PARTICIPANTS

A General Plan community meeting was held on December 14th, 2015 as part of an early outreach effort to help inform the Boys and Men of Color community about the upcoming General Plan update and to identify ways the community perceives the City of Santa Ana today and in the future. A total of 15 participants were in attendance including residents, local stakeholders, and neighborhood association leaders. Participants were greeted by staff who presented a sign-in sheet and a citywide map where participants were asked to place a colored dot on the map representing their respective residence or place of business. Individuals were also provided a copy of an “important topics” survey to complete in preparation for the workshop discussions.

MEETING FORMAT

Following a brief introduction to the basic elements of the General Plan and its role in setting the VISION for the future, attendees participated in a small group discussions related to two items of conversation:

1) What are three topics are the most important to you in Santa Ana?
2) Tell us more about each of these topics.

Individual group discussions included a staff facilitator and scribe who transferred ideas onto a flip chart. All members were asked to participate in the smaller discussions. One participant at each table was later selected to represent the group as part of the next exercise which involved reporting out to the larger audience. Through a series of small presentations, each group leader reported out their findings based on the smaller discussions.

The following pages are a transcript of these group discussions and written comments submitted separately from group discussions.
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

GROUP 1:

- **Arts & Culture** – Culture is meaningful must be preserved
- **Health & Sustainability** - Access to healthy foods and open space, Urban agriculture, Support social healthcare enrollment with City involvement, Education of healthy alternatives
- **Housing & Neighborhoods** - Investing to improve poor housing, Increasing unit size for larger families, Use infrastructure to address density, Stable rents especially at Minnie Street and Evergreen Street, For cause evictions, Maintain livable housing units with code compliance and enforcement
- **Human Service & Social Justice** - Abuse of Police Department, School police working with community intervention workers, Use positive motivation with police power moving away from suppressive use of baton tools which result in poor youth interactions
- **Mobility** - Buses (specifically Latino-owned) being pushed out
- **Youth Development** - Youth programs to push towards workforce development, Skills and internships needed to succeed, Transformative space and funding resources, Expanding learning centers and library partnerships with schools, CIM (Comprehensive Intervention Model) role in expansion of K-12 partnerships, Re-entry support options and successful integration, Identify mental health challenges

GROUP 2:

- **Community Facilities & Programs** – Communication, Shelter purpose, Tell community, Extra challenges to those with economic disadvantages, Equity
- **Community Safety** - Public safety, Free from false labels or criminal association, Exposure to violence, Police brutality, Build trust with community and lower income neighborhoods, Santa Ana Police Department community relationships, treat public respectfully
- **Health & Sustainability** - Observe level of resources
- **Human Service & Social Justice** - Citywide election policy change to districts, How to get voters out to participate, Apathy, Historical inequalities such as poverty and racism
- **Mobility** - Parks and open space for active transportation and bike ability, Safety, Educate drivers and enforce respect for pedestrians
- **Youth Development** – Education, Quality of teachers, Difficulty for non-English speaking students and why some perform better than others, Lottery, Need to find out best practice for success and workforce with educational needs
GROUP 3: (Spanish translation)

- **Housing & Neighborhoods** - Economically affordable housing, Accessible homes for low income families, Rent control so only a single family can live in a home, Reduce density, crime and vandalism, Homeless in Civic Center, Housing and resources to give homeless options, Dangerous conditions, Resources so they can have options
- **Human Service & Social Justice** - Undocumented persons should integrate their voice to politics and voice their opinions, Fear of being deported
- **Mobility** – Pedestrian and children safety, More police to enforce driving laws
- **Youth Development** - Quality of education and health in the education system, Healthy food, Preparation for college and tech schools, Training

GROUP 4:

- **Business & Economic Development** – Gentrification, Locals being pushed out, Investments that benefit low-income families, Focus on economic opportunity for Santa Ana’s low-income residents, Attracting and retaining businesses, Economic development focused on growing base of small businesses, Nexus between economic and affordable housing, Focus on economic development that does more than grow tax base, Clear access and connection between new jobs and local residences, Increase access to job training for new employment options, Tap into local skill set, Impacts on Santa Ana should be distributed regionally, Santa Ana Business Council (SABC) and small business groups, Business retention, Moved 3 times in last ten years, Property value due to lack of tax incentives to stay, Expedited permitting, Vacancies of 2nd Floor are typically offices, Space is still expensive, Tough to start on the 2nd floor, Lack of traffic, Plans require permits, Not a good reputation for business startup, 6-8 week turnaround time too long and affects the entire economic system, Need to see the process in action, Not one size fits all approach, Smaller business permit in process, Eliminate business license
- **Community Safety** - More community involvement
- **Health & Sustainability** - Healthcare expansion for elective services make the medical industry more sustainable, Include natural gas in transit and infrastructure, More power failures here than in other locations, Challenges with power, Clean and consistent, Large installations to fit power demand
- **Housing & Neighborhoods** - Housing options for very low-income, Protect wage standards and keep wages up to standards of living, Proactive solutions on homeless, Affordable housing as City priority, Rezoning predictability, Reach out to the needs of predicted development and understand what uses are needed, What is the needed type of infrastructure?, Housing questions should be considered, Rightsizing the housing, Units are too small, Consider the results of increased housing and the cost of industrial land conversion, New teachers can’t afford to live anywhere, Transit isn’t cheap,
Expensive to move, Need more places to live and work, Staff housing from Santa Ana Unified School District, Still need to have mobility for more distance, Can’t get from schools to other residential locations

- Mobility - Parking
- Human Service & Social Justice - Eliminating corruption in Santa Ana City government, More inclusive public policy decision making, Address differential treatment of residences based on their class, race or special needs

ADDITIONAL SURVEY COMMENTS

- Community Facilities & Programs - Woman wellness center is needed for women of all ages to have a place that is not male dominated that they can use to relax and learn dance and martial art skills, More street events to bring community together
- Community Safety - Gang injunctions do not help our communities instead it separates and harms our families, Communities need prevention and intervention programs but not more police in the neighborhoods as that brings more fear because of police distrust
- Human Service & Social Justice - Pulling funds from the Police Department or at a bare minimum putting a cap on the current City budget for the Police Department