



Growth Action Network

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Plan2040 has been introduced to the County Council

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County Council begins review of Plan2040

The final draft of Plan2040 was introduced to the County Council at the Feb 1 meeting. Volumes I and II of the final draft can now be downloaded from the [Plan2040 webpage](#) and the limited number of changes requested by the Planning Advisory Board are summarized in a separate document. Review by the PAB and the County Executive's office resulted in only a small number of modifications. Citizen review of the final draft will reveal that the majority of concerns summarized in the [December 28 GAN Newsletter](#) remain unaddressed.

The Council has begun discussion of the Plan and will begin accepting public comment at the March 1 meeting. Deliberations must be completed by May 3.

GAN members are now encouraged to contact their County Council representative to resolve outstanding Plan2040 issues important to their community. Collaboration with other organizations or individuals in your Council District can be important and will help strengthen your position. [This map](#) can be used to find GAN members and homeowners' associations in your Council District.

A General Meeting of the GAN membership was held on Feb 2.

Several leadership changes were announced at the meeting

- Pat Lynch resigned as Chair of the Board of Directors due time constraints. Kate Fox will now serve as Chair. Pat will continue to be active on the Board and to head the Transportation Committee.
- Elizabeth Rosborg has been appointed to serve on the Planning Advisory Board and resigned from the GAN Board and from her position as Treasurer.
- Ellen Moss will replace Elizabeth Rosborg as Treasurer

A discussion of "Advocacy Opportunities for the New GDP" was presented. The presentation summarized issues in Plan2040 that are likely to be important to GAN

members and suggested advocacy opportunities. A [copy of the presentation](#) can be downloaded from the GAN website.

A [video recording](#) of the meeting is also available for viewing by GAN members who were unable to attend.

GAN meeting with OPZ

A GAN meeting with Steve Kaii-Ziegler and members of the staff of the Office of Planning and Zoning was held on Feb 8. Three items were on the agenda with remaining time reserved for general questions:

1. Composition, Mission, and Function of Regional Planning Area committees
2. Management of future growth given that the County is 95% build out, and threshold growth rates for growth limit regulations
3. Planning for the future
 - Transferable Development Rights
 - Redevelopment Authority
 - Transit-oriented Development
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A video recording of the meeting is available for GAN members who were unable to attend. The recording begins with the discussion of growth. [Click here](#) to view the recording.

Coming meetings and events

- Feb 16, 6 pm – County Council meeting (virtual)
- Feb 17, 10 am -- GAN Board Meeting (virtual)
- Mar 1, 6 pm -- County Council meeting (virtual)

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