

NORTH RICHMOND SPECIFIC PLAN

VISION AND GOALS

VISION STATEMENT FOR SPECIFIC PLAN

To transform a former industrial area of North Richmond into an attractive, safe, healthy, and vibrant new neighborhood of residential, commercial, public, park, and open space uses.

SPECIFIC PLAN GOALS

LAND USE

To accommodate a compatible mix of residential, retail, light industrial, and employment uses that will address North Richmond's desires for quality affordable housing, convenient shopping, and jobs.

To link and integrate the new neighborhood created under the Specific Plan with existing neighborhoods in North Richmond.

To enhance the physical character and quality of life in North Richmond.

HOUSING

To provide a mix of housing that provides affordable market-rate options for first-time home buyers as well as attractive below-market rate affordable housing that is integrated into both existing and future neighborhoods.

To improve housing conditions in North Richmond's existing residential neighborhoods through the affordable housing program under the Specific Plan.

PARKS AND RECREATION

To provide a range of safe and convenient parks, trails, and open space amenities within walking distance of all residences.

To expand and improve opportunities for physical and other recreation activities within North Richmond.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To promote new development that will provide needed jobs and services, attract new businesses to the area, increase property values, and generate new tax revenues.

TRANSPORTATION / CIRCULATION

To ensure that a system for transportation and circulation provides mobility and access for the community's residents, workers, and visitors, which is safe, inter-connected, efficient, and reliable.

To expand and enhance the street network, as necessary, to accommodate new planning area traffic, improve public safety, and enhance community character.

To provide mobility options for all – the needs of the pedestrian, the bicyclist, and those with physical disabilities must be accommodated.

To establish development patterns and facilities that support walking, bicycling, and public transit as convenient and effective alternatives to driving and to reduce Vehicle Miles Travel (VMT).

To incorporate into the Specific Plan an alternative truck route that reduces the impacts of big rig truck traffic throughout the North Richmond community.

To enhance access to the Verde Elementary School.

NATURAL RESOURCES

To protect and enhance wildlife, habitat, and resource values along San Pablo Creek and Wildcat Creek and associated wetland areas.

COMMUNITY CHARACTER

To create an attractive, safe, healthy, pedestrian-friendly neighborhood that includes high-quality housing and commercial development served by inviting, safe, and well-designed public streetscapes and parks.

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PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

To locate residential and other sensitive uses so that they are protected from potential health and safety risks related to truck and train traffic and from aesthetically and functionally incompatible land uses (e.g., industrial).

To promote healthy living and lifestyles by providing residents with opportunities for physical activity in North Richmond to help reduce incidences of chronic disease among residents, such as asthma and diabetes.

To improve the community's access to fresh and healthy foods.

To integrate "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design" (CPTED), by incorporating community design guidelines and development standards aimed at reducing the potential for crime and vandalism and to promote community pride and vigilance.

SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

To promote development in North Richmond which is environmentally sustainable and addresses the impacts of global climate change by reducing potential greenhouse gas emissions generated from new development.

IMPLEMENTATION

To identify an implementation strategy that supports near-term development while recognizing the need to phase infrastructure, street improvements, and other major capital improvements.

To identify a phasing strategy whose initial steps will contribute to the creation of a distinctive sense of place that will help catalyze subsequent development and market absorption.

More information about the North Richmond Specific Plan may be obtained online at www.northrichmondplan.org.

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