
II. VISION 2020

Our vision is for the re-establishment of a deep-rooted community: one that attracts new residents and whose inhabitants are planning to stay. We envision a stable community close to everything within San Diego's urban core that offers a high quality of life and is characterized by the following:

- Neighborhoods that are safe
- Neighborhoods that recognize, maintain, and enhance their unique identity and provide an excellent environment for family living
- A community, in partnership with local government and surrounding communities, that sees its physical, economic, and social evolution as a continuing process of planning and development activity oversight that endures beyond the completion of this planning stage
- An integrated open space system of natural canyons, park grounds, urban plazas, and landscaped streets
- Preserved environmental, cultural, and historic resources
- A diverse array of attractive and affordable housing types that cater to a full range of family and living styles
- First class schools, educational and recreational facilities
- Buildings of excellent design within the framework of a community order of appropriately arranged land uses
- Vital commercial, business, and employment centers
- A functioning transportation system that connects to the larger regional system and features landscaped streets, fixed rail, electric buses and trolleys, and intra-community shuttles
- Streets, businesses, and public gathering spaces that promote interaction among residents of Mid-City and that will draw people from elsewhere to discover Mid-City
- We believe that the Mid-City is a vibrant and important part of the larger urbanized core of the City of San Diego. The area shares opportunities and constraints with surrounding communities, including: a defining system of mesas, hills and canyons; cultural and economic diversity; superior access to freeways; and a maturing stock of residential and commercial structures.

The map in **Figure 3** was one of the early products of interactive community involvement that identified home grown ideas for improvement. Many of these are included as recommendations for implementation of this Plan.

Figure 3
Mid-City Vision Map

