

NEIGHBORHOOD POLICIES

1. **Goal:** A series of strong neighborhoods, each with a unique identity, locally-relevant policies, an array of necessary services and facilities, and a strong sense of community.
 - 1.1. **Objective:** Neighborhood Plans for each of the City's identified neighborhoods that offer detailed analysis of constraints and opportunities within each neighborhood to address critical infrastructure and service deficiencies, community-specific issues, valued neighborhood assets, land use potentials, and similar considerations.
 - 1.1.1. **Policy:** The City supports the development of Neighborhood Plans and recognizes their value in the planning process.
 - 1.1.1.1. **Program:** The City will provide or pursue adequate funding and staffing for the development and maintenance of Neighborhood Plans. The order of plan development shall be based on the priorities and direction of the City Council.
 - 1.1.2. **Policy:** The adopted Neighborhood Plans will be considered to be a direct extension of the General Plan and will have the same effect and authority.
 - 1.2. **Objective:** Localized Neighborhood Centers that provide a full array of commercial, recreational, cultural, transit and employment opportunities.
 - 1.2.1. **Policy:** The City supports appropriate zoning limitations and similar efforts to establish viable, productive, and community-serving Neighborhood Centers.
 - 1.2.1.1. **Program:** When developing Neighborhood Plans, the City will include permanent zoning and land use standards to more specifically regulate land uses to ensure that Neighborhood Centers are retained as valuable, community-serving, resources. Regional uses and those not intended to serve the immediate neighborhood may be excluded.
 - 1.2.1.2. **Program:** The City will develop interim zoning and land use standards for identified Neighborhood Centers within 12 months of adoption of the General Plan.
 - 1.2.2. **Policy:** The City will use all authority, including but not limited to the Development Code, to exclude incompatible uses from Neighborhood Centers, such as those uses that are not neighborhood-serving,
 - 1.3. **Objective:** Active, engaged, and productive community or neighborhood associations within each of the City's identified neighborhoods, composed of area residents and representing the best interest of the neighborhood.

1.3.1. **Policy:** The City supports the formation, organization, and retention of community or neighborhood associations.

1.3.1.1. **Program:** The City will develop and offer a system of certification of community or neighborhood associations that will include, at minimum, the training of individuals or groups interested in establishing such associations. The training will ensure that the associations are conducted in a manner that is inclusive, ethical, legal, and consistent with the values of leadership in the City of Stockton.

1.3.1.2. **Program:** Community Centers or similar facilities will be made available, as feasible, for conducting meetings of organized community or neighborhood associations.

1.3.2. **Policy:** The City supports the individual efforts of community or neighborhood associations in making improvements to the neighborhood.

1.3.2.1. **Program:** The City will provide a staff liaison to each certified community or neighborhood association.

1.4. **Objective:** A Capital Improvement Program that integrates public input into development of the annual project list as a means of implementing Neighborhood Plans.

1.4.1. **Policy:** The City supports processes to solicit community input or project recommendations for the Capital Improvement Program and the dedication of resources to community-derived projects, as appropriate and feasible.

1.4.1.1. **Program:** City staff will develop, for City Council approval, a program that solicits and integrates community-derived projects into the annual Capital Improvement Program. The program will identify strategies for implementation and outreach, criteria for selection of individual projects, and funding resources and commitments.