

GPAC Meeting #9

Dear GPAC Members,

On Thursday, September 17, 2020, from 6:00 – 9:00 PM, the City of Culver City will hold our 9th General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) meeting. This will be our second meeting focusing on public safety, following Meeting #5 which was held on June 30, 2020. It will be a special meeting of the Police Chief's Advisory Panel (CAP), the City's Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) employee team, and the GPAC. The memo provides background information on the citywide Public Safety Review process and community survey.

Background on the Public Safety Review Process

City Council held a Special Meeting on June 15, 2020, to hear from the community about Police Department policies and budget. After significant community discussion, City Council authorized the Mayor to sign former President Barack Obama's Mayor's Pledge ("Pledge"). The Pledge commits mayors, city councils and police oversight bodies to the following actions:

- Review police use of force policies;
- Engage communities by including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories in the review;
- Report the findings of the review to the community and seek feedback; and
- Reform the police use of force policies.

In addition, City Council also received substantial feedback from the community on the allocation of Police Department resources.

On June 22, 2020, the City Council Ad Hoc Police Liaison Subcommittee recommended that City Council authorize the development of a task force to review all public safety services, resources, and responsibilities. Council ultimately directed the City Manager's Office to lead a comprehensive study and bring back recommendations to City Council on options to reimagine public safety in Culver City. These recommendations would be made based on collaboration with affected City departments and labor representatives, feedback from the Chief Advisory Panel, General Plan Advisory Committee, Finance Advisory Committee, members of the Government Alliance on Race and Equity, and the broader community, as well as other qualitative data collected from City consultants.

As part of the Public Safety Review, the City Manager's office developed a targeted outreach and engagement effort. This includes the Chief's Advisory Panel, General Plan Advisory Committee, Finance Advisory Committee, members of the Government Alliance on Race and Equity, and the broader community, as well as other qualitative data collected from City consultants. Since the Task Force's launch, the City has hosted the following meetings:

- Police Chief's Advisory Panel Meeting #1 – July 23, 2020
- GARE Team Meeting #1 – July 27, 2020
- Police Chief's Advisory Panel Meeting #2 – August 6, 2020
- Public Safety Review Community Meeting – August 20, 2020
- GARE Team Meeting #2 – August 27, 2020
- GARE Team Meeting #3 – September 2, 2020
- Police Chief's Advisory Panel Meeting #3 – September 10, 2020

Community Survey on Public Safety and Law Enforcement in Culver City

On August 24, 2020, the City released a survey to receive additional information from the community on its perspectives and experiences with the Culver City Police Department and to better understand what services should be prioritized. The survey was developed in consultation with Raimi + Associates. The survey also collects respondents' demographic and socio-economic information. As of September 7, 2020, the survey had received over 1,500 responses. Preliminary results from the survey, as well as qualitative analysis from the focus groups, will be presented.

General Plan Integration and Technical Advisory Committee

As discussed at the GPAC meeting on June 30, 2020, the General Plan affords the opportunity to discuss issues and policy about community safety. Per State law, a General Plan is a city's "constitution" and can address any topic that the community deems important. Thus, the City of Culver City will address community safety and policing in its required General Plan Safety Element.

The project team is working with the City to establish an additional Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) related to community safety. A core, diverse advisory team will lead this process to help define research questions and develop solutions based on community-identified issues, opportunities, and priorities. The community safety TAC will build on the community engagement and recommendations as part of separate efforts being conducted through the City Manager's Office, including the CAP and GARE team. In tandem, these efforts will inform a more robust discussion about community safety in the Safety Element of the General Plan Update (GPU). This TAC will meet up to five times during the process and facilitate development of an enhanced policy framework for reimagining public safety in the GPU, including development of policy, actions, and metrics.

Meeting Preparation

In advance of the September 17, 2020, meeting, please review the following materials:

- [City Manager's Public Safety Review Presentation](#) on the Public Safety Review project and process, outreach and engagement, and research on alternatives
- [Culver City Police Department's Presentation](#) on the Culver City Police Department, budget and staffing, and new initiatives and changes
- [Million Dollar Hoods' Presentation](#) on incarceration and arrests in Culver City

Should you have any questions before the meeting, please feel free to reach out. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday the 17th at 6:00 PM sharp. Please plan for the meeting to end around 9:00 PM.

- The General Plan Team