



# PROP 402 PLAN TUCSON

## CITY OF TUCSON GENERAL & SUSTAINABILITY PLAN 2013

### Summary

Arizona law requires municipalities to have a general plan that is approved by voters. Plan Tucson: City of Tucson General & Sustainability Plan is the proposed new general plan for the City of Tucson. A general plan is a long-term policy document intended to provide a vision and future direction for the City in areas such as economic development, housing, water, historic preservation, transportation, and land use. Plan Tucson was created through the involvement of many Tucson residents. If ratified by voters, Plan Tucson would replace the City's existing General Plan that was approved by the Mayor and Council and adopted by voters in 2001.

### Fast Facts

- Plan Tucson does not provide for any tax increase.
- Plan Tucson was produced based on public input during a two year process.
- Plan Tucson covers four general topics; the Social Environment, the Economic Environment, the Natural Environment, and the Built Environment.
- Plan Tucson is a policy document intended to provide general guidance for the City's actions and allocation of resources.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:** Will approval of Plan Tucson raise taxes or change my zoning?

**Answer:** No, Plan Tucson is a policy document. It does not raise taxes or change zoning.

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**Question:** Why is the City of Tucson presenting a General Plan to the voters?

**Answer:** The City current general plan was approved by the Mayor and Council and adopted by voters in 2001. Arizona law requires that every 10 years the Mayor and Council either readopt the existing general plan or adopt a new general plan, and present the new or readopted general plan for voter approval. In 2010, the State Legislature extended the ten-year deadline to prepare an updated plan to July 1, 2015.

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**Question:** Who prepared Plan Tucson and what was the process?

**Answer:** Plan Tucson was prepared through a public participation program conducted over a two year period with a total of 64 public meetings attended by members of the public and representatives of neighborhoods, businesses, non-governmental organizations, and government agencies. Over 800 comments were submitted for consideration in the final document. The Mayor and Council unanimously adopted the Plan on July 9, 2013, and referred to the November 5, 2013 ballot for voter ratification.



**Question:** What is included in Plan Tucson?

**Answer:** Plan Tucson identifies 20 elements organized within four categories to describe the future direction of the city. Some elements are required by law, while others have been included based upon community input throughout the public process. The elements include:



#### THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

- Housing
- Public Safety
- Parks & Recreation
- Arts & Culture
- Public Health
- Urban Agriculture,
- Education
- Governance & Participation



#### THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- Energy & Climate Readiness
- Water Resources
- Green Infrastructure
- Environmental Quality



#### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- Historic Preservation
- Public Infrastructure, Facilities & Cost of Development
- Redevelopment & Revitalization
- Land Use, Transportation & Urban Design



#### THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

- Jobs & Workforce Development
- Business Climate
- Regional & Global Positioning
- Tourism & Quality of Life

**Question:** How can I view a copy of Plan Tucson?

**Answer:** You may view a copy of Plan Tucson on the Plan Tucson website at [www.tucsonaz.gov/plantucson](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/plantucson). To view a printed copy of Plan Tucson, visit: the 9th floor at City Hall at 255 W. Alameda St.; any Pima County Library within the Tucson metro area (map at [www.library.pima.gov/locations/maptucson.pdf](http://www.library.pima.gov/locations/maptucson.pdf)); or any Ward Office.

**Question:** If Plan Tucson is approved by the voters, how will it be used?

**Answer:** The City will use Plan Tucson to guide decisions on development applications such as rezonings. In addition, the policies in Plan Tucson will provide the broad framework to guide City ordinances, regulations, neighborhood plans, and other future plans. Plan Tucson includes an illustrative map of a Future Growth Scenario for Tucson, which reflects Plan Tucson policies promoting sustainable approaches to growth, including focusing on use of existing infrastructure, fostering more transportation alternatives, and encouraging more mixed-use development.

Plan Tucson is intended to serve as a framework that links planning efforts to City actions and the allocation of resources, providing accountability through tracking of progress toward Plan Tucson policies and goals. Plan Tucson will also be used to foster greater communication across City departments and with the public about the relationship of land use to other community elements – such as economic development, public health, energy use, transportation – in creating a sustainable city.

**Question:** What happens if the voters do not approve Plan Tucson?

**Answer:** As provided by State law, if Plan Tucson is not approved by the voters, the 2001 General Plan will remain in effect until either a revised or new general plan is resubmitted to the voters and approved.