

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT **La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Update 2030**

Input Received at Community Workshop, May 10, 2007

The following draft vision statement was created by incorporating key assets identified by the GPAC, as well as by incorporating portions of, and/or the intent from, various vision statements from GPAC members. Following are suggestions made by the public at the May 10, 2007 Community Workshop.

In 2030, La Cañada Flintridge is a desirable community that has retained its quiet, safe, small town feeling and semi-rural, predominantly single-family character amid the beauty of its natural open spaces, trails, trees, parks, and stunning mountain views. Neighborhoods and homes are well maintained, with rich landscaping and diverse housing styles that are in scale with their neighborhoods. The downtown is vibrant, attractive, and modern, and caters to the city's residents with upscale shopping, excellent dining establishments, and local serving businesses, within a walkable, pedestrian scale village atmosphere. New affordable housing opportunities for senior citizens and young families are provided within mixed-use developments that are close to businesses, health care services, community and recreational facilities, and transit. Friendly, caring, and involved citizens of all ages share a commitment to their community and to each other. Premier schools continue to achieve the highest academic standards in up-to-date facilities, and opportunities exist for teens and pre-teens to be active and involved. The city is run efficiently and maintains positive, effective relationships with neighboring cities and regional and state agencies to cooperatively address and resolve regional issues, such as air quality, traffic, and noise.

Draft Vision Statement should be revised to include and/or reflect:

- The importance of co-existing with domestic animals and wildlife.
- Enhancement of Foothill Boulevard to make it more walkable/pedestrian friendly should not slow down traffic – emphasize walkability of blocks and areas rather than the entire street.
- La Cañada Flintridge is an equestrian community with an equestrian lifestyle.
- Vision statement should emphasize the uniqueness of La Cañada Flintridge as an equestrian community and the ability to keep domestic animals.
- Large lots are important to be able to maintain the equestrian lifestyle.
- Wildlife corridors – open space “isn’t just grass.”
- Part of the “Rim of the Valley” corridor.
- Replace *downtown* with *town* – *downtown* an “urban” connotation.
- Replace *upscale* with *quality*.
- Bus system in community is valuable; it supports for students and families