



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 10/05/2021

**Minutes of the Special Joint Study Session of the Town Council and Planning
Commission
September 20, 2021**

The Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a special meeting via Teleconference via COVID-19 Shelter in Place Guidelines on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. to hold a Joint Town Council and Planning Commission Study Session.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Mayor Marico Sayoc, Vice Mayor Rob Rennie, Council Member Mary Badame, Council Member Matthew Hudes, Council Member Maria Ristow. (All participating remotely).

Absent: None

Planning Commissioners Present: Chair Kathryn Janoff, Vice Chair Kendra Burch, Commissioner Jeffrey Barnett, Commissioner Melanie Hanssen, Commissioner Jeffrey Suzuki and Commissioner Emily Thomas (joined at 5:44 p.m.). (All participating remotely).

Absent: Commissioner Reza Tavana.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Dashiell Leeds

- Commented in support of including plant-based diet ideas in the General Plan.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Joint Town Council and Planning Commission Study Session regarding the Draft 2040 General Plan.

Jennifer Armer, Interim Planning Manager, presented the staff report.

Opened Public Comment.

Lisa Wade, Plant-Based Advocates

- Commented in support of including a plant-based education program in the General Plan.

Lee Quintana

- Commented that the General Plan is not specific enough and inquired if the Housing Element, General Plan, and Objective Standards work could move forward together to form a more cohesive document.

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Other Business Item #1 – continued

Felix Sterling (FL)

- Requested the Town reject the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) number due to safety and Town character concerns; inquired if the General Plan could have a time horizon of 4 to 8 years.

Rob Moore

- Commented the General Plan can be used as a tool to bring the community together and help overcome systemic barriers.

Deborah Parsons, Plant-Based Advocates

- Commented in support of including a plant-based education program in the General Plan.

LVM Parent

- Requested the Town reject the State assigned RHNA number due to fire safety and traffic concerns.

DMAC (Barbara)

- Requested additional community outreach regarding the General Plan Update and the Town reject the State assigned RHNA number due to fire safety and traffic concerns.

Jack Van Nada, Los Gatos Community Alliance

- Commented his written public comment that was submitted prior to 11 a.m. to staff was not published in the agenda packet.

Susan Burnett

- Requested the Historic Preservation Element guidelines be amended to address any primary structure constructed pre-1961.

Lani Harr

- Requested the Town reject the State assigned RHNA number due to fire safety and traffic concerns.

Ying

- Commented on her experience of feeling welcome in Town; requested additional community outreach regarding the General Plan Update; and inquired why the Town proposed to increase the housing units beyond the State requirement.

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Lee Fagot

- Requested additional community outreach regarding the General Plan Update; commented that the Town decrease the proposed number of housing units and amend the Draft General Plan to allow iterations of the Housing Element be part of an 8-year review within the 20-year plan.

Yanyi He

- Requested additional community outreach regarding the General Plan Update and the Town reject the State assigned RHNA number due to fire safety and traffic concerns.

Vivian Tan

- Commented that increasing housing units will lower demand and the increase in housing will not attract younger generations.

Ellen Lee

- Commented on concerns regarding increasing housing.

Janice Carter

- Requested additional community outreach regarding the General Plan Update and the Town reject the State assigned RHNA number.

Roy Moses

- Requested additional community outreach regarding the General Plan Update and commented on concerns regarding increasing housing.

Debbie

- Requested the Council address potential traffic increases and infrastructure concerns.

James Lyon

- Commented that 20 years for the General Plan is too long and that traffic, parking, safety issues, land use, and housing are not adequately addressed.

Suzanne Daley

- Commented that increasing housing will change the character of the Town.

Rachel Black

- Requested additional community outreach regarding the General Plan Update and commented on concerns regarding increasing housing.

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Closed Public Comment.

Town Council and the Planning Commission discussed the information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Jenna De Long, Deputy Clerk