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Draft Chico 2030 General Plan Is Available for Review and Comment

Chico, Calif. – The City of Chico is pleased to release the draft Chico 2030 General Plan for public review and comment. The General Plan is a statement of the community’s priorities and provides a policy framework to guide growth and preservation in Chico.

“The 2030 General Plan reflects the community’s commitment to creating and maintaining a sustainable community,” said Brendan Vieg, Principal Planner. “There are many ways to participate, so I’d encourage the public to read the draft Plan and get involved.”

The document is available to the public at the following locations:

- Electronic copy for view or download at <http://www.chicogeneralplan.com/>
- Electronic copy on CD available for no cost at the Planning Services Department in the Chico Municipal Building (411 Main Street)
- Physical copy for view at the Butte County Library, Chico Branch (1106 Sherman Ave.) and at the Meriam Library, Special Collections, 3rd Floor, CSU, Chico
- Physical copy to be borrowed or purchased from the Planning Services Department in the Chico Municipal Building (411 Main Street)

The draft General Plan consists of both state-mandated elements (Land Use, Circulation, Parks, Public Facilities & Services, Open Space & Environment, Safety, and Noise) and optional elements of importance to the community (Sustainability, Community Design, Downtown, Economic Development, and Cultural Resources & Historic Preservation).

The City requests written comments on the draft General Plan no later than Monday, June 21, at 5:00 p.m. Written comments on the draft General Plan should be sent to Principal Planner Brendan Vieg, City of Chico, Planning Services Department, 411 Main Street, P.O. Box 3420, Chico, CA 95927 or to bvieg@ci.chico.ca.us.

If the public wishes to share comments and discuss the document in person, there are multiple opportunities to participate. A series of joint City Council/Planning Commission meetings have been scheduled throughout the remainder of 2010. These are special meetings dedicated specifically to the General Plan Update. All meetings are scheduled to be held in the Chico City Council Chambers at 421 Main Street. Meeting dates, times, and topics are listed below.

1) Tuesday, May 11, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Joint Council/Commission Meeting – Informational. An introduction to the draft General Plan with a general overview of all elements. A discussion of how the document was developed, its structure, and a strategy to move forward with input and revisions.

2) Tuesday, June 22, 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Joint Council/Commission Meeting – Public Engagement and Policy Discussion. Overview and discussion of the Introduction, Sustainability Element, and Land Use Element.

3) Saturday, July 24, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Joint Council/Commission Meeting – Public Engagement and Policy Discussion. Overview and discussion of the Circulation, Downtown, and Economic Development Elements.

4) Saturday, August 21, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Joint Council/Commission Meeting – Public Engagement and Policy Discussion. Overview and discussion of the draft Public Facilities Finance Plan and the Parks, Public Facilities & Services Element.

5) Tuesday, September 28, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Joint Council/Commission Meeting – Public Engagement and Policy Discussion. Overview and discussion of the Open Space & Environment, Community Design, Cultural Resources & Historic Preservation, Safety, and Noise Elements

“We’re asking for the community’s help in this final phase of the Plan’s development,” said Brendan Vieg, Principal Planner. “This is the community’s opportunity to get involved in shaping Chico’s future.”

Additional information is available at the City’s General Plan website at:

www.chicogeneralplan.com.