package application, unless either:

a. The applicant requests a delay, in which case the 60-day time period is put on hold for the period of the requested delay; or

b. The application to create an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit is submitted with an application to create a new single-family or new multifamily dwelling on the parcel. The city may delay acting on the permit application for the accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit until the city acts on the permit application to create the new single-family or new multifamily dwelling on the parcel.

F. Denial. If the City denies an application for an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit, the City shall provide the applicant, within the applicable review period, a written notice identifying all items that are incomplete, deficient, or otherwise require correction. The notice shall describe the steps or revisions necessary for the applicant to remedy the identified issues and resubmit a complete application.

G. Appeals. The City shall provide a process for an applicant to appeal a determination that an application is incomplete or a denial of an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit permit. The City shall issue a final written determination on the appeal within 60 business days of receipt of the appeal.

F.H. Definitions. The following words and phrases shall, for the purposes of this chapter, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section, as follows:

1. “Accessory dwelling unit or ADU means an attached or a detached residential dwelling unit that provides complete independent living facilities for one or more persons and is located on a lot with a proposed or existing primary dwelling. It shall include permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation and shall be constructed on the same parcel as the single-family or multifamily dwelling unit that is the primary dwelling unit or will be situated. An accessory dwelling unit also includes the following: (a) an efficiency unit, as defined in Section [17958.1](#) of the Health and Safety Code, and (b) a manufactured home, as defined in Section [18007](#) of the Health and Safety Code. This definition shall be interpreted as consistent with and including the definition of accessory dwelling unit found in Government Code Section [66313](#).

2. “Accessory structure” means a structure that is accessory and incidental to a dwelling located on the same parcel. This definition shall be interpreted as consistent with and including the definition of accessory structure found in Government Code Section [66313](#).

3. “Car share” means a program that allows customers hourly access to shared vehicles from a dedicated home location, with the vehicles required to be returned to that same location at the end of the trip.

4. “Efficiency kitchen” means a cooking facility that includes all of the following:

a. A cooking facility with appliances.

b. A food preparation counter and storage cabinets that are of reasonable size in relation to the size of the junior accessory dwelling unit.

5. Efficiency Unit. As defined in Section [17958.1](#) of the Health and Safety Code.

6. Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit or JADU. A “junior accessory dwelling unit” means a unit that is no more than 500 square feet of interior livable space contained entirely within a single-unit primary dwelling. A

junior accessory dwelling unit may include separate sanitation facilities or may share sanitation facilities with the primary dwelling. This definition shall be interpreted as consistent with and including the definition of junior accessory dwelling unit found in Government Code Section [66313](#).

7. “Living area” means the interior habitable area of a dwelling unit including basements and attics, but does not include a garage or any accessory structure. This definition shall be interpreted as consistent with and including the definition of living area found in Government Code Section [66313](#).

8. “Passageway” means a pathway that is unobstructed, clear to the sky and extends from a street or alley to one entrance of the accessory dwelling unit. This definition shall be interpreted as consistent with and including the definition of passageway found in Government Code Section [66313](#).

9. “Primary dwelling” means an existing or proposed residential structure on a lot with an accessory dwelling unit.

10. “Public transit” means a location, including but not limited to a bus stop or train station, where the public may access buses, trains, subway, and other forms of transportation that charge set fares, run on fixed routes, and are available to the public.

11. Single-Unit and Multi-Unit. “Single-unit” means the same as a single-family dwelling and “multi-unit” means multifamily dwellings with two or more units.

12. “Tandem parking” means two or more automobiles parked on a driveway or in any other location on a parcel, lined up behind one another.

IG. Types of Accessory Dwelling Units. The following are the types of accessory dwelling units:

1. Accessory dwelling unit, attached and detached, as defined below.

a. Attached. An accessory dwelling unit that is attached to an existing or proposed primary dwelling, such as through a shared wall, floor, or ceiling, including attached garages, storage areas or similar uses, or within an accessory structure. An attached accessory dwelling unit can be created by converting a portion of an existing primary dwelling, by constructing a new primary dwelling with an integral accessory dwelling unit, or by constructing an addition to an existing primary dwelling.

b. Detached. An accessory dwelling unit that is physically detached or separated from the primary dwelling. Detached includes a second-story addition above an existing detached structure. A detached accessory dwelling unit can be new construction or the conversion or expansion of an existing structure.

2. Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit. An attached accessory dwelling unit is a unit that meets specific criteria as specified below.

a. Maximum of 500 square feet in size.

b. Contained entirely within a single-unit primary dwelling.

c. Has a separate entrance from the main entrance to the primary dwelling.

d. ~~Includes a bathroom within the JADU or shares a bathroom with the primary dwelling, provided the JADU has a separate entrance that is not the main entrance and maintains interior access to the primary living area. Has a bathroom that is either in the junior ADU or in the primary dwelling.~~

e. Includes an efficiency kitchen.

J. Number of Accessory Dwelling Units or Junior Accessory Dwelling Units Allowed per Parcel in Zones Permitting Single-Family Homes. In all zoning districts where single-family homes are a permitted use, the following units are allowed per parcel:

1. One accessory dwelling unit and one junior accessory dwelling unit located within the existing or proposed space of a single-family dwelling or accessory structure, as provided in Government Code Section 66323(a)(1).

2. One detached, newly constructed accessory dwelling unit, as provided in Government Code Section 66323(a)(2).~~H. Number of Accessory Dwelling Units or Junior Accessory Dwelling Units per Lot or Parcel in Zones Which Allow Single-Family Homes. The following number of accessory dwelling units apply in all zoning districts that allow single-family homes as a permitted use:~~

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3. One additional accessory dwelling unit authorized pursuant to Government Code Section 66314, independent of the accessory dwelling units permitted under Government Code Section 66323.~~I. One attached or detached accessory dwelling unit shall be allowed on a parcel with a primary dwelling unit.~~

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2. ~~One junior accessory dwelling unit shall be allowed on a parcel with a primary dwelling.~~

3. ~~Up to one attached or detached accessory dwelling unit and one junior accessory dwelling unit shall be allowed on a single parcel.~~

K. Type and Number of Accessory Dwelling Units per Lot with an Existing Multifamily Home. The following apply to accessory dwelling units in all zoning districts that allow multifamily homes as a permitted use:

1. Accessory Dwelling Units.

a. At least one ADU or up to 25 percent of the existing multifamily units shall be allowed within an existing multifamily dwelling.

b. Accessory dwelling units in a multifamily development may be created only through the conversion of parts of existing multifamily dwelling structures that are not used as livable space, including, but not limited to, storage rooms, boiler rooms, passageways, attics, basements, or garages.

2. Detached Accessory Dwelling Units.

- a. Up to ~~two~~ eight detached accessory dwelling units shall be allowed on a parcel with existing multifamily structures, subject to compliance with the development standards for detached accessory dwelling units in this chapter. The number of ADUs may not exceed the number of existing units on the lot.
- b. If the existing multifamily dwelling has a rear or side setback of less than four feet, no modification of the existing multifamily dwelling shall be required as a condition of approving the application to construct an accessory dwelling unit.

7.1. Development Standards for Attached and Detached Accessory Dwelling Units. The following standards apply to accessory dwelling units:

1. Attached Accessory Dwelling Units.

- a. Location. Attached accessory dwelling units shall be located on the same lot or parcel as an existing or proposed primary dwelling unit and be attached to the primary dwelling unit by at least one wall or by a ceiling (above or below the primary dwelling unit) on a lot that is zoned to allow single-family or multifamily dwelling residential use and includes a proposed or existing dwelling.
- b. Size. The total floor area of an attached accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed 850 square feet for a one-bedroom unit or 1,000 square feet for an accessory dwelling unit that provides more than one bedroom. If there is an existing primary dwelling, the total floor area of an attached accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed 50 percent of the existing primary dwelling. These limits do not include up to 150 square feet of area added to the primary dwelling for the sole purpose of providing ingress and egress to the accessory dwelling unit.
- c. Setbacks.
 - i. Front yard setback: ~~Per the zoning district standard for the primary dwelling, except that no front setback requirement shall preclude the construction of at least one accessory dwelling unit of up to 800 square feet with four-foot side and rear yard setbacks and a height of at least 16 feet. Per the zoning district standard for the primary dwelling.~~
 - ii. Side yard: Four feet.
 - iii. Rear yard: Four feet.
 - iv. No setback shall be required for an existing living area or accessory structure, or a structure constructed in the same location and to the same dimensions as an existing structure that is converted to an accessory dwelling unit or to a portion of an accessory dwelling unit.
- d. Height. 25 feet or the height limitation in the local zoning ordinance that applies to the primary dwelling, whichever is lower. This height requirement shall not require the city to allow an accessory dwelling unit to exceed two stories.
- e. Access. An attached accessory dwelling unit shall have direct exterior access separate from the main entrance to the primary dwelling.
- ~~f. Design. Accessory dwelling units shall be compatible with the architectural style, materials, and colors of the primary dwelling unit.~~
- ~~fg. Passageway. No passageway shall be required in conjunction with the construction of an accessory dwelling unit.~~
- ~~gh. Fire Sprinklers. Fire sprinklers are not required in an accessory dwelling unit if they are not required for the primary dwelling. Construction of an accessory dwelling unit shall not trigger fire sprinkler installation in an existing primary dwelling. An attached accessory dwelling unit shall not be required to provide fire sprinklers if they are not required for the primary dwelling.~~
- hi. Landscape. Landscaped areas within setbacks shall meet the requirements of this code.

~~j. Before permit issuance, the city shall be provided with a copy of the recorded deed restriction, which shall run with the land, using the city's form.~~

~~jk. No provision within this section, including but not limited to lot coverage, building separation, or legal nonconformity, shall preclude the construction of at least one accessory dwelling unit of up to 800 square feet with four-foot side and rear yard setbacks. No provisions within this section, including lot coverage or legal nonconformity, shall preclude an attached minimum 800-square-foot accessory dwelling unit that is at least 16 feet in height with four-foot side yard and rear yard setbacks, and that is constructed in compliance with all other development standards.~~

2. Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit Development Standards.

a. Location. Detached accessory dwelling units shall be located on the same lot or parcel as an existing or proposed primary dwelling on a lot that is zoned to allow single-family or multifamily dwelling residential use and includes a proposed or existing dwelling.

b. Size. A detached accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed 850 square feet for a one-bedroom unit or 1,000 square feet for an accessory dwelling unit that provides more than one bedroom.

c. Setbacks.

i. Front yard setback: ~~Per the zoning district standard for the primary dwelling, except that no front setback requirement shall preclude the construction of at least one accessory dwelling unit of up to 800 square feet with four-foot side and rear yard setbacks and a height of at least 16 feet.~~ Per the zoning district standard for the primary dwelling.

ii. Side yard: Four feet.

iii. Rear yard: Four feet.

d. Height. The maximum height of a detached accessory dwelling unit shall be:

- a. 16 feet for new structures built specifically as an accessory dwelling unit on a lot with an existing or proposed single family or multifamily dwelling unit. Existing structures taller than 16 feet can be converted to an accessory dwelling unit consistent with the requirements of this chapter.
- b. 18 feet for a detached accessory dwelling unit on a lot with an existing or proposed single family or multifamily dwelling unit that is within one-half of one mile walking distance of a major transit stop or a high-quality transit corridor. An additional two feet in height may be permitted to accommodate a roof pitch on the accessory dwelling unit that is aligned with the roof pitch of the primary dwelling unit.
- c. 18 feet for a detached accessory dwelling unit on a lot with an existing or proposed multifamily, multistory dwelling.

~~e. Design. Detached accessory dwelling units shall be compatible with the architectural style, materials, and colors of the primary dwelling unit.~~

~~ef. Passageway. No passageway shall be required in conjunction with the construction of an accessory dwelling unit.~~

~~fg. Fire Sprinklers. Fire sprinklers are not required in an accessory dwelling unit if they are not required for the primary dwelling. Construction of an accessory dwelling unit shall not trigger fire sprinkler~~

~~installation in a primary dwelling. An attached accessory dwelling unit shall not be required to provide fire sprinklers if they are not required for the primary dwelling.~~

gh. Landscape. All setback areas shall be landscaped as required by this code.

i. ~~Before permit issuance, the city shall be provided with a copy of the recorded deed restriction, which shall run with the land, using the city's form.~~

hj. Building Separation. ~~An accessory dwelling unit shall comply with the building separation requirements of the underlying zone, except that such requirements shall not preclude the construction of at least one accessory dwelling unit of up to 800 square feet with four-foot side and rear yard setbacks. An accessory dwelling unit shall comply with the building separation requirements of the underlying zone, but in no case shall said requirement prohibit an accessory dwelling unit that is a minimum of 800 square feet, maximum of 16 feet in height with four-foot side and rear yard setbacks.~~

jk. ~~No provision within this section, including but not limited to lot coverage, building separation, or legal nonconformity, shall preclude the construction of at least one accessory dwelling unit of up to 800 square feet with four-foot side and rear yard setbacks. No provisions within this section, including lot coverage or legal nonconformity, shall preclude a detached minimum 800-square-foot accessory dwelling unit that is at least 16 feet in height with four-foot side yard and rear yard setbacks, and that is constructed in compliance with all other development standards.~~

3. Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit Development Standards.

a. Location. ~~Shall be located on the same lot or parcel as a primary dwelling unit and shall be constructed entirely within the walls of the single-family residence, including an attached garage. A junior accessory dwelling unit may be located above or below the primary dwelling unit. Shall be located on the same lot or parcel as a primary dwelling unit and be within the walls of the single-family residence, including an attached garage, of the primary dwelling unit by at least one wall or by a ceiling. The junior accessory dwelling unit may be located above or below the primary dwelling unit.~~

b. Size. ~~Maximum of 500 square feet of interior livable space. 500-square-feet-of-living-area.~~

c. Setbacks. ~~If the primary dwelling unit is expanded to create a junior accessory dwelling unit shall be constructed entirely within the existing or proposed single-family residence, including an attached garage, and shall not involve an expansion of the primary dwelling unit to create the junior accessory dwelling unit. No additional setbacks shall be required beyond those applicable to the primary dwelling, except as required by applicable building or fire codes. he junior accessory dwelling unit, the addition shall maintain setbacks of four feet from side and rear yards or the same setback as the existing structure, whichever is less. Front setback shall be the same as the existing structure or per the zoning district for the primary structure, whichever is less. Larger setbacks shall apply if required by fire or building codes on a case-by-case basis.~~

d. Access. A junior accessory dwelling unit shall have a separate entrance ~~that is separate from not~~ the main entrance to the primary dwelling.

e. Kitchen. Each junior accessory dwelling unit shall include an efficiency kitchen which must include (i) a cooking facility with appliances and (ii) a food preparation counter and storage cabinets that are of reasonable size in relation to the size of the junior accessory dwelling unit.

f. Fire Sprinklers. ~~Fire sprinklers shall not be required for a junior accessory dwelling unit if they are not required for the primary dwelling. Construction of a junior accessory dwelling unit shall not trigger a requirement for fire sprinklers in the primary dwelling.~~

gf. Utilities.

i. A junior accessory dwelling unit shall not be considered a separate or new dwelling unit for the purposes of calculating connection fees or capacity charges for utilities, including water, ~~sewer,~~ ~~or sewer,~~ power service, or impact fees.

ii. No new or separate utility connection between the junior accessory dwelling unit and the utility shall be required, although the property owner may voluntarily install a submeter for the junior accessory dwelling unit.

iii. Any utility charges or fees shall be consistent with state law.

hg. Parking. No additional off-street parking is required for the junior accessory dwelling unit.ih. Owner Occupancy and Deed Restriction.

i. ~~If a junior accessory dwelling unit shares sanitation facilities with the primary dwelling, a person with legal or equitable title to the property shall reside on the property in either the primary dwelling or the junior accessory dwelling unit as their legal domicile and permanent residence. A person with legal or equitable title to the primary dwelling shall reside on the property in either the primary dwelling or junior accessory dwelling unit as that person's legal domicile and permanent residence.~~

ii. If the junior accessory dwelling unit includes separate sanitation facilities, owner occupancy shall not be required.

iii. The owner occupancy requirement does not apply if the property is entirely owned by a governmental agency, land trust, or nonprofit housing organization.

~~iiii. Prior to issuance of a building permit for a junior accessory dwelling unit, a deed restriction shall be recorded against the property in a form approved by the City Attorney consistent with state law. The deed restriction shall run with the land and shall be binding on all future property owners. Prior to issuance of a building permit for a junior accessory dwelling unit, a deed restriction shall be recorded in the chain of title of the primary single-unit property. The form of the deed restriction shall be approved by the city attorney pursuant to Government Code Section 66333.~~

j. Rental Term. junior accessory dwelling unit shall not be rented for a term of less than 30 days.

~~iv. The deed restriction shall run with the land and shall be enforced against future property owners.~~

MK. Impact Fees.

1. Impact Fee Requirements.

a. No city-imposed impact fees shall be charged for an accessory dwelling unit that is less than 750 square feet in size.

b. For accessory dwelling units 750 square feet or larger, city-imposed impact fees shall be charged proportionately in relation to the square footage of the primary dwelling.

c. Impact fees do not include any connection fee or capacity charge charged by a local agency, special district, or water corporation.

~~NE~~. Required Parking for Accessory Dwelling Units.

1. Number of Parking Spaces. Parking for accessory dwelling units shall be provided per the following:

a. One off-street parking space, covered or uncovered, is required for each attached and detached accessory dwelling unit or bedroom, whichever is less. These spaces may be provided as tandem parking on a driveway.

b. Notwithstanding any other section, no off-street parking is required for an attached or detached accessory dwelling unit if one or more of the following applies:

i. The accessory dwelling unit is located within one-half-mile walking distance of public transit, including transit stations and bus stations.

ii. When on-street parking permits are required by the city, but not offered to the occupant of the accessory dwelling unit.

iii. The accessory dwelling unit is part of the proposed or existing primary residence.

iv. The accessory dwelling unit is located within an architecturally and historically significant historic district.

v. When there is a car share vehicle located within one block of the accessory dwelling unit.

vi. When a permit application for an accessory dwelling unit is submitted with a permit application to create a new single-family dwelling or a new multifamily dwelling on the same lot, provided that the accessory dwelling unit or the parcel satisfies any other criteria listed in this chapter.

c. Off-street parking shall be permitted in setback areas in locations determined by the city or through tandem parking, unless specific findings are made that parking in setback areas or tandem parking is not feasible based upon specific site or regional topographical or fire and life safety conditions.

2. When a garage, carport, or covered parking structure is demolished to allow for the construction of an accessory dwelling unit or for the conversion of a structure to an accessory dwelling unit it shall not be required to be replaced.

3. Guest parking spaces shall not be required for accessory dwelling units under any circumstances. [Ord. 17-2021 § 3 (Exh. A); Ord. 4-2017 § 3 (Exh. B); Ord. 12-2011 § 3 (Exh. A); Ord. 27-2008 § 1 (Exh. A § 5.1.060)].

23.901.065 Junior accessory dwelling units.

Repealed by Ord. 1-2022. [Ord. 4-2017 § 3 (Exh. B)].

MEMORANDUM



ITEM 8.1.

DATE: August 12, 2026
TO: Planning Commission Members
FROM: Lorianne Carl, Community Engagement Manager
SUBJECT: **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DIVISION UPDATE**

RECOMMENDATION

Provide Community Engagement Division update and answer Planning Commission questions.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

An update to the Planning Commission on the Community Engagement Division's accomplishments for calendar year 2025, as well as an overview of projects planned for 2026.

BACKGROUND

Annually, the Community Engagement Division presents an update to the City Council. The Community Engagement Division is presenting their annual update to the Planning Commission highlighting the following areas:

- Community Engagement Division project overview (Beautification & Neighborhood Engagement, and Special Projects and Events)
- Community Engagement accomplishments from 2025
- Community Engagement Division Action Plan for 2026

The goal of the update is to provide the Planning Commission with a review of 2025 successes/accomplishments, as well as 2026 action plan.

FISCAL IMPACT AND FUNDING SOURCE

There is no fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Presentation

Community Engagement Division

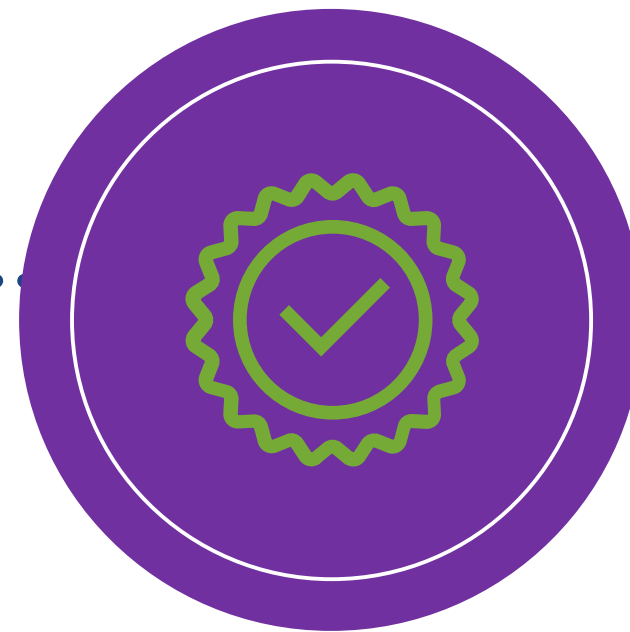
2025 Annual Update



TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION



**Division
Components**

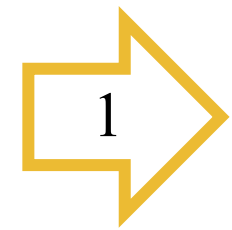


**Projects &
Accomplishments
2025**

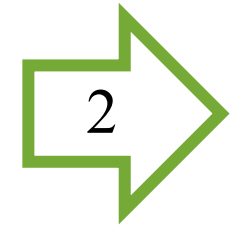


**Priorities for
2026**

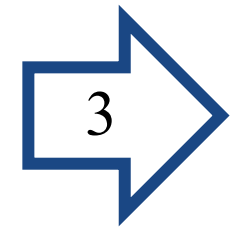
COMPONENTS OF DIVISION



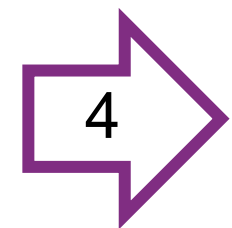
Neighborhood Engagement



Beautification



Community Support and Partnerships



Special Projects & Events



Neighborhood Engagement

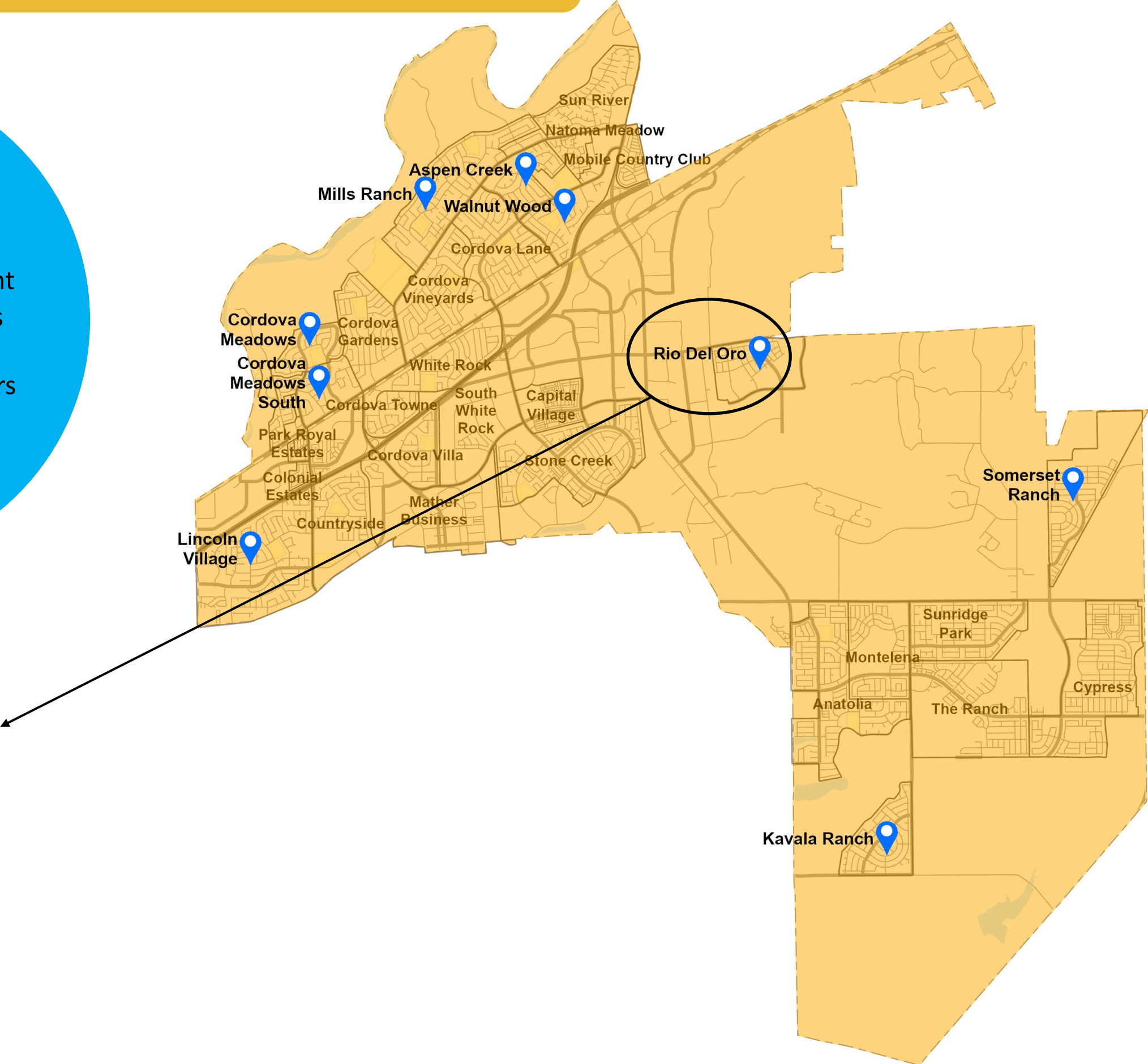


NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

**Building
Community
Leaders**

**Fostering
Relationships**

- Resident Engagement
- Facilitating Meetings
- Empowering Community Members
- Strengthening Neighborhoods



RESIDENTIAL MICROGRANTS

**14 Residential Microgrants
2,400 Residents Reached
27% Increase from 2024**

- Lincoln Village (ITLV) Monthly Meetings
- Lincoln Village Art in the Park
- Stone Creek Community Event
- Anatolia Moms Walk – Bash for Moms
- Cordova Meadows National Night Out
- Sunridge 4th of July Block Party
- Rio Del Oro Movies in Gold Rush Park
- Rio Del Oro National Night Out
- Lincoln Village (ITLV) National Night Out
- Rio Del Oro International Potluck Event
- Lincoln Village (ITLV) Tents & Treats
- Somerset Ranch Trunk or Treat Event
- Anatolia Moms Walk Halloween Parade
- Lincoln Village (ITLV) Holiday Parade



RANCHO CORDOVA SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

Field Trips to City Hall: Mock City Council Meetings & Recycling Education

Hosted: **163** Students

FCUSD

- Cordova Meadows Elementary
57 Students
- Innovations Academy
20 Students
Cordova Villa Elementary
20 Students

EGUSD

- Sunrise Elementary
56 Students RC
- Girl Scouts Group
10 Youth

SCUSD

- Abraham Lincoln Elementary
Back to School Event



GOOD NEIGHBOR DAYS



Cordova Gardens Elementary
250 Attendees

White Rock Park
150 Attendees

Labyrinth Park
300 Attendees



A fun event for residents to meet city officials, city staff, their neighbors and learn more about helpful resources to continue building thriving neighborhoods in Rancho Cordova.

THANK YOU - ORGANIZATIONS

- City Council
- City Staff
- RCPD
- Rancho Cordova Youth Center/PAL
- Cordova Community Council
- Whisker Warriors
- Bike Lab
- Cordova Recreation & Park District
- Atlas Disposal
- City Arborist
- Sacramento Tree Foundation
- Explore Rancho Cordova
- FCUSD – Community Schools Liaison
- 50 Corridor TMA

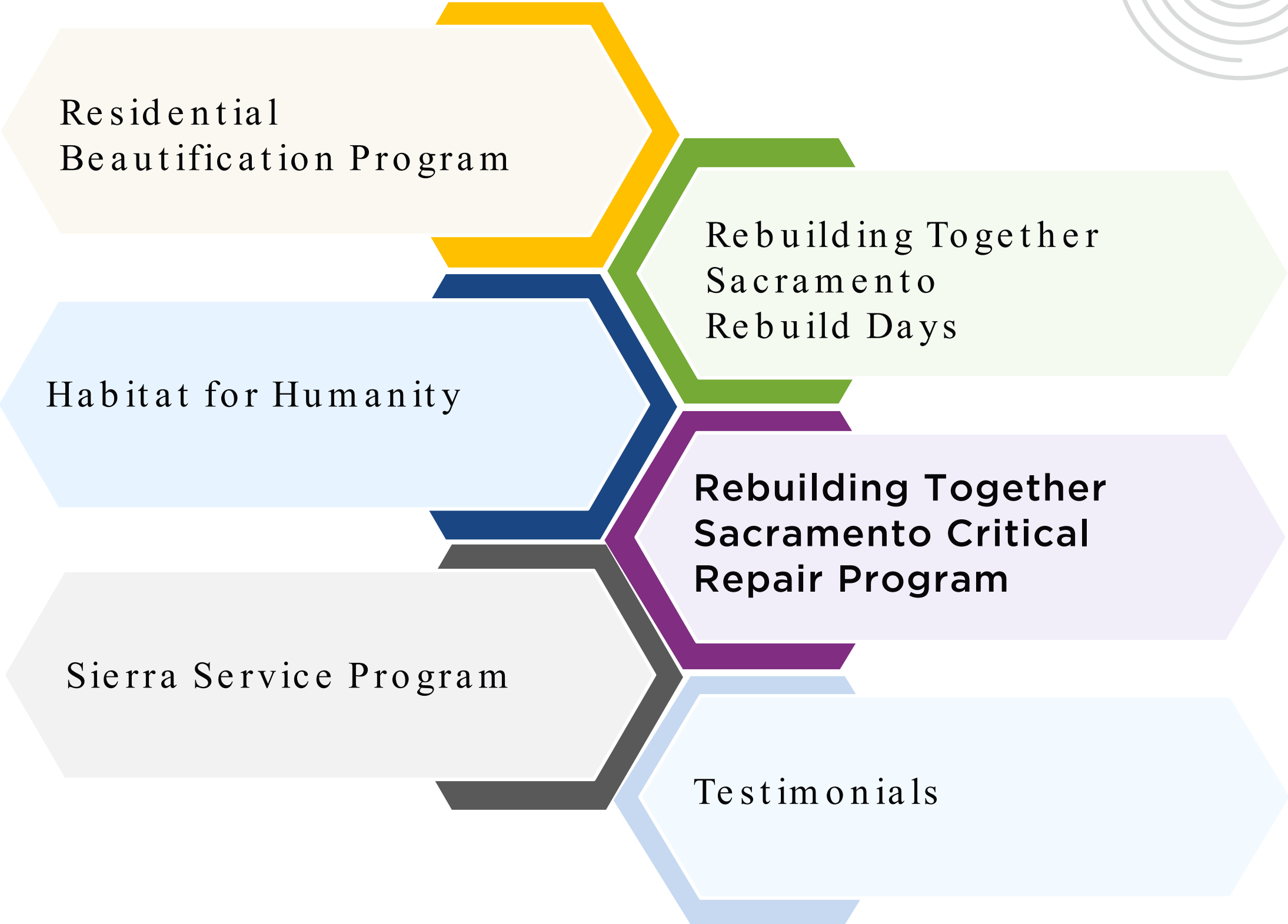




Beautification



BEAUTIFICATION



The **Residential Beautification Program** helps income qualified property owners beautify their properties.

Good Neighbor Assistance Program

- **14** Properties (2025)
- **122** Properties Completed Since Program Began

Project Focus:

- Low Water Landscape
- Fence Repair/Replacement
- Junk and Debris Removal



RESIDENTIAL BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM INCENTIVES

Chain Link Fence Incentive: Up to \$1,000 for the removal of your chain link fence.

- **6** Fences Removed (2025)
- **78** Removed Since Program Began

Cash For Clunkers Incentive: Up to \$500 to remove your unwanted or inoperable vehicle.

- **5** Vehicles Removed (2025)
- **57** Vehicles Removed Since Program Began



HOME REVITALIZATION PROGRAMS



REBUILDING TOGETHER SACRAMENTO

Rebuild Days

Program Details:

- **15** Major Home Renovations and
- **38** Safe at Home Renovations

Total Number of Volunteers: **200**

- **1,600** Volunteer Hours with a Dollar Value of **\$55,664**

Critical Repair Program

- **13** Home Repairs



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER SACRAMENTO

Brush for Kindness

Program Details:

- **12** Home Renovations and
- **5** Critical Repairs
- Total Number of Volunteers: **32**
- **256** Volunteer Hours with a Dollar Value of **\$8,906**



SIERRA SERVICE PROJECT

Program Details:

- **6** Home Renovations and
- **8** Mobility Oriented Projects
- Total Number of Volunteers: **50**
- **1,428** Volunteer Hours with a Dollar Value of **\$49,680**
- Total Number of Rancho Youth Volunteers: **24**



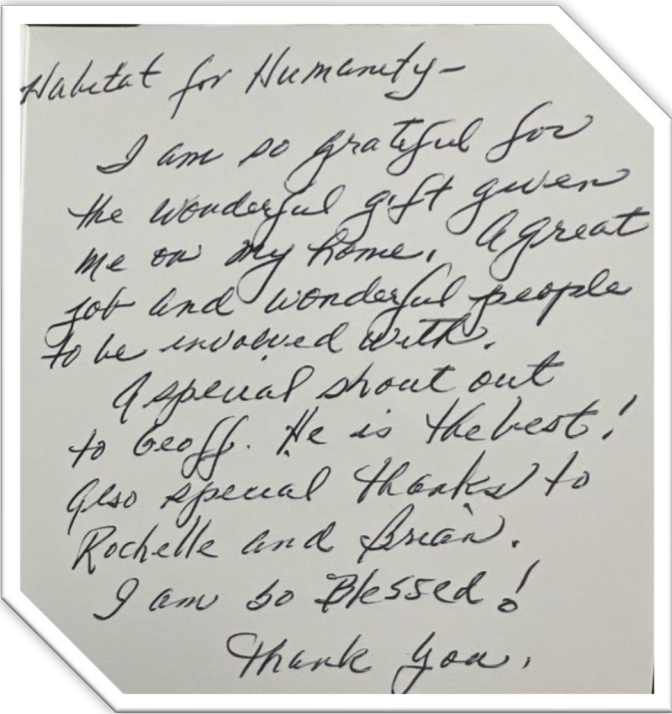
URBAN FOREST PROGRAM

Urban Forest Program

- **433** Trees Planting
- **25** Stumps Removed
- **2** Tree Planting Events
- **3** Education Workshops
- **6** Outreach events



TESTIMONIALS



“I am so grateful for the wonderful gift given me on my home. A great job and wonderful people to be involved with.”

Resident – Habitat for Humanity

“This garden has been in my dreams. You’re making my dreams come to life.”

Resident – Good Neighbor Assistance



BEAUTIFICATION WORKSHOPS AND SUSTAINABILITY

JOIN US!

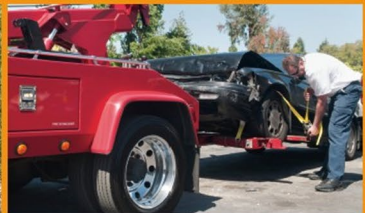
LEARN ABOUT THE CITY'S
BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAMS
& INCENTIVES



**FUN ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
HAVE FUN & ASK QUESTIONS**

Scan the QR Code to See How
We're Making Your City Shine!







GOOD NEIGHBOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TIPS



CONGRATULATIONS, Your Good Neighbor Assistance Project(s) are Now Complete.

We hope you had a great experience and that you will enjoy your project(s) for years to come. Here are tips from the Good Neighbor Assistance Program contractors, Ethan Fleener Construction and Excel Landscape to help care for your home. For more information, consult the city's Good Neighbor Guide.



Fence Maintenance

A sturdy new fence will last many years if you keep up on maintenance. Here's how.

- Staining your fence can increase its longevity by protecting it from the weather. Reach out to your contractor or visit your nearest home repair store for a recommendation on an all-weather fence stain.
- Inspect your fence regularly and look for any damaged areas, loose boards, nails or screws. If you see any damage, replace the board, nail or screw so the fence stays sturdy and secure.
- You may also want to clean the fence. Washing the fence periodically will help remove dirt, mold, or mildew that can negatively impact the look of the fence and shorten its lifespan.



Removal of Junk and Debris

It's all about keeping up with the clutter before it becomes an overwhelming job.

Make it a habit to clear leaves, branches, trash, or other debris from your front and side yard. This prevents clutter from accumulating and keeps the space looking tidy. If you accumulate any junk or debris over time, try to dispose of it quickly, either through a waste disposal service or by using designated collection bins.

For larger items, schedule a bulky item pick up with Atlas Disposal.

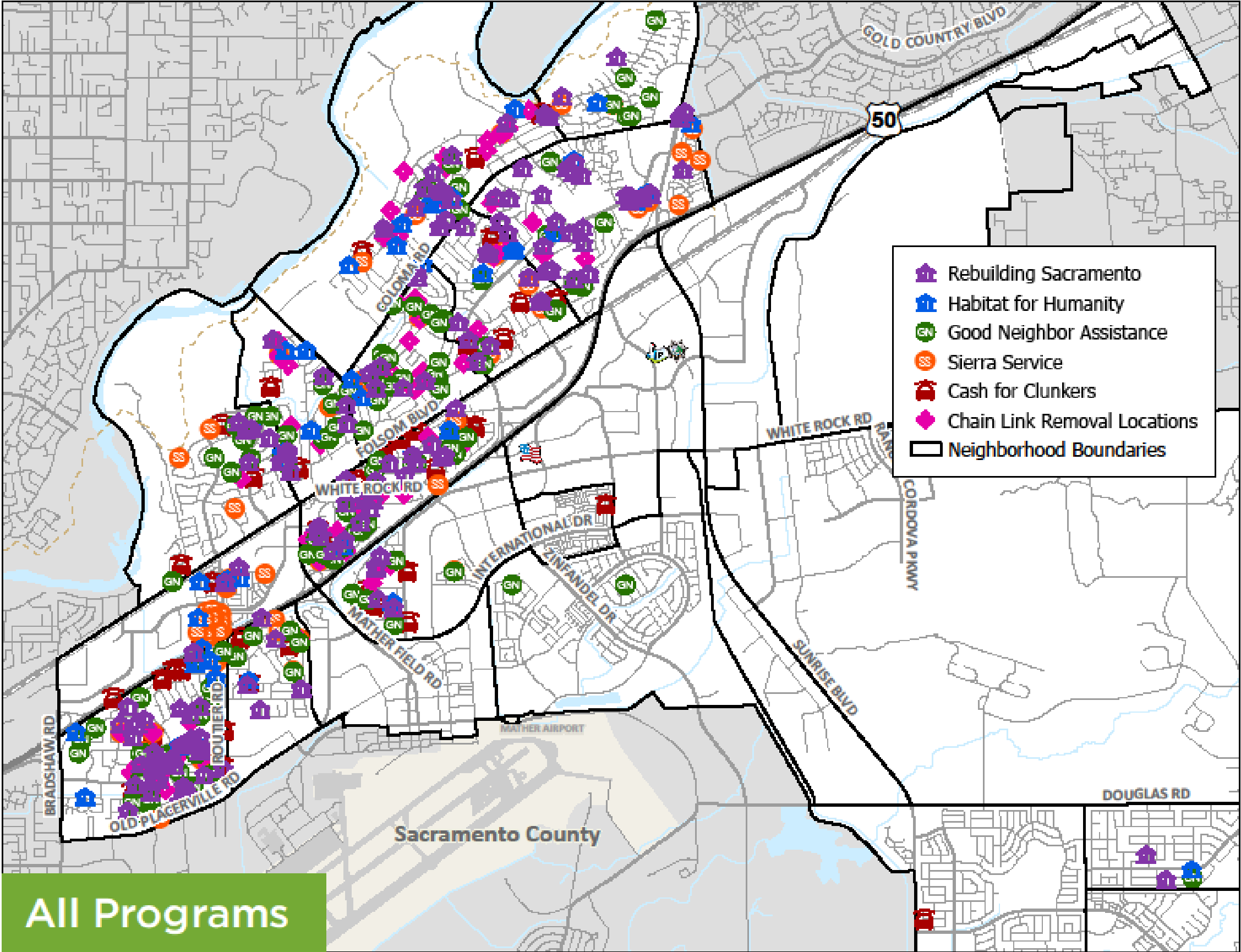


Thursday, September 18
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Lincoln Village Park
3450 Routier Road
Sacramento, CA 95827



IMPACT



All Programs



Community Support and Partnership Building



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Cordova Community Council/ MACC
- Rotary Club of Rancho Cordova
- Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova
- Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce
 - Leadership Rancho Cordova
 - Explore Rancho Cordova
- Rancho Cordova Library
- Folsom Cordova Community Partnership
- Rancho Cordova Community Food HUB
- Local School Districts (FCUSD, SCUSD, EDUSD)
- Children's Museum
- Whisker Warriors
- SMUD
- Sacramento Tree Foundation
- Bike Lab



COMMUNITY MICROGRANTS



Pictured:

- Rancho Cordova Bangladesh Community - Eid al-Fir Event
- Suvidha International Foundation- Diwali Festival
- Rotary Club of Rancho Cordova - Rotary Dictionary Project
- AM Winn Community Guild - Transformative Murals Project



COMMUNITY MICROGRANTS

AI Boot Camp (Suvidha International Foundation)

Sober Senior Celebration (Cordova High School PTSA)

Multi-Cultural Fair (Sunrise Elementary PFO)

Wildlife Wonders (Sac Valley Chapter of CNPS – California Native Plant Society)

Snake Festival (Save the Snakes)

Punt, Pass, Kick Event (Mayes Freeman Youth Sports League)

Choir Club T-shirts (Rancho Cordova Elementary PTA)

Eid al-Fitr Event (RCADC – Rancho Cordova Afghan Development Community)

Eid al-Fitr Event (Rancho Cordova Bangladeshi Community)

Pavement Art & Bathroom Mural Project (AM Winn Community Guild)

Magic of Making a Difference Project (All Ways Learning, LLC.)

Eid al-Adha Event (Rancho Cordova Bangladeshi Community)

Korean Festival (Sacramento Valley Korean American Community)

Community BBQ (Rancho Cordova Junior Lancers)

End of Year Series Events (Abraham Lincoln Elementary PTO)

Juneteenth Event (FCCP - Folsom Cordova Community Partnership)

Koren Cultural Festival Series (Sacramento Valley Korean American Community)

Nritya Sangeet Utsav (TAGS - Telugu Association of Greater Sacramento)

Rotary Dictionary Project (Rotary Club of Rancho Cordova)

Healing Through Music (Ri-Nu Imagination)

Fire Prevention Week (Sacramento Metro Fire)

Seeds of Strength Resource Festival (Family Relief Project)

Sac Valley Margazhi (Kaladhaara Arts Academy)

COMMUNITY MICROGRANTS

- Diwali Festival** (Suvidha International Foundation)
- Trunk or Treat** (Abraham Lincoln PTO)
- Ranga Vasantha Event** (Kannada Sangha of Sacramento)
- Harvest Festival** (FCCP – Folsom Cordova Community Partnership)
- Sudanese Cultural Day** (Sudanese Association of the Greater Sacramento)
- Kite Festival Day** (Sacramento Telangana Association)
- Fall Carnival** (Rancho Cordova Elementary PTA)
- Festival of Knowledge** (Ankur, Inc.)
- Cordova Cares Hoodies** (ILRC – Elliott Stevenson)
- Toy Giveaway** (Blessings in a Backpack)



VOLUNTEER CENTRAL

Volunteer Central

Where all Rancho Cordova volunteers and organizations can connect!



Volunteer Central provides a centralized website for service minded residents and volunteer-based organizations to connect to better the lives of Rancho Cordovans.

Registered Volunteers: **1,412**

Community Organizations: **33**

Community Opportunities: **60**

VOLUNTEER CENTRAL

- 4 Paws 2 Freedom
- AIM HIGHER Rancho Cordova
- American River Parkway Foundation
- Art of Living
- Blessings in a Backpack - Rancho Cordova
- California Capital International Documentary Film Festival
- Child Action, Inc.
- City of Rancho Cordova Event Volunteers
- City of Rancho Cordova Neighborhood Services
- City of Rancho Cordova Stormwater Cleanup Projects
- City of Rancho Cordova Urban Forestry
- Cordova Community Council
- Cordova Golf Course
- Cordova Recreation & Park District
- Fitrah
- Friends of the Rancho Cordova Public Library
- Mercy Hospice Volunteers
- Rancho Cordova Food Locker
- Rancho Cordova HART
- Rancho Cordova Library
- Rancho Cordova Police Activities League
- Rebuilding Together Sacramento
- Ri-Nu Imagination
- Sacramento Children's Museum
- Sewa International, Sacramento
- Sierra Service Project
- SKY For Kids
- Soil Born Farms
- Spring Service Day – 2026
- Stop the Bleed Sponsored By Rancho Cordova Rotary
- The Folsom Cordova Community Partnership
- The MACC
- UCP of Sacramento and Northern California



Special Projects and Events



SPECIAL PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

- Grow Strong Neighborhood Initiatives
- Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce:
 - Leadership Rancho Cordova: Building Strong Communities Module
- Resources for Refugee Families
- FCUSD Community Schools Steering Committee
- Urban Forest Program
- Rotary Club of Rancho Cordova Dictionary Project
- Bike Lab Events



CITY PARTNERED EVENTS

- Cordova Community Council
 - iFest (City Booth)
 - Tree Lighting (City Booth)
- Spring Service Day
- 4th of July City Float
- Back to School Night (City Booths)
- National Night Out
- Trunk or Treat Events
- School Field Trips
- Beautification Workshops
- Rancho Cordova Community Food Hub (Thanksgiving)
- State of the City
- Holiday STAR
- Holiday Parade



2ND ANNUAL SPRING SERVICE DAY



350
Volunteers



1,795
Volunteer Hours



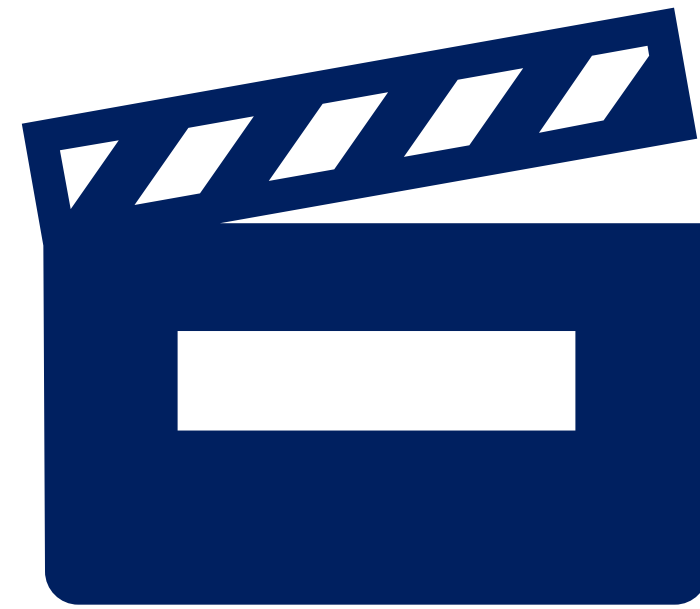
\$62,448
Volunteer Dollar Value



21
Projects
(5 more in 2025)



2025 Highlights



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Priorities for 2026



Priorities for 2026



ENHANCING NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION

- Continue Enhancing Neighborhoods
- Host Additional Beautification Workshops
- Beautification Sustainability



NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT

- Expand Neighborhood Engagement Program
- Continue Supporting Neighborhood Events
- Good Neighbor Days
 - Dave Roberts Park
 - Countryside Park
 - Gold Rush Park



CONTINUE BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

- Youth Engagement
- Connect Service Group with City Resources
- Community Microgrants
- Volunteer Central



PROMOTE POSITIVE IMAGE AND CIVIC PRIDE

- 3rd Annual Spring Service Day – May 16, 2026
- Promote Community Service
- Enhance City Events

Questions?