

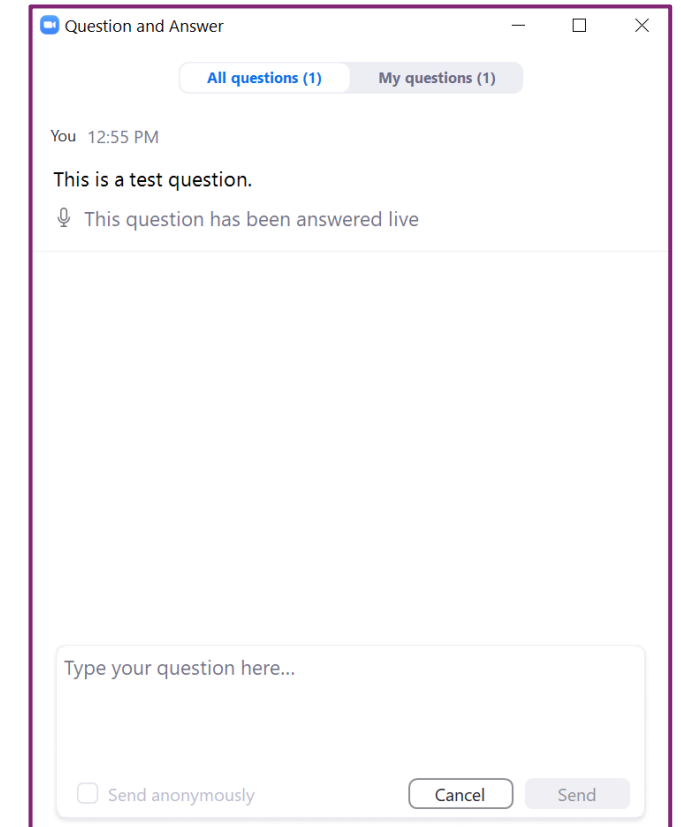
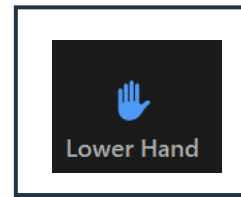
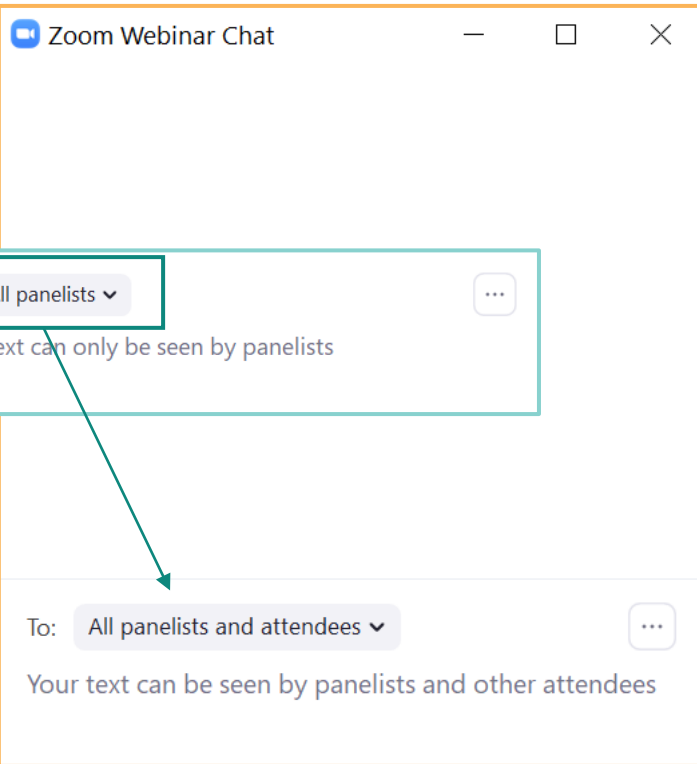
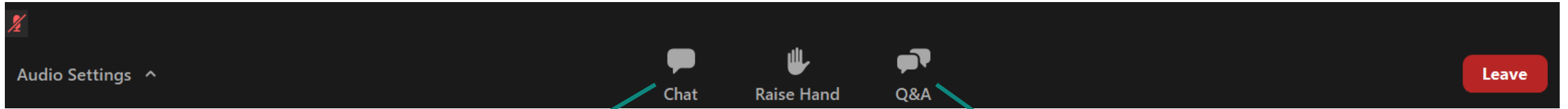


# UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

*September 29, 2020*

# ZOOM FUNCTIONS



# AGENDA

- 4:00 CALL TO ORDER – Andy Wiese, Chair
- VIRTUAL ROLL CALL
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July Meetings
- NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT – Two minutes per speaker
- 4:15 ITEM 1 INFO ITEM – Overview of Goal & Policy Creation
- 4:30 ITEM 2 INFO ITEM – Goal Presentation & Discussion
- 5:55 CLOSING
- 6:00 ADJOURNMENT

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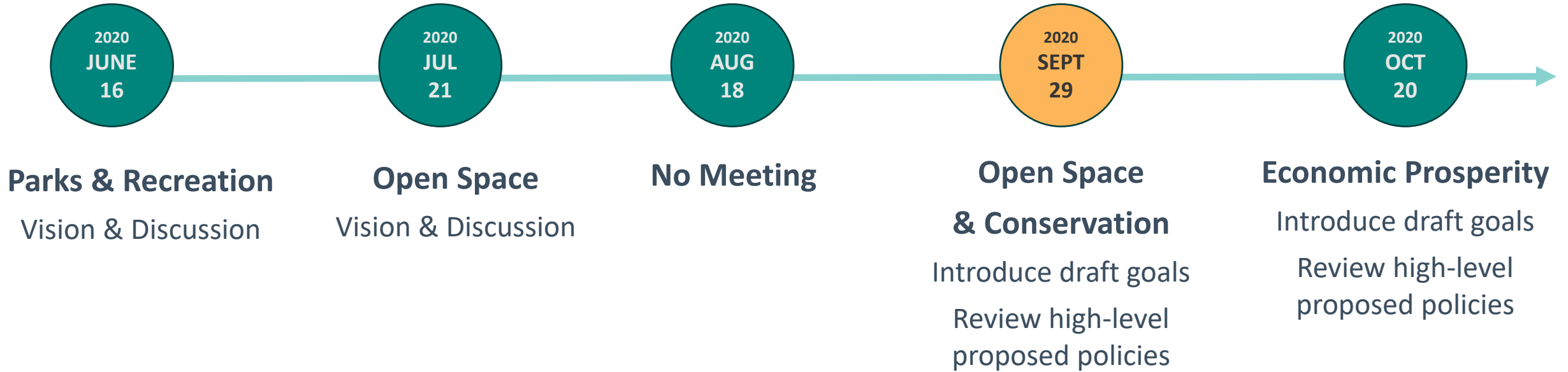
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## WHAT'S NEXT?

Community can continue to provide input on draft goal language. Next month we will discuss Economic Prosperity draft goals

# UNIVERSITY CPUS SCHEDULE





# WHAT IS A COMMUNITY PLAN?

A community plan is a public document which contains specific proposals for future land uses and public improvements in a given community. A community plan is part of the City's General Plan. It provides community-specific **goals**, tailored **policies** and a long-range physical development guide for elected officials and citizens engaged in community development.

# WHAT THE COMMUNITY PLAN DOES DO

- It provides community-specific **goals**, tailored **policies**, and a long-range physical development guide for City staff, decisionmakers, property owners, and citizens engaged in community development.
- It establishes **goals** and **policies** to address land use, conservation, mobility, urban design, open space, and public facilities.
- As a component of the City of San Diego's General Plan, it is a long-term blueprint for the future and provides location-based **goals**, **policies**, and recommendations.

# WHAT THE COMMUNITY PLAN DOES NOT DO

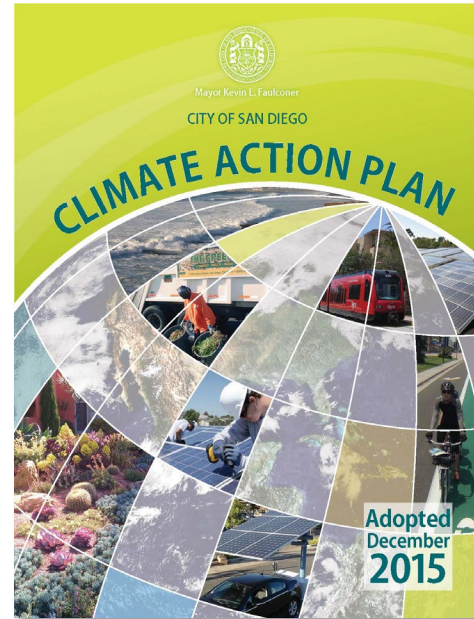
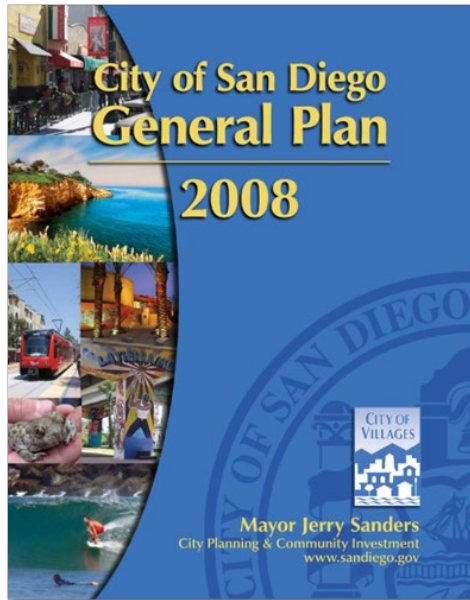
- It does not mandate growth. The community plan provides options and opportunities for new housing and employment. It does not require property owners to redevelop or mandate that development will happen.
- It is not a maintenance document. The community plan is a long-range policy and regulatory document that identifies future infrastructure needs. It is not a plan to address the deferred maintenance of existing infrastructure.
- It does not approve specific projects. The community plan establishes policy and regulatory direction—all future projects will still go through an approval process.





# GOAL & POLICY CREATION FRAMEWORK

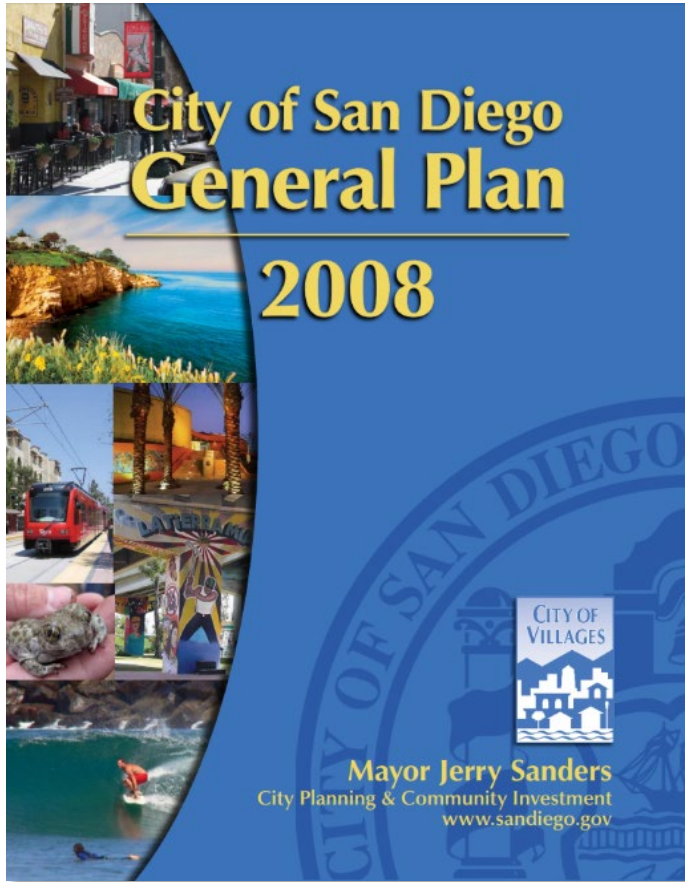




**DRAFT APPROVED**  
**6/18/2019**

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# CITY OF SAN DIEGO GENERAL PLAN



# GP CONSERVATION ELEMENT PURPOSE

The purpose of the conservation element is to become an international model of sustainable development & conservation. To provide for the long-term conservation and sustainable management of the rich natural resources that help define the City's identity, contribute to its economy, and improve its quality of life.

# GP CONSERVATION ELEMENT SUBCATEGORIES

Climate  
Change &  
Sustainable  
Development

Open Space &  
Landform  
Preservation

Coastal  
Resources

Water  
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Management

Urban Runoff  
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Air Quality

Biological  
Diversity

Wetlands

Sustainable  
Energy

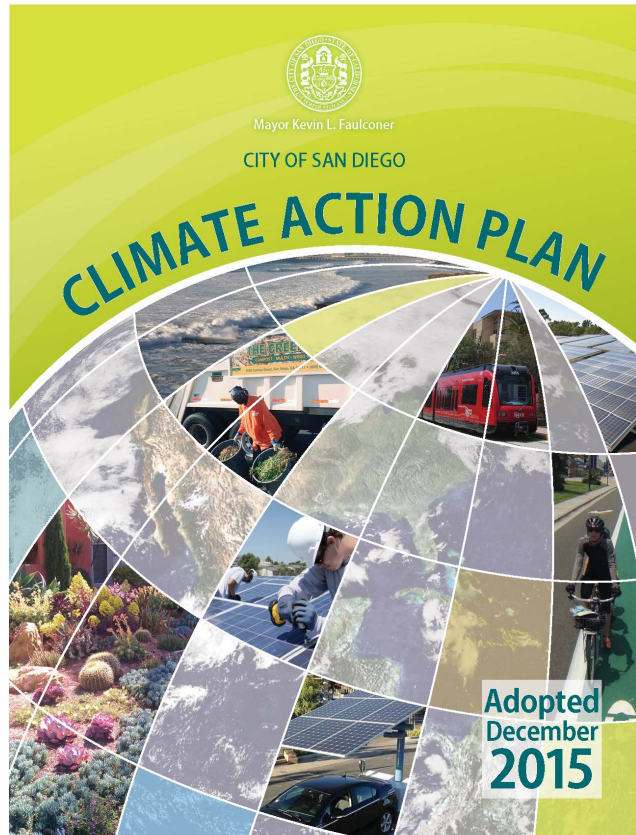
Urban Forestry

Mineral  
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Resources



# CITY OF SAN DIEGO CLIMATE ACTION PLAN



Energy and  
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Efficiency

Clean and  
Renewable  
Energy

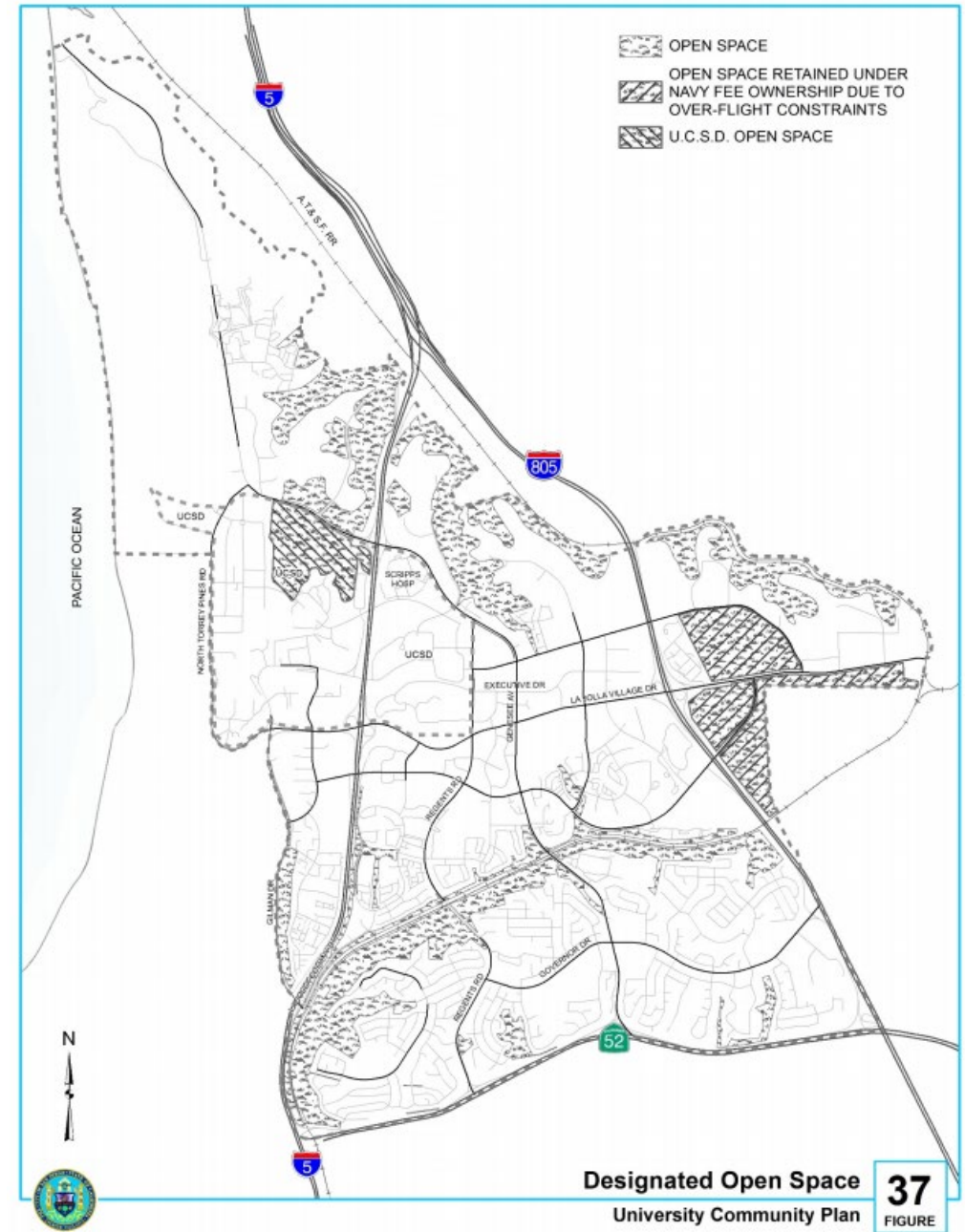
Mobility and  
Land Use

Zero Waste

Resilience

# ADOPTED PLAN

*The open space in the University planning area serves primarily three functions: the preservation of topographic or biotic resources and habitats for resident and migratory birds, the provision of outlets for active or passive recreation and the protection of public health and safety.*



# EXISTING UCP GOALS: OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

- Preserve the natural resources of the community through the appropriate designation and use of open space. Major topographic features and biological resources should be preserved as undeveloped open space.
- Provide a system of population-based parks to meet the community's needs for outdoor recreation.
- Establish an open space system that will utilize the terrain and natural drainage system to guide the form of urban development, enhance neighborhood identity and separate incompatible land uses.

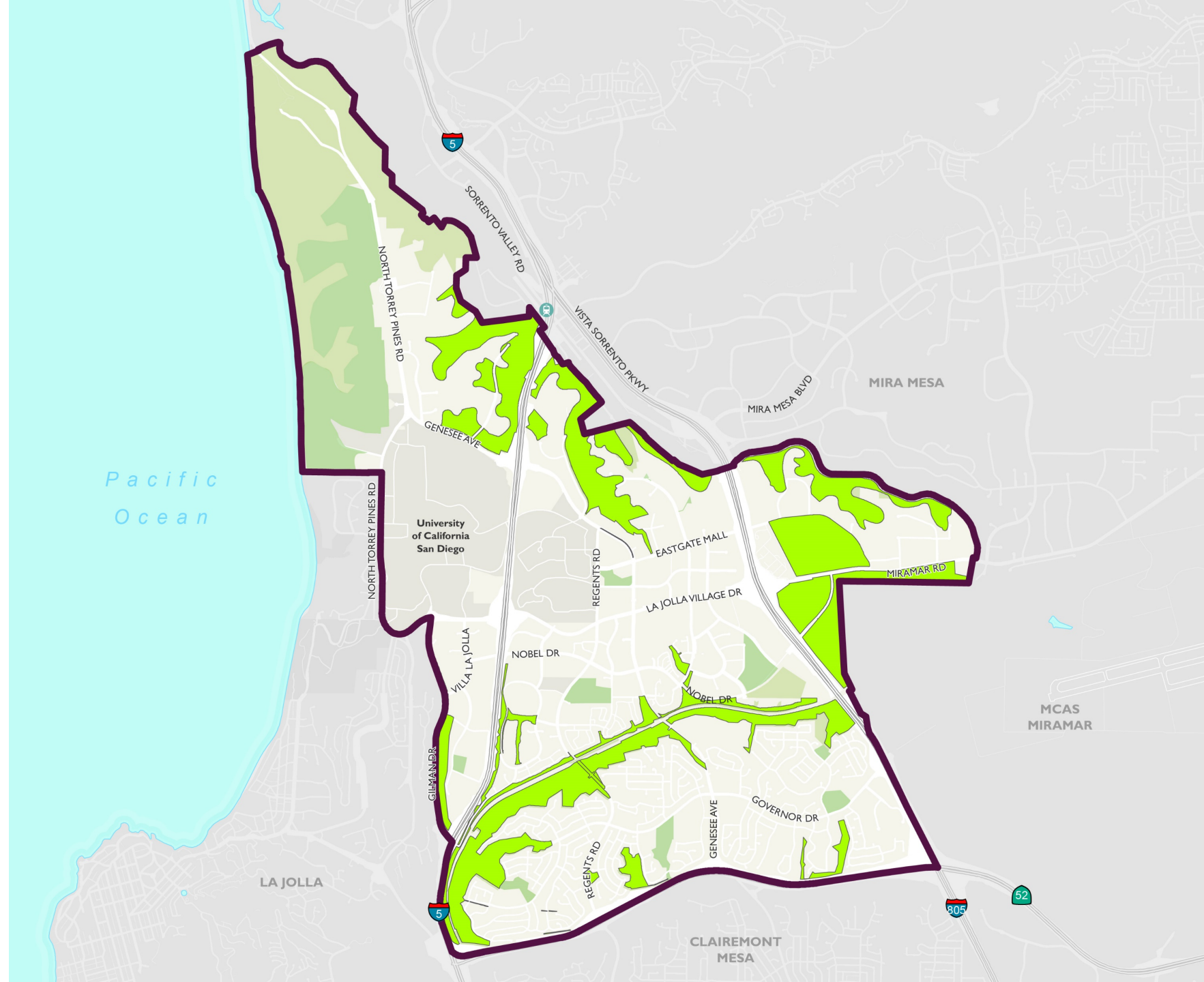
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- Promote public health and safety by designating areas with high potential for landslides, earthquake faults or aircraft accidents as open space.
- Develop a linkage system to connect recreational and natural open space areas throughout the community.



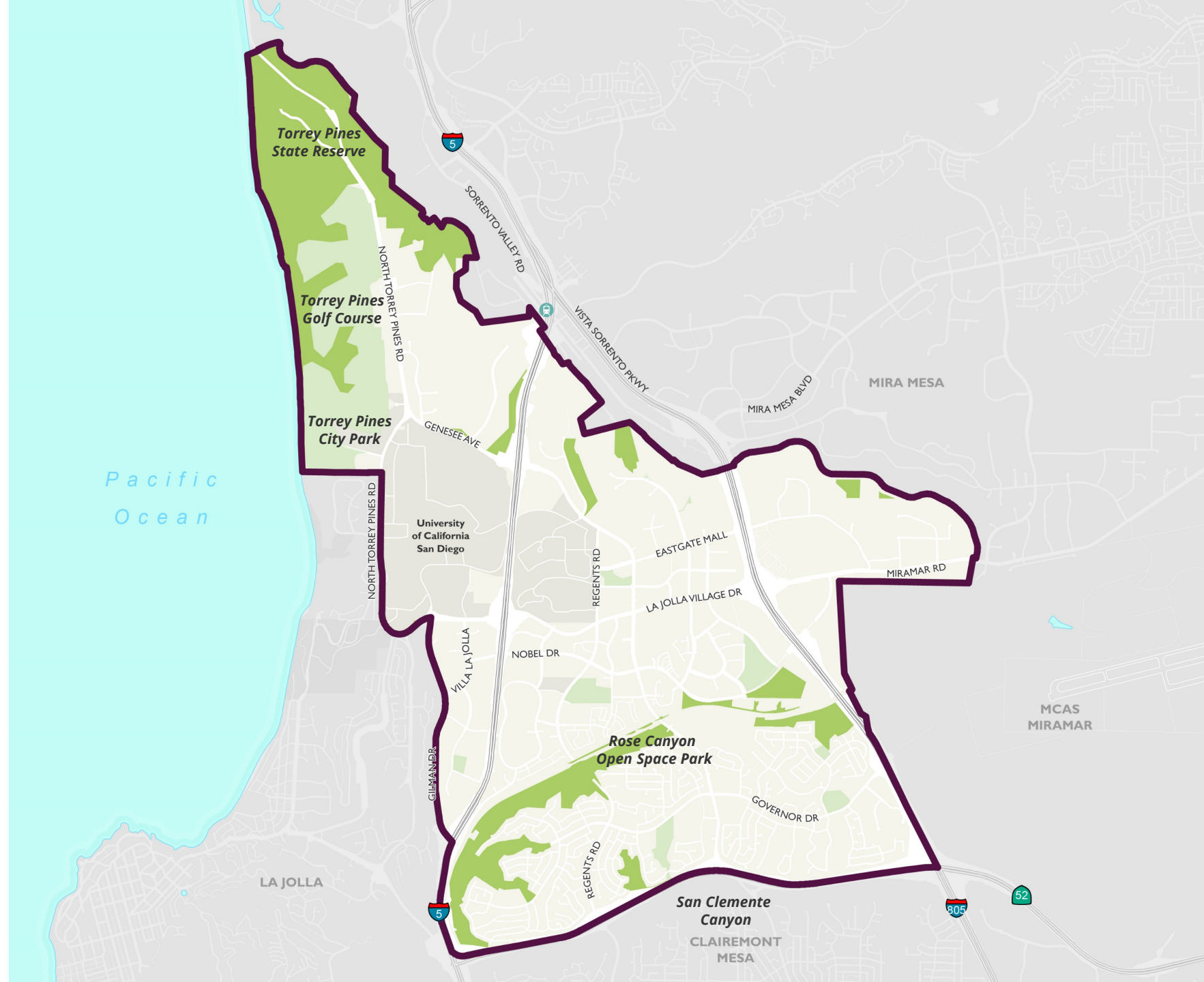
# ADOPTED PLAN LAND USE

 Open Space



# UNIVERSITY OPEN SPACE

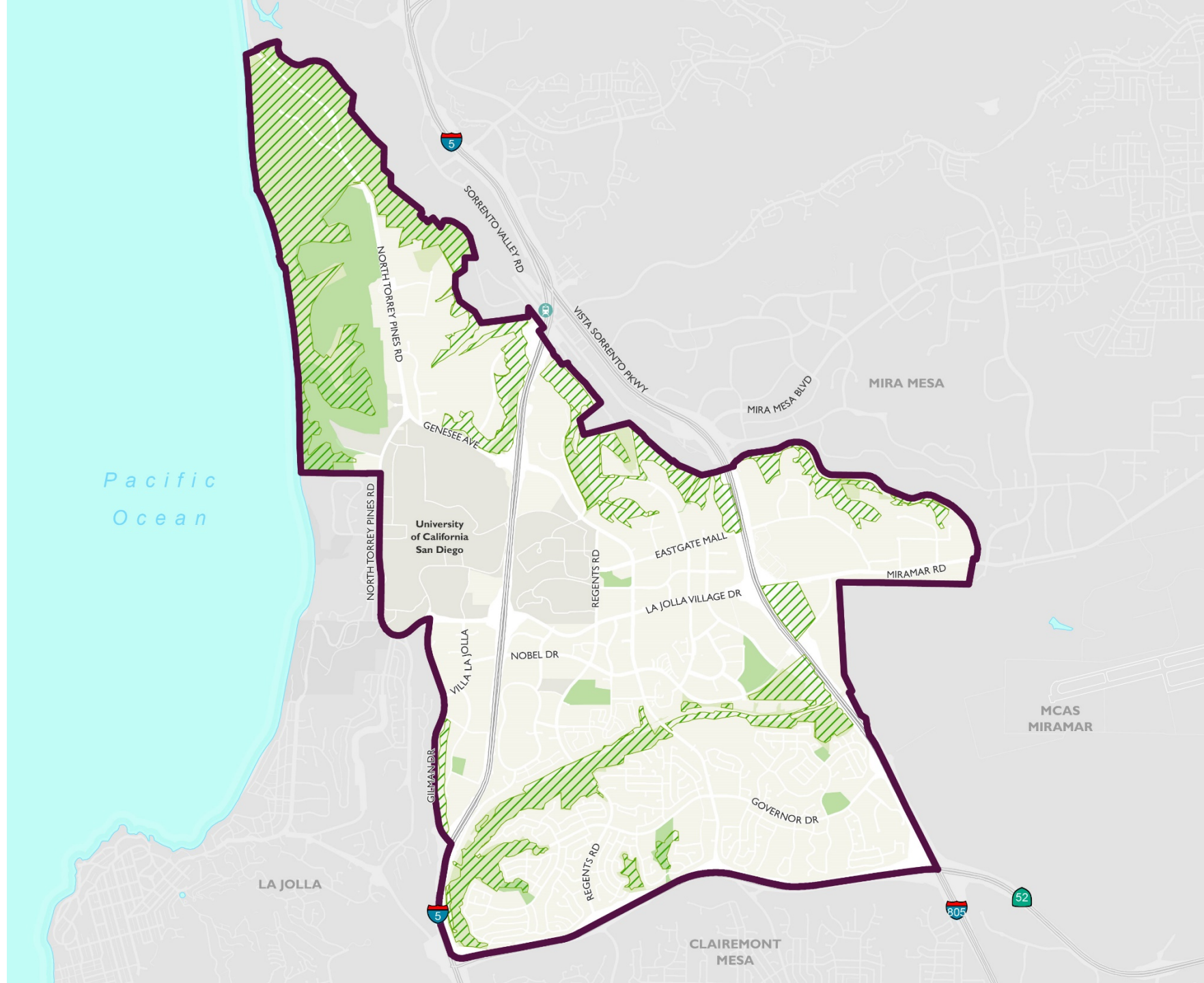
- Rose Canyon Open Space Park
- Torrey Pines - Network
- Neighboring – San Clemente Canyon
- Dedicated & Designated Lands



# MHPA



University MHPA





# CONSERVATION & OPEN SPACE DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**A sustainable community integrated with its natural environment, open space and recreational areas.** Preservation of open space, watershed protection and improvement, restoration of habitat, enhancement of species diversity, improvement of parks and recreation areas, and provision of connections for wildlife and people contribute to community character, enhance quality of life and preserve unique natural resources.

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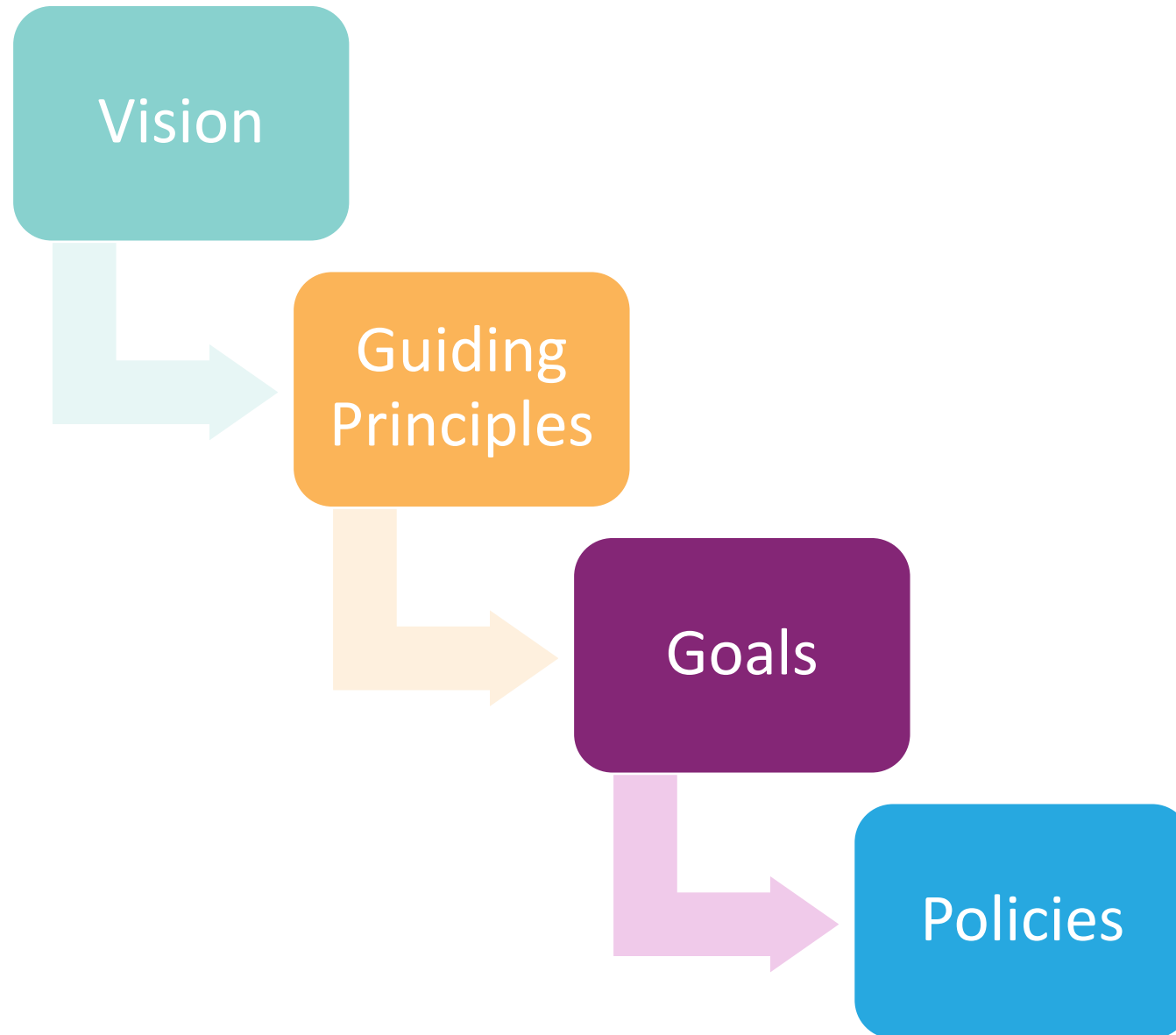
### Community Priorities – Open Space & Conservation

- *Protection of open space & habitat*
- *Sustainable design & conservation*
- *Providing greater connectivity, including trail connections*
- *Rose Canyon Open Space Park as significant community asset*



# WHAT IS A...VISION, GUIDING PRINCIPLE, GOAL, POLICY?





## Vision

A vision statement describes the desired future state of the community through the implementation of the Community Plan.

## Guiding Principles

Guiding principles are core principles that represent the long-term priorities of the Community Plan. They are either standalone statements or woven into the fabric of the plan.



## Goals

Goals are succinct statements that identify a desired future state of the community. Goals are broad enough to be widely applicable, but specific enough to identify priorities. Goals are what a plan hopes to accomplish and provides direction for decisions.

## Policies

Policies are rules or actions which implement the goals. They are specific statements with a call to action to achieve the desired goals.

# DEVELOPING GOAL LANGUAGE

## Goals

*The development of goal language includes initiating draft language, discussing what each goal means to the community and identifying concerns, questions or unclear aspects of the goal.*

# PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING GOALS & POLICIES



1. Conducted Community Outreach

2. Crafted Vision and Guiding Principles

3. Consensus Building on Vision and Guiding Principles

4. Conducted Survey & Identified Community Priorities

5. Presented Existing Conditions

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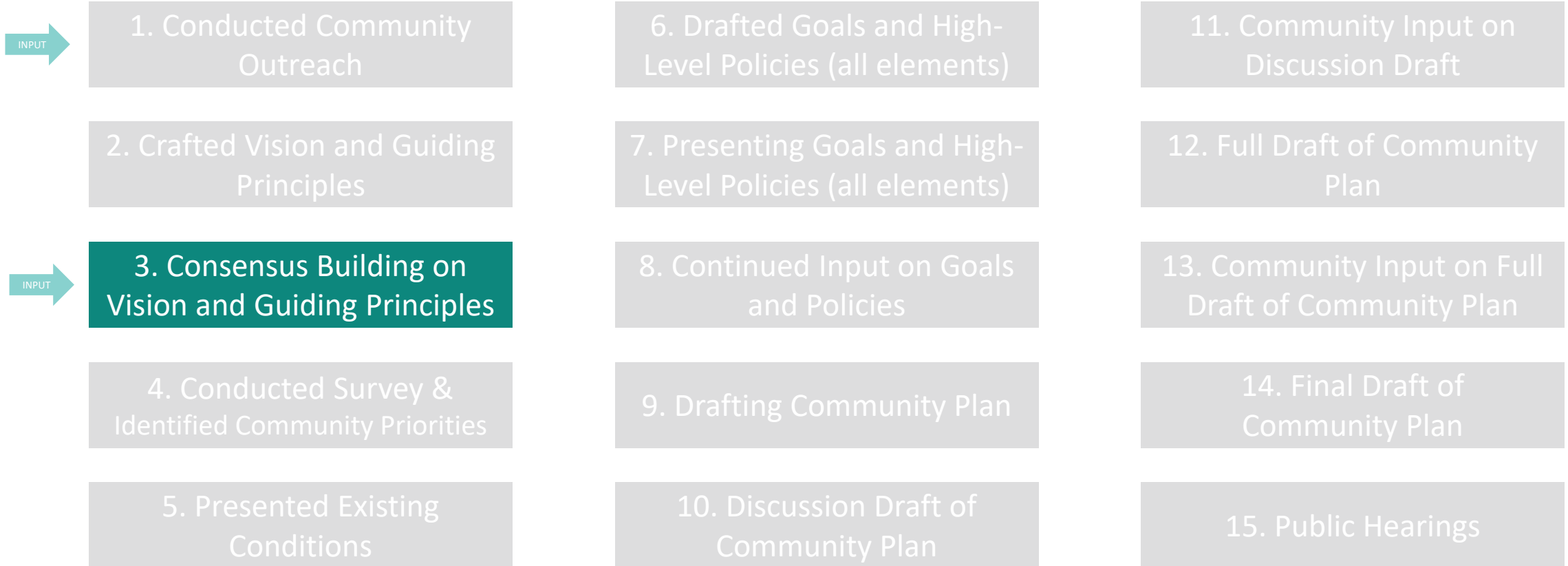
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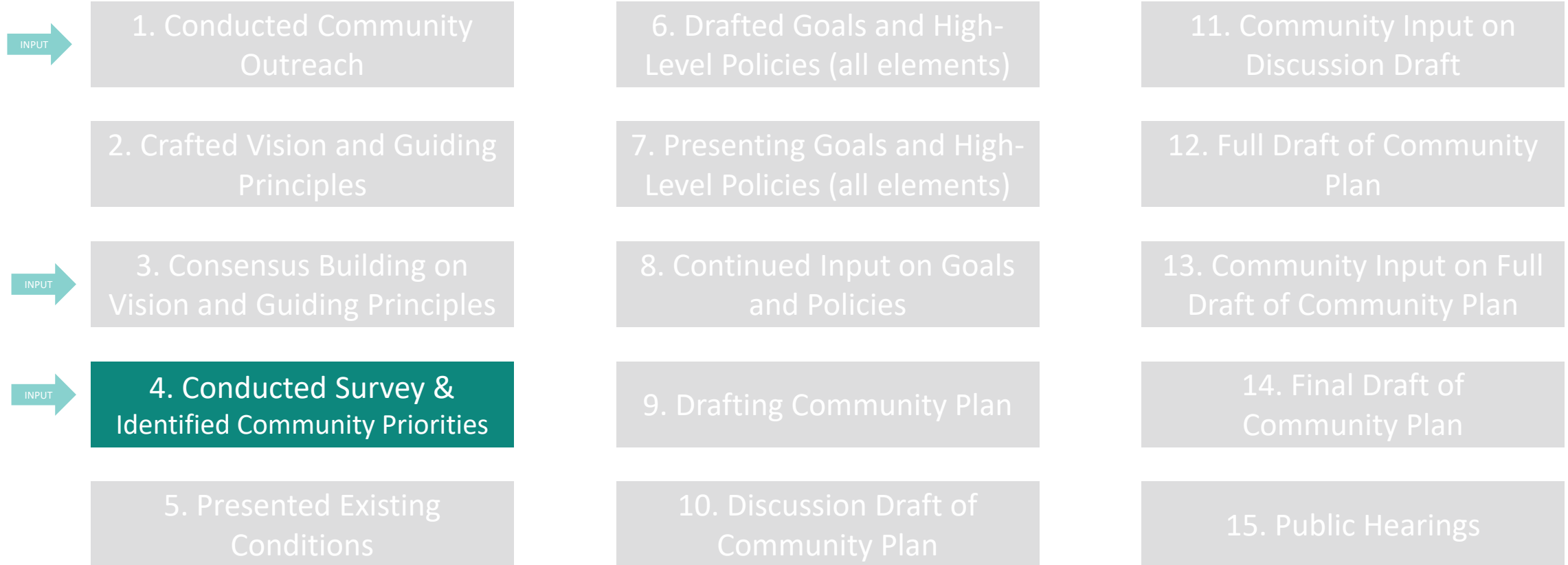
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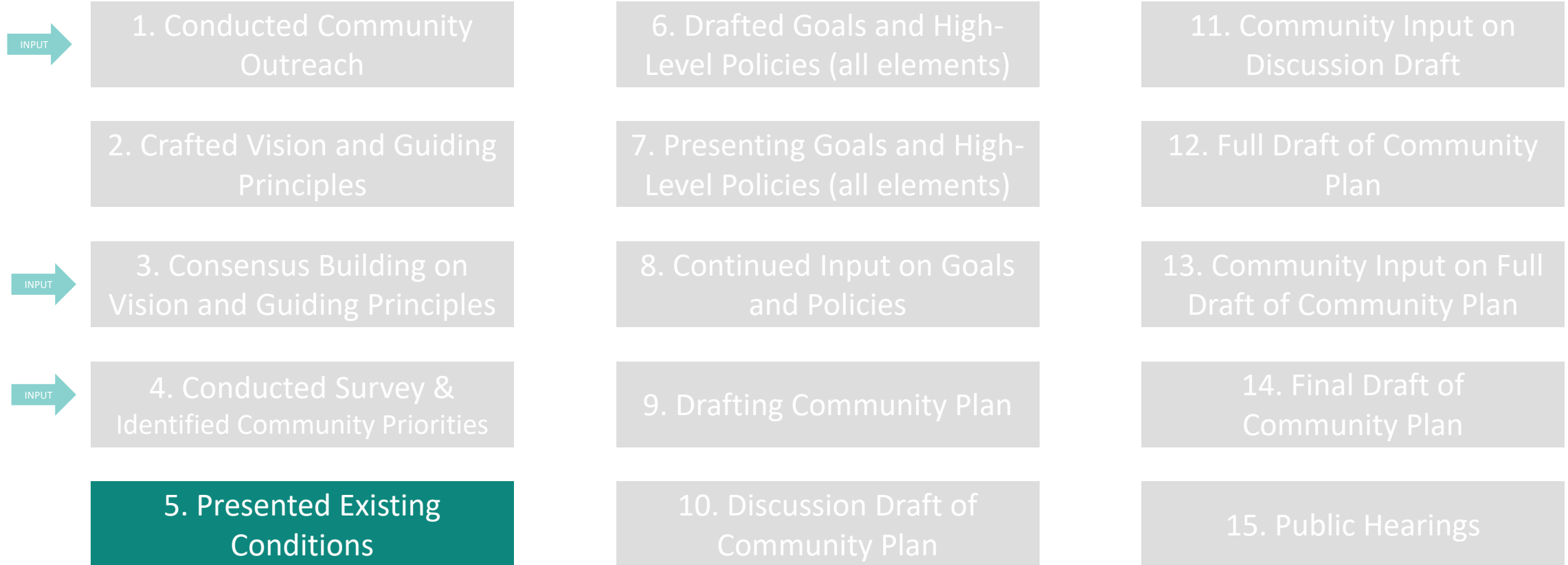
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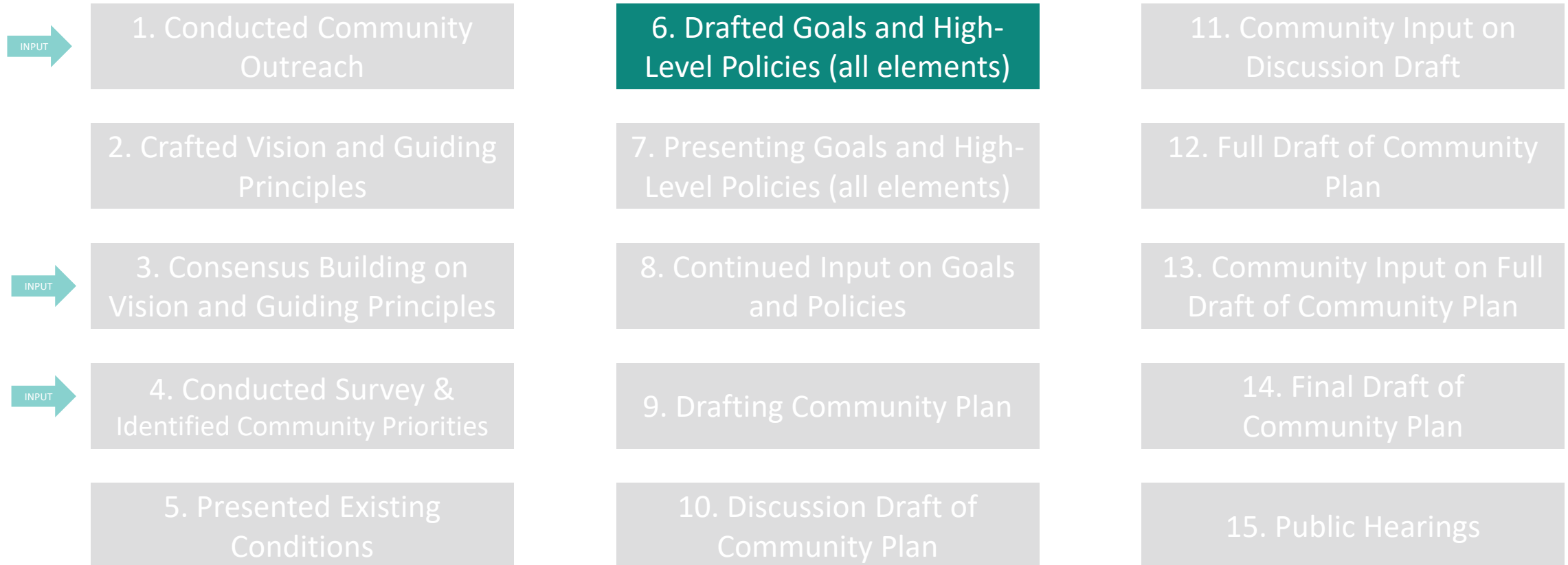


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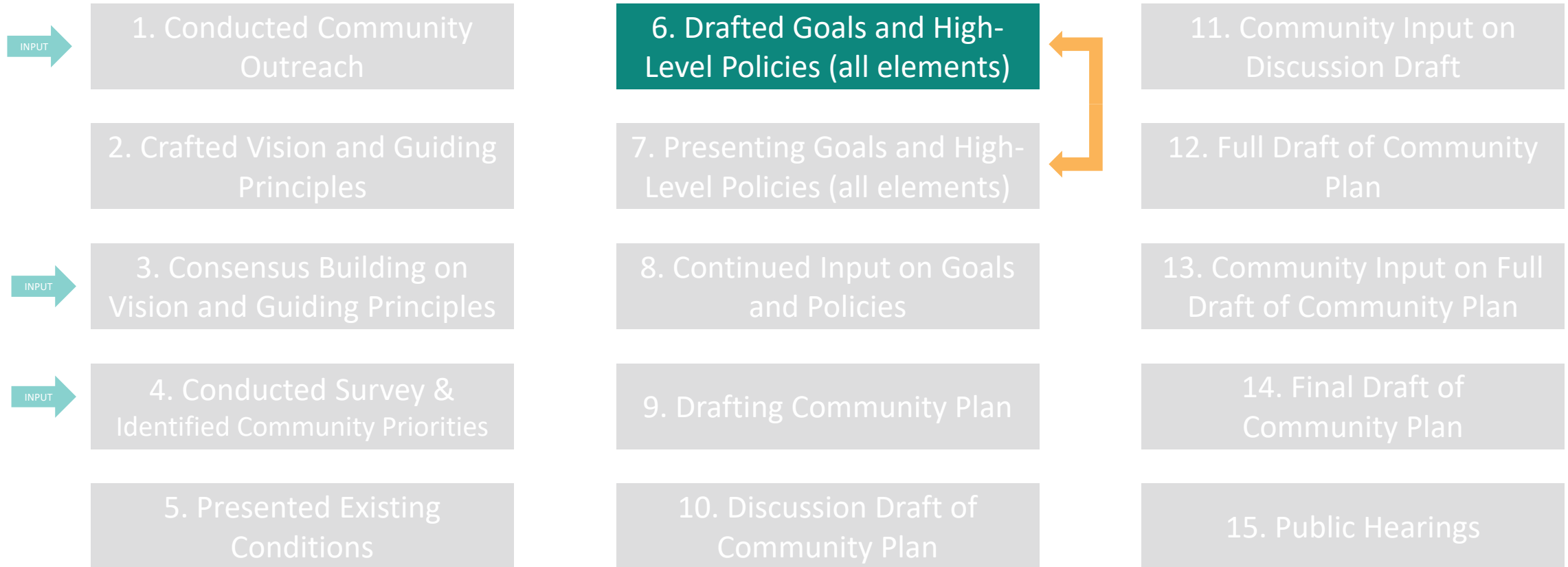




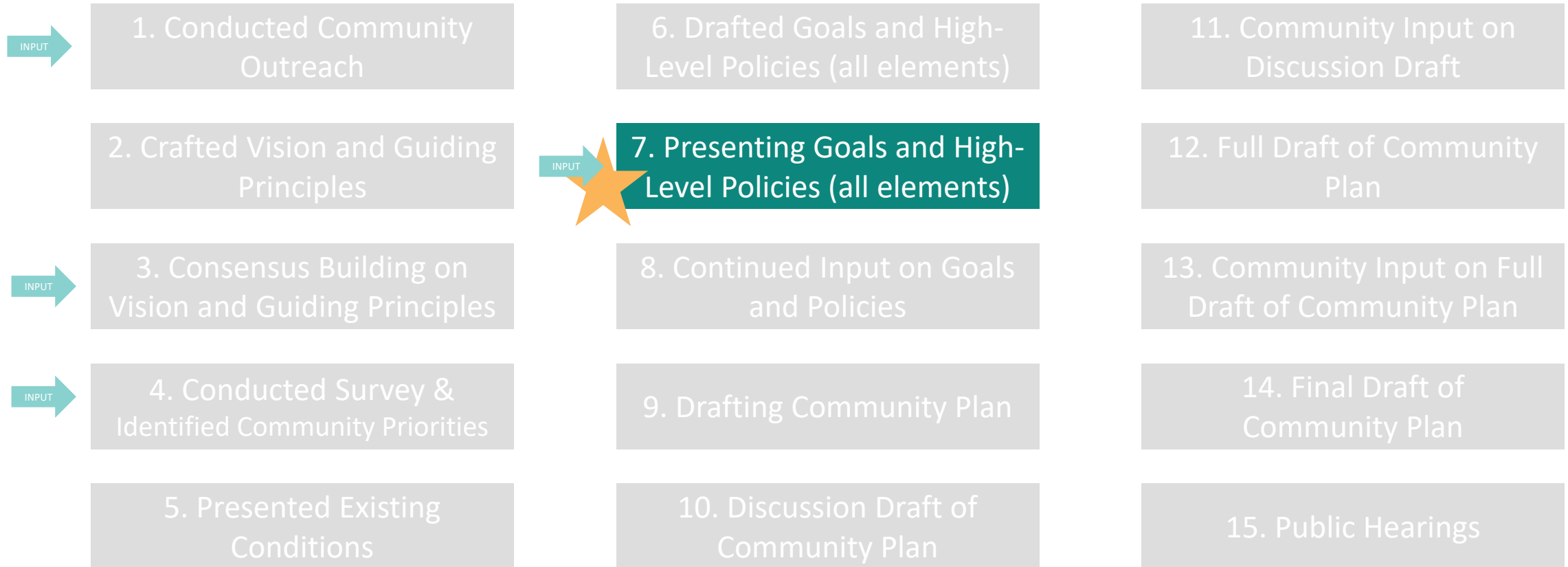
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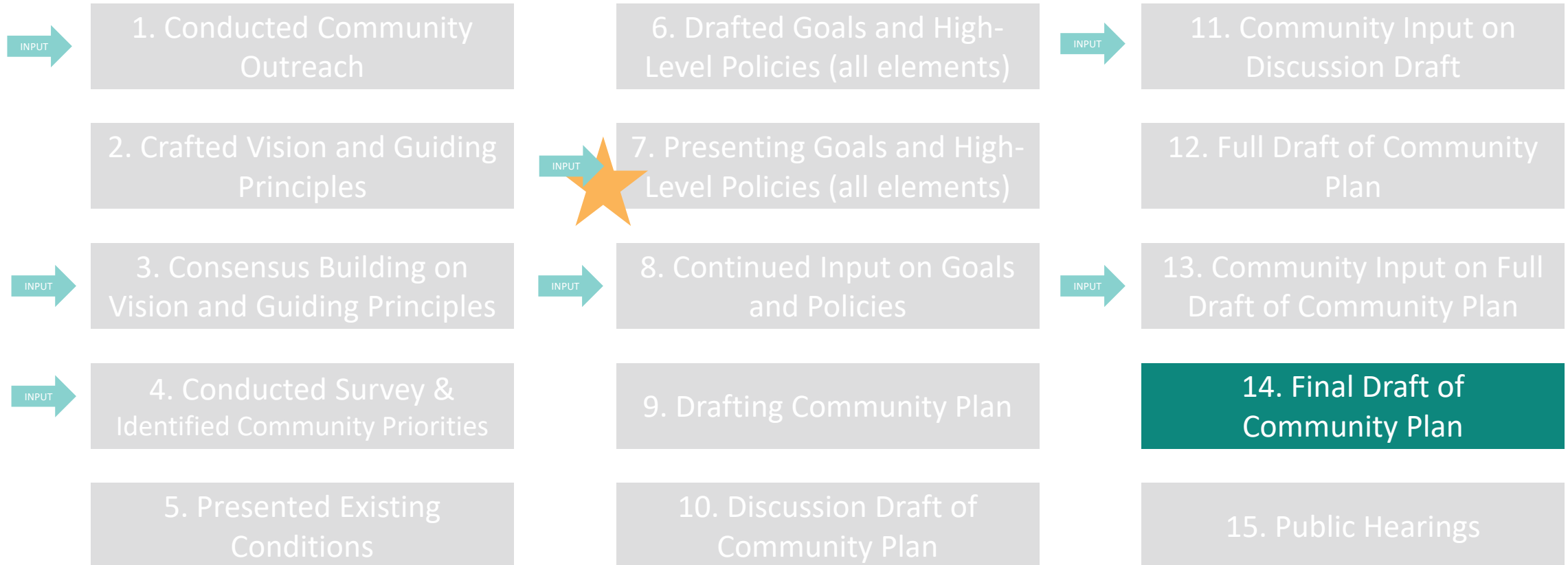


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# WRITING GOALS & POLICIES

Goals

Policies

- Focus on writing succinct language – keep it simple, but brief.
- Avoid writing too many goals and too few policies.
- Remember there are often multiple policies under one goal.

# WHAT IS A GOAL?

## Goals

**Goals** are general statements of desired outcomes of the community.\*

**Example #1:** *Vibrant commercial districts with a unique, local ambiance that attracts visitors.*

**Example #2:** *Improved access to transit stations by providing first/last mile infrastructure improvements for people who walk, bike, ride scooters, or use other shared mobility.*



# WHAT IS A POLICY?

## Policies

**Policies** are specific statements with a call to action to achieve the desired goals.

**Example #1:** *Establish an integrated public realm framework of connected sidewalks, urban pathways, paseos, and other multimodal connections.*

**Example #2:** *Support and encourage collaboration between businesses to incorporate community circulators, micro-transit, or other fixed route or on-demand transit options.*

# GROUND RULES FOR BUILDING CONSENSUS

- Respect others and their opinions.
- There is no such thing as winners or losers in these discussions.
- Everyone will be offered an opportunity to add comments, offer concerns, and make suggestions.
- Everyone must allow the person commenting to complete his or her thoughts, without interruption, but please keep your comments as brief and concise as possible.
- Personally criticizing others for their opinions will not be allowed.
- If a person raises an issue, then a potential solution must also be given.
- Everyone should focus on completing the task at hand.





# OPEN SPACE & CONSERVATION DRAFT GOALS



An open space system that preserves canyonlands, habitat, and sensitive biological resources.

Healthy and resilient development patterns that preserve natural landforms, public and private open spaces, wildlife linkages, sensitive habitat, and natural drainage systems.



Sustainable design that reduces emissions and dependency on non-renewable energy sources, makes efficient use of local resources, and incorporates sustainable storm-water management.

A system of sensitively designed open space trails linking pedestrians and bicyclists to parks, schools and major activity centers through connected paths and bikeways.

A sustainable and efficient land use pattern and mobility system that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and motorized vehicle trips.





# OPEN SPACE & CONSERVATION DRAFT POLICIES



Ensure that new development is consistent with General Plan, Community Plan sustainability policies, and supports implementation of the Climate Action Plan.



Design structures and landscaping with appropriate defensible space between open space and urban areas.

Encourage sensitive design, construction, and maintenance of trails to optimize public access and resource conservation.

Re-vegetate graded areas and areas of invasive vegetation with native vegetation to restore biological diversity and minimize erosion and soil instability.

Support canyon habitat restoration efforts and  
invasive species removal.