



Draft City Council Strategic Plan 2016—2021

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Goal One

Increase Civic Engagement

Establish a comprehensive community engagement initiative to expand access to information and create opportunities for stakeholders to play an active role in discussing public policy and setting priorities.

Objective 1: Increase Community Participation with and in City Government

Initiatives:

- a. Review the Citywide Communications Assessment for recommendations to modernize community outreach and potentially allocate new resources towards the City's communications effort.
- b. Create a Culver City Unified School District/City Youth Shared Resource Page on the City's website to promote community service opportunities for youth.
- c. Create City Council-appointed Citizen Advisory Task Forces out of community issue meetings. Task Forces will meet and develop policy recommendations to staff and the City Council.

Objective 2: Increase Participation in the City's Nonprofit Organizations and Service Clubs

Initiatives:

- a. Post a Nonprofit and Service Club Directory on the City's website.
- b. Hold quarterly meetings with nonprofit organizations and service clubs to share information and coordinate activities.
- c. Establish a baseline measurement of the number of volunteers and volunteer hours and periodically reassess participation.
- d. Promote existing programs to increase resident and employee volunteer participation in nonprofit organization activities and boards.
- e. Work with Culver City's service clubs to establish a coordinated marketing campaign for membership.
- f. Create Culver City "Big Sunday" event.

- g. Request Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Committee create a Day of Service in conjunction with an MLK Day event.

Objective 3: Increase Voter Participation

Initiatives:

- a. Study Vote by Mail and Election consolidation.
- b. Evaluate the proposed legislative changes by the Secretary of State and their impact on voting in Culver City.
- c. Enhance Birdee's visibility through additional promotion via printed materials and social media.
- d. Create a Student Volunteer Program for voter registration.

Goal Indicators

- Number of members of the public who are reached.
- Number of users who access information on the City's website.
- Number of goal-related updates and recommendations to the City Council.
- Numbers of volunteers and number of volunteer hours worked.
- Number of attendees at City outreach meetings.
- Number of participants in City outreach activities.
- Number of registered voters, actual voters, and correlation with Birdee outreach.

Task Force

Yes

Community Meetings

Yes

Lead Departments

City Manager's Office
City Clerk's Office



Goal Two

Enhance the Restoration and Utilization of Ballona Creek

Conduct an in depth study and analysis of the Ballona Creek and Trail environs and issues and opportunities relating to recreation and beautification.

Objective 1: Make Ballona Creek More Walkable, Bikeable, and Connected to the City

Initiatives:

- a. Hire a consultant to prepare a Preliminary Ballona Creek Bike and Pedestrian Plan (Plan) in coordination with the City's General Plan Update efforts.
- b. Research the reclamation of the Ballona Creek right-of-way. Explore legal, political/jurisdictional, and financial implications.
- c. Work with adjacent property owners to create agreements to improve Ballona Creek's entry access points and other right-of-way improvements.
- d. Make improvements to Ballona Creek's right-of-way landscaping.
- e. Adopt the recommendations of the Plan as part of the General Plan update to the Circulation Element.
- f. Implement the Plan, including the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget.

Objective 2: Make Ballona Creek a Recreational Attraction

Initiatives:

- a. Identify and determine feasibility of potential Ballona Creek recreational improvements.
- b. Include Ballona Creek recreation improvements in the Culver City Recreational Master Plan and prepare cost estimates.
- c. Add a Recreational Element to the General Plan Update.
- d. Implement the Plan, including the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget.

Goal Indicators

- City Council authorization for development of the Plan in City Budget.
- Plan developed to enhance the Ballona Creek bicycle and pedestrian path.
 - City Council authorization to expend funds for legal, jurisdictional, and financial analysis.
 - Preliminary plan for entry access and landscaping design.
 - List of recreational amenities.
 - Cost estimates for improvements.
- City Council adoption of Resolution approving the Plan.

Task Force

Yes

Community Meetings

Yes

Lead Departments

Community Development
Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Public Works



Goal Three

Improve Transportation Circulation and Reduce Traffic Congestion

Bring together public and private sector expertise to better understand traffic impacts, reduce congestion, and provide a safer and more efficient transportation system.

Objective 1: Work Toward No Overall Growth in Average Daily Traffic (ADT) Citywide (Zero ADT Growth) while Enhancing Traffic Safety

Initiatives:

- a. Develop a methodology to estimate a total ADT for citywide traffic.
- b. Hire a consultant and perform ADT measurement.
- c. Revise the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program to incorporate the City's goal of no ADT growth and evaluate potential incentive programs.
- d. Hire a consultant to create a robust TDM program and grow local business support for it.
- e. Identify any bicycle and pedestrian barriers in the implementation of the TDM program.
- f. Develop a program to encourage residents to reduce trips by ridesharing and other alternative forms of transportation.
- g. Research and develop alternative transportation programs, such as on-demand fixed route busses; subsidized private ride sharing; a pool for discounted TAP cards; or a program of parking credits to allow less required parking, if the cost savings are allocated to TAP cards offered to a percentage of commercial building tenants.
- h. Evaluate the Vision Zero initiative and other programs, policies, or initiatives that prioritize transportation safety and pursue the elimination of death and severe injury crashes on our roadways.

Goal Indicators

- City Council authorization to expend funds and City Council approval of the ADT Measurement Method Development contract.
- Development and City Council approval of the ADT Measurement Method.

- City Council authorization to fund a consultant contract to study the development of more robust TDM program and zoning measures for reduced parking as a credit against providing a percentage of TAP cards to commercial project tenants.
- City Council adoption of a resolution approving the TDM Program, including a list of identified barriers to bicyclist and pedestrian use of the public right-of-way.
- Annual ADT Measurement.
- Percent of total businesses expressing commitment and buy-in to the TDM Program.
- Research and evaluation of available ridership data and costs for each potential alternative transportation program.

Task Force

Yes

Community Meetings

Yes

Lead Departments

Community Development
Public Works
Transportation



Goal Four

Promote Workforce Diversity and Development

Conduct and expand outreach to a broader range of individuals to increase employee diversity. Employ creative recruitment techniques and further promote diversity within the City's organizational culture.

Objective 1: Advance Workforce Development and Succession Planning

Initiatives:

- a. Engage local high school students in meaningful work assignments that will stimulate an interest in future career opportunities with the City, utilizing social media to market current City programs (i.e. Student Worker Program, Police Explorer Program, Teen Citizen Academy, and Fire Department Mentorship)
- b. Continue participation in President Obama's "My Brother's Keeper" initiative on a County and Federal level.
- c. Initiate mandatory continuing education for specific job classifications.
- d. Implement a pre-supervisory academy to better prepare employees for promotional opportunities.

Objective 2: Increase Diversity in the Workplace

Initiatives:

- a. Expand recruitment outreach to women, minorities, veterans, and people with disabilities by proactively reaching out using social media, professional organizations, and personal follow up from job fairs and other sources of contact.
- b. Develop and grow the City's image as a role model for equal opportunity, inclusion, and diversity.
- c. Provide training on inclusion and cultural sensitivity to reinforce the value of diversity.

Goal Indicators

- a. Feedback from program participant surveys.
- b. Number of student internships/mentorships provided, including those that are connected to the “My Brother’s Keeper” initiative.
- c. Feedback from employee surveys.
- d. Number of employees that successfully complete the pre-supervisory training program.
- e. Number of women, minorities, veterans, and people with disabilities who are hired, retained, and placed in positions of leadership.

Task Force

Yes

Community Meetings

Yes

Lead Department

Human Resources



Goal Five

Identify new Revenue Sources to Maintain Financial Stability

Develop efforts to effectively create new revenue sources for the City of Culver City.

Objective 1: Potential Retail Marijuana Excise Tax

Initiatives:

- a. Based on the outcome of the upcoming statewide ballot measure to legalize the sale of marijuana, the City Council would consider whether dispensaries will be permitted in Culver City.
- b. If permitted, the City Council would consider a marijuana tax for placement on the ballot during the April 2018 municipal election.
- c. Analysis by and recommendations from the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) on a marijuana tax by the end of 2017.

Objective 2: Application of Transient Occupancy Tax to Short-Term Rentals

Initiatives:

- a. FAC consideration of whether to apply the Transient Occupancy Tax to short-term rentals (AirBNB, etc.) until formal regulations are adopted.
- b. FAC recommendation to the City Council by the end of June 2017
- c. City Council consideration of FAC's recommendation by September 2017.

Objective 3: Expansion of Funding Alternatives

Initiatives:

- a. FAC to explore potential public/private partnerships for the City.
- b. Continue to pursue grants to leverage City funding.
- c. Continue to support legislative measures to enhance City revenues.

Goal Indicators

- a. Meeting the timeframes listed will demonstrate whether this activity is proceeding as directed.
- b. Additional City revenues generated.
- c. Amount of City's General Fund Reserves.
- d. Number of new public/private partnerships.
- e. Number of grants sought and received by the City.

Task Force

Yes

Community Meetings

Yes

Lead Departments

Finance
City Attorney's Office
Community Development



Create a coalition of individuals, organizations, and City officials to work together to inspire kindness in Culver City.

Initiatives:

- ## Objective 2: Implement a Kindness Strategy within City government

Initiatives:

- Objective 3:** Conduct Outreach to Schools, Organizations, and Businesses about Kindness

Initiatives:

- Identify stakeholders, businesses, schools, and organizations to meet with to promote kindness principles.
- Establish a Citizen Task Force to receive and promote acts of kindness.
- Identify potential funding sources and solicit support and donations.
- Obtain letters of agreement from participating entities.

Objective 4: Become a City of Kindness

Initiatives:

- a. Join <http://cityofkindness.org/> to officially become a City of Kindness.
- b. Continue to promote, practice, and measure acts of kindness.
- c. Recognize acts of kindness through regular articles, social media posts, and an annual event.

Goal Indicators

- a. Number of social media posts related to kindness.
- b. Establishing a sign-up on the City's website.
- c. Number of meetings held with citizens to opt in and participate in the program.
- d. Number stakeholders who participate.
- e. Number of kindness opportunities (such as activities, events, programs and projects).
- f. Procedures created to incorporate kindness.
- g. Measurement of citizen satisfaction.
- h. Citywide kindness guidelines and practices developed.
- i. Measurement of residents' attitude.
- j. Annual recognition for participants.

Task Force

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Community Meetings

Yes

Lead Department

City Manager's Office