General Plan Update Community Workshop

Maricopa, AZ, February 19, 2025 – The City of Maricopa is kicking off the public outreach phase of the <u>Advancing Maricopa General Plan Update</u> with a community workshop on Thursday, March 6, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the Maricopa Library & Cultural Center. Residents, landowners, business owners, and stakeholders are invited to attend and share their ideas on how Maricopa should grow and develop in the years to come.

This workshop will provide an overview of the overall General Plan Update process and offer opportunities for residents to share their ideas, concerns, and priorities of where the community stands today and where it strives to be in the future. Knowing that not everyone will be able to attend the community workshop in person, <u>virtual engagement opportunities</u> will be available to the public to share their input throughout the duration of the update process.

Why is This Update to The General Plan Important?

This update will provide a comprehensive blueprint to guide the city's growth and development over the next 10-20 years. State law requires that all municipalities in Arizona have a general plan, and voters must update and ratify these plans every ten years. Voters last ratified the city's current General Plan, *Planning Maricopa*, in 2016, so the city is starting its update process now to prepare for 2026. The update to the city's General Plan aims to reflect the evolving needs and aspirations of the community, ensuring strategic development that builds upon and furthers the high quality of life in Maricopa.

Key Objectives of the General Plan Update:

- Community Engagement:
 - Actively and transparently involving residents and businesses in the planning process through community workshops, surveys, and other outreach efforts to gather valuable input and feedback.
- Economic Growth:
 - Fostering a vibrant local economy by supporting businesses, attracting greater investments, and creating new job opportunities.
- Infrastructure Improvement:
 - Enhancing transportation, utilities, and public services to support the city's expanding population and future needs.
- Contextual Development:
 - Promoting growth practices that allow for new economic development opportunities while considerately balancing the preservation of natural resources and environmental hazards.

To learn more about the *Advancing Maricopa* General Plan Update and how to participate, please visit the General Plan Update website at www.MaricopaGP.com.

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