

# FACT SHEET

## Planning

### UNDERSTANDING EQUITY FORWARD

**Equity Forward** is a comprehensive approach to creating a more equitable, healthy and enjoyable place for all San Diegans. The evolving policies, plans and processes under Equity Forward will create more equitable opportunities and investments in San Diego. By acknowledging the effects of policy decisions that have resulted in inequitable outcomes, Equity Forward will leverage the diversity of voices in our city to benefit all San Diegans. Recognizing that there is much work to be done, Equity Forward is intended to be evolving, based on input from the City's community members. As we continue to engage and listen, the City anticipates that undoubtedly, the need for additional policy changes will be identified, and later added.

### HOW WE MOVE FORWARD

**Environmental Justice:** Environmental justice ensures that people of all races, cultures and incomes are equally and equitably valued, protected and served by our city. This includes regulations and policies that impact the quality of the environment around us, such as transportation, parks, natural spaces, City services, and the overall use of land. An Environmental Justice Element will be added to the City's General Plan that guides this future development throughout the City.

**Inclusive Community Engagement:** The City will create an Inclusive Public Engagement Guide to ensure inclusive public engagement and community participation for City initiatives, plans and projects, particularly in communities that have historically experienced barriers to public participation. Participation that is truly representative of the communities is critical to ensuring that we are making decisions in ways that will most improve everyone's quality of life. In addition, Planning staff will engage with the community to gather feedback on project prioritization of infrastructure projects to inform the development of [the Five Year Capital Infrastructure Planning Outlook](#).

**Partnerships to Encourage New Public Spaces:** Partnerships with community-based organizations and other private entities have incredible potential to improve our city. The Planning Department will identify reforms needed to most easily partner with outside organizations to encourage community investments, such as parks and other public spaces. Planning staff will coordinate with other City departments and engage with community-based organizations and other groups to identify opportunities for greater efficiency, coordination and cooperation.

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**Parks and Open Space:** The Parks Master Plan, adopted by the City Council in August 2021, was developed to ensure equal access to safe, clean and thriving park spaces for all. Identified as an implementation action within the Parks Master Plan, the Chollas Creek Watershed Regional Park Master Plan will provide an opportunity to bring diverse neighborhoods together through a watershed-wide system of trails and parks where people can connect, gather, play, interact and enjoy nature. Also identified as critical implementation items in the Parks Master Plan, the City will develop a Citywide Trails Master Plan and Park Needs Index. The Park Needs Index will identify areas with the greatest park needs and where development of additional recreational value and parkland will have the greatest impact for community members.

### FROM PLANNING TO ACTION



### HOW TO STAY INVOLVED

Community involvement from everyone is critical to ensuring that the City's decisions will best serve its residents.

The City of San Diego Planning Department looks forward to working closely with community members, public stakeholders, and community-based organizations to further develop these initiatives. We want to hear your input, so please complete the interest form, or sign up for engagement opportunities on our webpage.



To learn more about engagement opportunities and sign up for notifications about this initiative, please visit this [link](#).