

Five comments related to the Final Draft Visioning Products:

1. To me, the Draft Vision Statement is just so many empty words. Meaningless drivel. “Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness,” “Land of the free and home of the brave,” etc.

2. In the Draft Pillars, it’s not enough to say “carbon neutrality.” Our stated goal is carbon neutrality by 2030. We need to include a clear statement that this General Plan is unlike any prior General Plan — this General Plan needs to steer us from our present course to carbon neutrality within 8 years.

3. In the Draft Guiding Principles, it’s not enough to say “prioritize cycling,” “expanding pedestrian and bicycle access...” etc. We need re-state and finally implement the goal of our 2008 Bike/Ped Plan: “Create and maintain a safe, comprehensive and integrated bicycle and pedestrian system throughout Petaluma that encourages bicycling and walking and is accessible to all.”

4. Do we really want to make the downtown “...the center of civic life” for ALL of Petaluma? I would think that the east side should have its own center of civic life. We need to "Reimagine Suburbia."

5. What about the intention of creating vibrant mixed-use neighborhoods where people live, work, and play? Think of: corner grocery stores, coffee shops, co-work places, schools, playgrounds, small manufacturing, offices, etc. mixed into residential neighborhoods! Shouldn’t that be one of our Guiding Principles? (BTW, that’s what we will be talking about as the subject of the upcoming AIA SDAT).

The global climate emergency and our goal of carbon neutrality within 8 years represent both a host of enormous challenges AND enormous once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. We would be foolish to miss those opportunities.

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