

CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
COUNCIL POLICY

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SUBJECT: COMMUNITY PLANNERS COMMITTEE
POLICY NO.: 600-09
EFFECTIVE DATE: September 21, 2022

BACKGROUND:

The Community Planners Committee (CPC) is an independent organization voluntarily created and operated by 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.

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 over time. It presented 10 elements that provide a comprehensive “blueprint” for the City of San Diego’s growth over the next 20-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.

This Council believes that the involvement of community members in City planning, implementation, and prioritization ensures that the City can prepare for the growth outlined above and that the City will be prosperous, healthy, safe, inclusive, and equitable. The City Council established Policy 600-24 in 1976 to encourage and support the formation of community planning groups (CPGs).

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Policy is to recognize the CPC as an independent 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 may consider, but is not bound to follow, the advisory recommendations of the CPC.

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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 CPGs recognized under City Council Policy 600-24.
2. The CPC is independent of recognized CPGs 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 encouraged to keep 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 responsible solely 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 is encouraged to 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

Amended by Resolution R-314336 – 09-21-2022