CITY OF **FOWLER GENERAL PLAN** UPDATE
WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

You Are Invited:

City Council Workshop: Community Report, Key Issues, and Vision

WHAT IS A GENERAL PLAN?

The State of California requires that all cities adopt a General Plan. A General Plan is an overarching policy document that guides city actions, like a blueprint for a city. It addresses issues that impact the entire city, such as how land is used, where buildings are built, the locations of roads and parks, safety, noise, and more. All city plans, zoning, and private development must be consistent with the diagrams and policies in the General Plan.

WORKSHOP PURPOSE:

The City and consultants have been gathering community input and documenting existing conditions in the community to develop the documents that will be presented at the community workshop. These documents include a Community Report, Stakeholder Feedback Summary, Key Issues Report and draft Community Vision. These documents will be presented to the City Council and the public at the November 5th workshop.

These documents were previously presented to the Planning Commission at a public workshop held on October 3rd. A summary of comments received at the previous workshop will be presented. There will also be an opportunity for the public to provide comments for consideration by the City Council.

WHY IS THE WORKSHOP IMPORTANT?

The Community Vision will set the stage for how the General Plan is revised during this update process. Attending the workshop is an opportunity to provide your input and let your voice be heard.
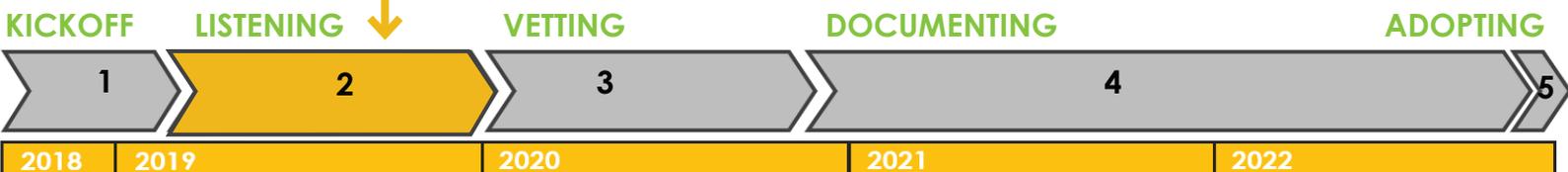
HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED?

Attend the workshop! Documents will also be available on the website one week prior to the workshop and available for review at City Hall.

WHEN & WHERE:
NOVEMBER 5TH, 2019 @ 5:30 PM 128 S. 5TH STREET FOWLER CA 93625

PROJECT MILESTONES

● **City Council November 5th Workshop: Community Report, Key Issues, & Vision**

KICKOFF	LISTENING	VETTING	DOCUMENTING	ADOPTING
1	2	3	4	5
2018	2019	2020	2021	2022

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY IS THE CITY UPDATING ITS GENERAL PLAN?

The City of Fowler adopted its first General Plan in 1976. The city has grown and changed significantly in the last 30+ years. The city has made updates to certain parts of the General Plan, including an update to the Land Use, Circulation, and Economic Development elements in 2009. However, the City has not looked at updating the entire General Plan at the same time. Additionally, new laws affecting General Plans have been passed, new social and environmental issues have emerged, and new planning strategies and practices have been developed.

This General Plan update looks ahead to the year 2040, making adjustments based on current issues and emergent trends, and positioning the City of Fowler for the next 20 years. The update also brings the General Plan into compliance with new laws related to climate adaptation, complete streets, and floodplains.

The City of Fowler is committed to engaging community members, City staff, and decision-makers to produce an updated General Plan that is up-to-date, reflective of the community's values and vision for the future, clear and flexible, and fiscally viable.

WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?

The City of Fowler is committed to involving the community in the planning process. The General Plan update process provides all residents and businesses the chance to help guide the future of Fowler. A successful General Plan will reflect the community's vision and priorities, and we believe that your voice is vital to producing a plan that will reflect your vision for the City's future. We need your input to make this process a success!

HOW WILL MY FEEDBACK BY USED?

At each public meeting, community input is carefully recorded and aggregated to ensure that City planners and decision-makers have a full understanding of public opinion when drafting, reviewing, and approving General Plan goals and policies. Public feedback will be considered throughout the process

HOW CAN I STAY INFORMED?

Visit the project website **(fowler.org/general-plan-update)** to view the dates of upcoming meetings and community events, see reports, and review draft documents.