

Public Comments of Kim Pasciuto
Joint Planning Commission/County Council Meeting
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Good morning,
In my brief comment time I would like to address two issues.

First, the recently revised Vision Statement:

There are 33 whereas in the resolution adopting the amended Vision Statement. 6 describe the requirement to update it. 25 describe the number of times the public was asked and did participate or the efforts of a paid consultant to gather public input and staff time and energy and the planning commission review and revision.

Then it came to you.

We are disappointed. You asked for citizen participation and we stepped up. We spent countless hours in a lengthy process that required our participation multiple times.

We wanted you to be bold. We want you to be heroes.

Several people may speak to various concerns in public comment but I want to ask this:

You watered down the draft Vision and you also removed 8 substantive items (drinking water, mental health, eldercare and child care, proactive conservation measures, proactively addressing climate change, carbon neutrality, for example) and asked Staff to "provide follow through" to "help guide the development of goals and policies during the Plan's update?"

What exactly does that mean and what specifically is staff supposed to do with those 8 areas? Why are these areas not important enough to include in our Vision?

On the Sub-Area Plan:

1. If affordable housing is a priority can you point to recommendations that take into consider advances in

- affordable housing construction that encourage the construction of affordable housing.
2. The layering of many small requirements often unintentionally drives up the costs of construction. In the case of affordable housing, economic feasibility is one of the biggest hurdles. Are there requirements that increase the cost of affordable housing. If affordable housing is a priority, can exceptions be made to non-safety requirements?
 3. How can you use this Sub Area Plan to demonstrate our commitment to affordable housing and create game changing opportunity?

Thank you for the opportunity to address you.

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