

Community Development Department

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The City of Tempe is now looking forward to 2040 and a new General Plan. The General Plan is the overarching policy document for the City of Tempe. It holds the community's vision for the future and is an expression of how the community wants to grow over the next 30 years. Over the next year Tempe will take a fresh look at its General Plan.

We are in the process of creating the schedule for public meetings and formalizing the public involvement plan, which will give you many opportunities to give us your thoughts. Tempe is forming a Community Working Group as one element to ensure a broad and diverse representation of community engagement during development of the General Plan 2040. The Community Working group should include people who are residents, business owners, young and old, that bring diverse skills for working in a group and to represent all parts of the Tempe community. The Community Working Group will advise the staff during the development of the General Plan.

Formation of the General Plan 2040 Community Working Group (CWG):

This is an opportunity for you to participate in planning the city's future. It will involve attending monthly Community Working Group meetings from November 2012 through May 2013 and attending community open house meetings. While participating you are expected to talk with your friends, neighbors and co-workers about the General Plan so that many voices can be channeled through your representation. Some of the specific city Boards and Commissions will have representatives on the CWG, and there will also be community members selected at-large that may or may not have previously participated in civic activities. We expect the group to include 15 members; with 14 At-Large Representatives, and one designated Chairperson.

Means of reaching the community include:

- Briefing the Board and Commissions to encourage members to apply
- Press release about the formation and applications
- Twitter, Facebook and City Website announcements
- List serve notification through the Neighborhood Services division
- Posters at City facilities
- Word of mouth – ask your friends and neighbors to apply

September 7 through October 15 the City Clerk will accept applications.

An application to participate on the General Plan 2040 CWG is attached. Mayor and Council will formally appoint the members of the Community Working Group after reviewing the applications. Consideration will be given for Tempe residents and Tempe businesses as well as representation within all Tempe zip codes. The number of CWG representatives could expand by up to four members to ensure there is geographic representation and participation from Boards and Commissions.

If you have questions about the CWG, please contact Nancy Ryan at 480-350-8096 or at nancy_ryan@tempe.gov.