

CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

**COUNCIL POLICY**

**DRAFT REVISION**

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY PLANNERS COMMITTEE

POLICY NO.: 600-09

EFFECTIVE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**BACKGROUND:**

The involvement of San Diegans in City planning, implementation, and prioritization is unique for many reasons, the more notable of which include the extent to which positive accomplishments have emerged from public participation in city decision-making coupled with ensuring our city is prosperous, healthy, safe, inclusive, and equitable. The City Council, in early recognition of public participation in City decision-making, established in 1976 Policy 600-24, encouraging, and supporting the formation of community planning groups (CPGs).

The adoption in 2008 of the City of San Diego General Plan provided policy guidance to balance the needs of a growing city while enhancing quality of life for current and future San Diegans. It provides a strategy, the City of Villages, for how the city can enhance its many communities and neighborhoods as growth occurs over time. It presented ten elements that overall provide a comprehensive “blueprint” for the City of San Diego’s growth over the next twenty plus years. The 2008 General Plan found the City of San Diego and its residents and businesses facing new issues: a lack of vacant developable land for future growth, unmet public facilities standards, a changing economic base, and major environmental challenges.

The City Charter establishes the basis for Advisory Boards and Committees (Charter, Section 43.) The City Council desires to preserve the original intent of this Policy while ensuring the resulting organization remains independent; further, that the organization is formed by representatives from recognized CPGs and not dependent on CPGs in formulating recommendations on regional or city-wide matters.

The CPC is an independent organization voluntarily created and operated by City community members who are not City employees, City agents, or City representatives. It is not a City-controlled or managed organization. The City does not direct or recommend the election, appointment, or removal of voting members, or delegate authority to the CPC to act on its behalf.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Policy is to recognize an organization that may provide input to the City on those matters related to the General Plan, its amendment, implementation, and related planning, infrastructure, and development programs.

The CPC may make advisory recommendations to the City and other governmental agencies on land use and infrastructure matters. However, the City is not bound to follow the advisory recommendations of the CPC.

POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the City to recognize an organization that may offer review and recommendations to the City on those matters related to the General Plan, its amendment, implementation, and related planning and development programs.

1. This organization is generally expected to be composed of the chair, or officially designated representative, or alternate of each of the community planning groups recognized under City Council Policy 600-24.
2. The CPC is independent of recognized community planning groups and not dependent on their guidance in formulating recommendations on regional or City-wide matters.
3. The CPC may participate in reviewing and offering recommendations to the City associated with implementing the goals, objectives, and policies contained in the City's General Plan, including land use and infrastructure issues of regional or City-wide scope.
4. The CPC is responsible for keeping informed on current projects. The CPC should monitor City agendas and announcements for public input, deliberations, and decision-making on City actions. The CPC is solely responsible for offering input and recommendations to the City in a timely manner.
5. With a goal of inclusive and robust participation in City-wide deliberations, the CPC should adopt rules and procedures calling for meeting schedules, methods of conduct of business, compliance with the Brown Act, and related matters as appropriate.

HISTORY:

Adopted by Resolution R-199050 02/12/1970

Amended by Resolution R-212667 02/20/1975

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