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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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Director(s) Planning and Development Department  
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Office of Long Range Planning

**SUBJECT:** Formation and appointment of members on the Goleta Valley Planning Advisory  
Committee (GVPAC)

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence: N/A**

As to form: No

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

1. Appoint the following seven (7) members, as nominated by the Second District Supervisor, to serve on the Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as the GVPAC):

1. Edwin (Ted) Adams
2. Thomas Elliott
3. Kenan Ezal
4. Bonnie Freeman
5. Kenneth Mineau
6. Valerie Olson
7. Kimberly True

2. Apply the provisions included in Attachment A: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors and Exhibit C: Guidelines for General Plan Advisory Committees, as may be amended, including compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act governing open meetings for local government bodies, to the administration of the GVPAC for the duration of the appointment.

This item is on the agenda for the Board of Supervisor's consideration since the update of the Goleta Community Plan is dependent on the appointment of the Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee (GVPAC) of applicants who live, own property, or own a business in the provisional Goleta Planning Area (Exhibit A of Attachment A).

**Summary Text:**

The GVPAC will advise staff of the community goals for the revision of the Goleta Community Plan (GCP) as depicted in Exhibit B. The GVPAC will consider integrating elements of the vision as articulated by the Goleta Vision Committee (GVC). The updated plan will reflect the incorporation of the City of Goleta and other changes influencing the 1993 planning area while addressing current concerns including transportation, housing, environmental protection and agriculture.

**Background:**

The Goleta Community Plan (GCP) was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 1993. Since its adoption 15 years ago, new development has occurred consistent with the GCP, public services have expanded, modest population growth has occurred, regional planning dynamics have changed, and, most significantly, the City of Goleta incorporated. Issues of regional concern to the South Coast, such as local housing, economic vitality, environmental protection, and sustainable transportation networks, have provided the momentum to revisit where, when, and how the unincorporated Goleta community desires to change.

The first step in updating the plan was initiated in 2005 with the formation of the Goleta Vision Committee (GVC). The GVC was tasked with envisioning what Eastern Goleta Valley should look like in the year 2020 and how it could achieve the vision. The GVC Vision Document, *GVC 20/20: a Comprehensive Vision for the Eastern Goleta Valley*, was received and filed in November 2006.

On March 18, 2008, the Board of Supervisors selected a provisional planning area creating two planning areas (Zone #1 and Zone #2, as depicted in Exhibit A of Attachment A), suspended rezones and/or general plan amendments within Zone #2 that do not provide a public benefit and allowed two general plan amendment projects to continue to be reviewed while the GCP was being updated.

As the next step in the update process, the 2nd Supervisorial District has nominated seven (7) members to serve on the Goleta Valley Plan Advisory Committee (GVPAC). The GVPAC will represent the community and to advise staff on the update to the GCP. The initial GVPAC meeting will be publicly announced, pending the Board of Supervisors adoption of Attachment A to form the GVPAC.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

**Goleta Community Plan Update Project**

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>Current FY Cost:</u> | <u>Annualized<br/>On-going Cost:</u> | <u>Total One-Time<br/>Project Cost</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| General Fund           | \$ 193,413.00           |                                      | \$ 612,081.00                          |
| State                  |                         |                                      |  |
| Federal                |                         |                                      |  |
| Fees                   |                         |                                      |  |
| Other:                 |                         |                                      |  |
| Total                  | \$ 193,413.00           | \$ -                                 | \$ 612,081.00                          |

**Narrative:**

The Goleta Community Plan update is a Board-approved project, is budgeted from the General Fund, and is fully staffed by current employees in the Office of Long Range Planning.

**Staffing Impacts:**

Legal Positions: FTEs:  
N/A N/A

**Special Instructions:**

Attachments:

1. Attachment A: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors in the matter of Approving Formation of the Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee (GVPAC)
  1. Exhibit A: Provisional Planning Area Map
  2. Exhibit B: Goleta Valley Community Plan Update Organizational Framework Diagram
  3. Exhibit C: GPAC Guidelines and GPAC Responsibilities Agreement

**Authored by:**

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cc: None

**ATTACHMENT A:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING            )       RESOLUTION NO: 08-  
FORMATION OF THE                        )  
GOLETA VALLEY                            )  
PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE        )

WHEREAS, in 1987, the Board of Supervisors appointed a 14-member General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) to advise County staff in the development of the Goleta Community Plan, which was adopted in 1993;

WHEREAS, in November 2005 the Board of Supervisors approved a Work Program for the Comprehensive Planning Division (now, the Office of Long Range Planning) to update the 1993 Goleta Community Plan; and,

WHEREAS, in October 2006, the Goleta Visioning Committee completed the GVC 20/20 document, *A Comprehensive Vision for the Eastern Goleta Valley*, to inform the update of the 1993 Goleta Community Plan; and,

WHEREAS, in March 2008, the Board of Supervisors selected the provisional planning area for the update of the Goleta Community Plan, which defines two (2) planning zones, as follows (Exhibit A):

1. Zone 1 is the 3rd Supervisorial District portion of the Goleta Community Planning Area, including Isla Vista. All policies, standards, zoning, actions, and overlays adopted for Zone 1 as part of the 1993 Goleta Community Plan will remain unchanged.
2. Zone 2 is coterminous with the unincorporated 2nd Supervisorial District portion of the Goleta Community Planning Area and the Eastern Goleta Valley boundary identified in the 2006 Goleta Visioning Committee vision document. All policies, standards, zoning, actions, and overlays would be reviewed, evaluated, and updated in Zone 2 during the GCP update planning process; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has accepted applications for positions on the Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee from residents and property/business owners in Zone 2 of the updated Goleta Planning Area (Exhibit A); and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has conducted a duly noticed public workshop to inform interested applicants of the application process for the Goleta Community Plan Update; and,

WHEREAS, the Second District Supervisor has conducted interviews and selected seven members to serve as the Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitations are true and correct.
2. The Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as the GVPAC) is hereby formed and the seven members nominated by the Second District Supervisor are hereby appointed, as follows:
  1. Edwin (Ted) Adams
  2. Thomas Elliott
  3. Kenan Ezal
  4. Bonnie Freeman
  5. Kenneth Mineau
  6. Valerie Olson
  7. Kimberly True
3. The GVPAC serves as an advisory body to the County of Santa Barbara and shall receive community input, develop Community Plan goals, and review and comment on the draft Goleta Valley Community Plan.
4. The Goleta Valley Community Plan update shall be restricted to the boundary depicted in Exhibit A. The GVPAC shall refrain from reviewing or commenting on projects or planning issues outside the Goleta Valley Planning Area boundary. The update of the Goleta Community Plan shall occur only within Zone 2 of the Goleta Planning Area, which omits the western Goleta and Isla Vista areas.
5. The GVPAC will provide a list of goals for Zone 2 of the Goleta Planning Area, which will be used by County staff to draft the Goleta Community Plan update. The GVPAC shall represent the broad public interest ahead of any personal interests, affiliations, and/or biases. GVPAC members shall abstain from all discussions and votes where objectivity is not possible.
6. The GVPAC shall abstain from reviewing or commenting on current development or Long Range Planning projects, unless specifically authorized by the Board of Supervisors. Exhibit B depicts the role and function of County staff and the GVPAC.
7. An election of officers, consisting of at least a Chair, Vice-Chair and Recording Secretary shall take place at the third meeting occurring after legal formation of the GVPAC.
8. The GVPAC member term of office shall be for approximately four (4) years, coterminous with the term of office of the Second District Supervisor. Termination of members within this term of office shall be subject to majority approval by the Board of Supervisors. Replacement of members shall be based on nomination by the Second District Supervisor, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors. There is no provision for GVPAC member reimbursement or compensation. Meeting materials and supplies shall be provided by the County.

- 9. A quorum shall consist of at least 5 members and shall be required to conduct any County-sanctioned GVPAC meetings.
  
- 10. All other provisions of the Guidelines for General Plan Advisory Committees, Exhibit C as may be amended, shall apply to the GVPAC upon formation by the Board of Supervisors, including compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act governing open meetings for local government bodies.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
SALUD CARBAJAL  
Chair, Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST:

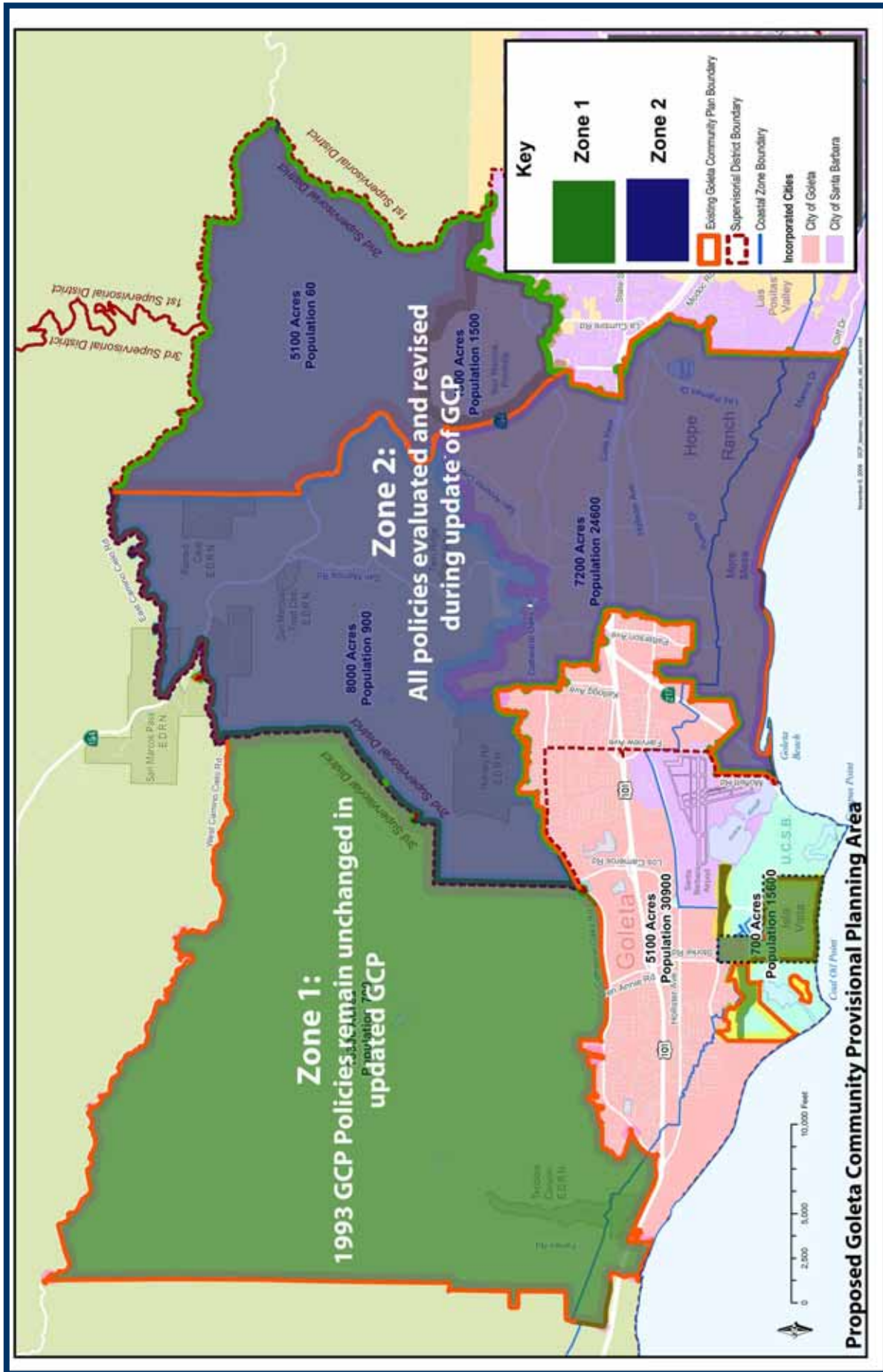
MICHAEL F. BROWN  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DENNIS MARSHALL  
County Counsel

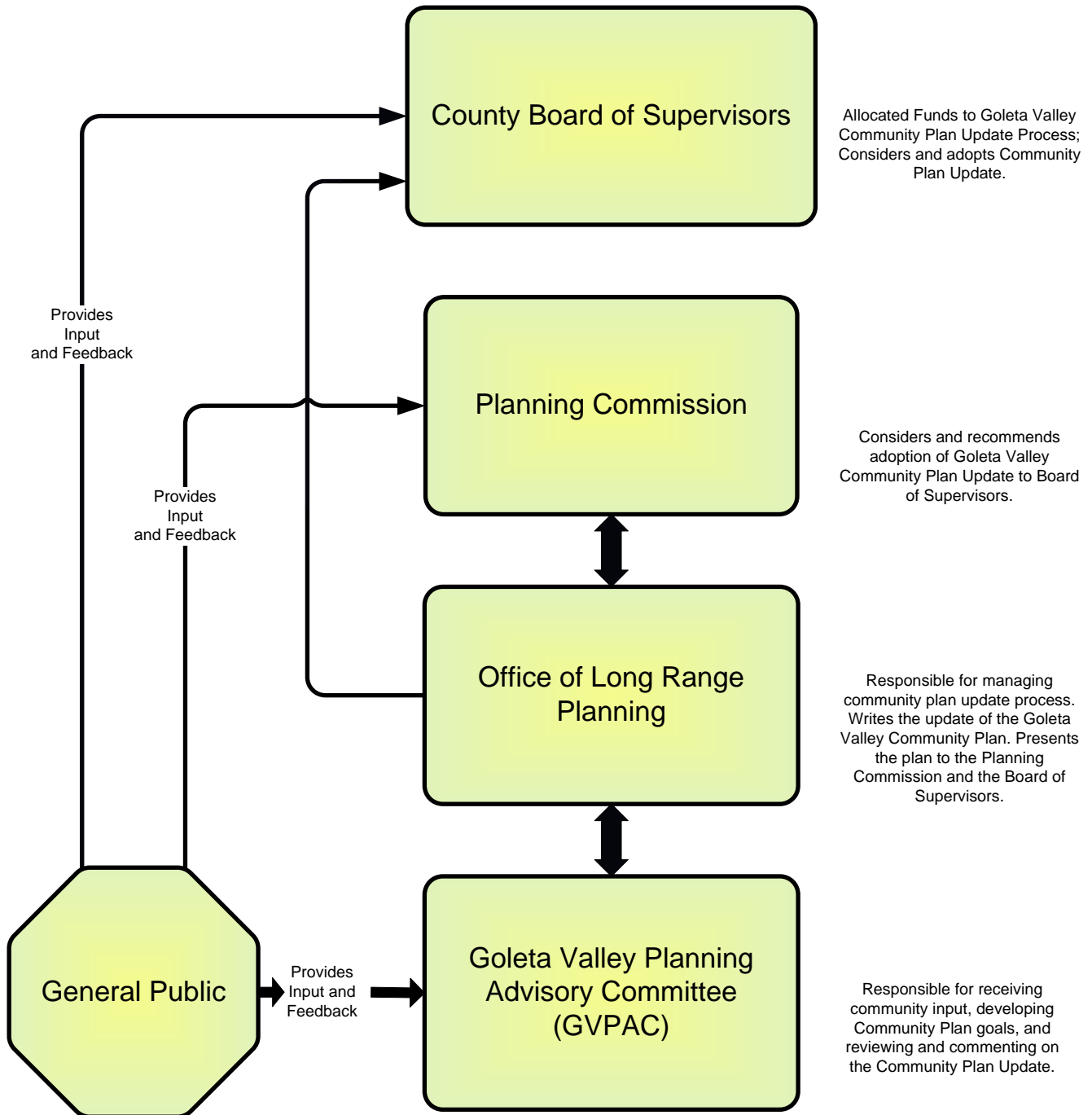
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy County Counsel



*Exhibit A: Provisional Planning Area for the Update of the Goleta Community Plan*

Exhibit B

# Goleta Valley Community Plan Update Organizational Framework





## **GPAC GUIDELINES**

### ***Guidelines for General Plan Advisory Committees And Similar Advisory Bodies***

#### **Santa Barbara County**

April 9, 1991

## **1. Introduction**

The purpose of these Guidelines is twofold:

- 1) To clarify the respective roles of the each participant in the citizen advisory committee process; and
- 2) To outline the “rules of the game,” so that everyone has similar expectations and understanding of the overall process, and each participant sees how they and others *together* contribute to “forwarding the actions;” that is, moving toward accomplishing the committee’s specific product-goals within an appropriate schedule and budget.

The advisory committee process is a collaborative one involving an often diverse array of individuals and viewpoints, levels of expertise and matters of concern. The public , committee appointees, and respective staff from the appointing Supervisor’s office, the Resource Management Department (RMD), and from other agencies and offices all benefit in having a clear understanding of their respective roles and responsibilities in the committees’ conduct of their official business.

We have made an effort to cover all essential aspects of the committee operations, such as how appointments are made, how long each member’s term is, the responsibilities of different participants, conflict of interest issues, and meeting procedures. Nonetheless, these Guidelines are not exhaustive, not do they incorporate all statutes and regulations which may apply to GPAC operations, e.g. State open meetings law (Brown Act). The Guidelines strive to make adequate reference to other rules, as appropriate.

## **2. Applicability**

These Guidelines apply to all Board-appointed citizen advisory committees whose primary mission involves products and activities of the County Resource Management Department (RMD). Although there are many groups which provide input to the public process, e.g. Technical Advisory Committees, Agricultural Element Advisory Committee, Transportation Demand Management Advisory Task Force, etc., for ease of reference in these Guidelines, they are collectively termed “GPACs” (General Plan Advisory Committees).

## **3. Establishment of GPACs**

GPACs are established to advise the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Planning and Development staff, and other County officials on matters related to the implementation and periodic modification of the Comprehensive Plan. These committees are creation of the County Board of Supervisors; their establishment is not specifically *required* by any State laws or regulations. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors has discretion to create, modify, and terminate GPACs, their membership, mission statement, schedule, etc. at any time.

## **4. Committee Authority**

GPACs are advisory in nature and have no authority to approve, deny, or require modification to any matter or project under the committee’s consideration. The committee’s advice shall be conveyed to the appropriate decision-making body in the staff report. County staff will acknowledge GPAC input in formulation staff’s recommendations for action by County decision-makers. Staff is assigned responsibility for the timely completion of Board-approved Comprehensive Planning work programs and development permit application reviews.

## **5. Appointment Process and Membership Term**

### **A) Size**

The size of a GPAC shall be established by the Board of Supervisors upon creation of the committee. Typically, such committees consist of no more than fifteen (15) members. Committees should have an odd number of members; this eliminates ambiguity as to what constitutes a quorum, and minimizes the possibility of tie votes.

### **B) Composition**

The composition of a GPAC should be determined at the time of its creation, especially if it is intended that specific geographic areas, professional affiliations, community segments and/or other interest groups be represented in the committee’s membership.

### **C) Vacancies and Application Process**

A vacancy or vacancies on a GPAC shall exist

- 1) When the committee is created
- 2) When a member or members is/are formally removed by the Board of Supervisors, or
- 3) When the Board receives and acknowledges a letter of resignation from an incumbent.

Vacancies on a GPAC shall be advertised by the Clerk of Board of Supervisors in the same manner as vacancies for other County advisory commissions. Vacancies shall be advertised within ten (10) calendar days of their availability. Applications for membership shall be submitted on forms provided by the Clerk of the Board, and shall be accepted by the Clerk.

### **D) Selection Process**

Upon the close of an application period, a copy of each application submitted will be given to the Board member(s) in whose district(s) the vacancy or vacancies exist. Appointment(s) shall be recommended by such Board member(s), for confirmation by the entire Board. In cases where a committee operates in more than one supervisorial district, representation on the committee shall be roughly proportional to the area and/or population of the respective districts. All members on such multi-district committees shall be specifically appointed by one of the participating supervisors. In no case can any individual be appointed concurrently as a regular member of more than one committee.

### **E) Term of Office**

The term of office for a GPAC and its members is established by the Board of Supervisors when it creates the committee. For the committees which operate within a single supervisorial district, the maximum terms of office may be four (4) years, coinciding with the Board member's term of office. Other committees may have terms of office of two (2) years, unless a different term of office is set by the Board. In no case is any term of office indefinite.

## **6. Committee Operations**

### **A) Committee Mission and Responsibilities**

The specific mission for a GPAC and its term of service shall be established by the Board of Supervisors at the time of its creation of the Committee. In the absence of any such specific mission statement, the mission of a GPAC shall be to:

- 1) Assist and advise the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and County staff in their developing, adopting, ... Barbara County Comprehensive Plan;
- 2) Review and comment upon other matters related to the County's planning functions, upon specific direction by the Board of Supervisors.

### **B) Officers and Rules of Conduct**

The responsibilities of the GPAC at large also include annual election of officers, consisting of at least a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Recording Secretary. The Chair shall lead all meetings, be the primary spokesperson for the GPAC, and be the primary committee liaison to staff and the public. The Vice-

Chair shall fulfill the duties of Chair in the latter's absence. The recording Secretary shall take notes of, or tape-record, each regular and special committee meeting, and shall prepare minutes, and shall prepare minutes of motions, discussion items, etc. At a minimum, these minutes shall clearly convey actions and motions taken by the Committee. These minutes are to be considered, amended as needed and approved by the full committee at the earliest possible time. In addition, the committee may adopt specific rules of conduct and procedure, as long as such rules are consistent with the applicable laws and regulations (including these Guidelines).

### **C) Meeting Procedure**

All GPACs are subject to the Brown Act, which set standards for public notice as to meeting time, date and location as well as items to be discussed. Key implications of this are as follows:

- 1) Noticing of all GPAC meetings, including time, location and an agenda, must be posted in a public place within the applicable area. Efforts should be made to provide adequate public notice beyond minimum Brown Act requirements of seventy-two (72) hours.
- 2) All GPAC meetings must be open and public. Meetings are to be held in a facility which makes adequate provision for attendance by all interested members of the public.
- 3) Members of the public are to be given an opportunity to speak to the Committee on any regular agenda item at the time it is being discussed. Members of the public will also be given an opportunity to speak to any relevant non-agenda item. All public speakers are subject to reasonable time constraints established by the Committee Chairperson and any adopted procedures. All public speakers are to identify their names and relevant business and/or personal interests they are representing for the record.
- 4) Committees will attempt to establish a consistent regular meeting time and location in their rules of conduct.
- 5) Minutes of GPAC meetings will be kept on file by both the committee secretary and RMD. These minutes shall be available for any interested person to examine.
- 6) All GPACs will elect officers and may adopt rules of procedure (See end of Section 5.B above)
- 7) Meetings shall run in a parliamentary style. Substantive issues will have higher priority than matters of procedural detail. The Chair has discretion in guiding discussion of items among Committee members while allowing for appropriate public input.
- 8) Staff may address the Committee at any time, with timely recognition by the Chair.
- 9) Quorum: A majority of the members of the GPAC constitute a quorum. Decisions are made by a majority of the members present and voting. No business may be transacted if fewer than a quorum is present. Formal votes by a committee are to have a motion and second, prior to allowing further discussion and a vote.
- 10) Members of the GPAC shall not vote on issues which involve a legal or ethical conflict of interest or duty (See section 7)
- 11) Subcommittees: GPACs may select subcommittees to focus on issues or subjects meriting more detailed work outside of the full Committee. Subcommittees are made up of Committee members only, and must number fewer than a quorum of the full GPAC. Subcommittee meeting arrangements may be set by either the staff or the committee. Such meetings are not legally required to be noticed or posted, but every effort should be made by a subcommittee officer or member to notice and/or post the meetings, as they are open to any interested member of the public. Information about their time and location is to be available though the

overall committee secretary and through RMD staff. Subcommittees shall choose a Chair and a Vice-Chair, and may choose a Recording Secretary for preparing informal minutes. A report from any subcommittee meeting shall be made at the next full GPAC meeting. Staff support for subcommittee meetings may be provided, but is not required.

#### **D) Attendance**

GPAC members shall make every effort to attend regular meetings. Members unable to attend any meeting should contact the committee Chair or RMD staff at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting. Three consecutive unannounced absences by a member shall be grounds for dismissal from the GPAC, subject to the discretion of the appointing Supervisor(s).

#### **E) Appearance on GPAC's behalf**

The Chair, Vice-Chair, or other official designee shall speak for the Committee at any applicable non-GPAC public hearing or other meeting. Individual members of GPAC not so designated, who do testify at a public hearing or other meeting, shall clearly identify themselves as speaking individually as a member of GPAC, and shall clearly indicate that they are not authorized to speak for the full committee.

#### **F) Timely adjournment of evening meetings**

To encourage public participation, evening meetings of GPAC will be organized, agendaed and run so as to finish at a reasonable hour. If a particular GPAC finds its evening meetings habitually running past 9:30PM, staff and the Chair will work together to shorten the agendas and, if necessary, to expedite committee discussion and action on items.

### **7. Conflicts of Interest**

GPAC members are not considered to be "public officials" as defined in § 82048 of the California Government Code, and therefore are not subject to the State Political Reform Act and its disclosure provisions (Government Code §§ 81000 et seq.). Nevertheless, GPAC members shall remove themselves from all discussions and votes on matters in which they have any direct personal financial interest, or where the member's professional allegiance and/or personal bias cannot be set aside to allow the member's fair consideration of the issue(s) at hand.

In gauging such extra-legal conflicts of interest and/or duty, each member shall exercise careful judgment and introspection in giving priority to the interests of fairness and objectivity; if there is any reasonable doubt that the member has a conflict, the member shall refrain from participation in the committee's deliberations and vote(s). Should a member not refrain voluntarily, and should the member's participation specifically be challenged by another committee member, staff, or the public, the member's participation on any item of official committee business may be prevented by a two-thirds majority vote of the full committee (i.e., at least two-thirds of the total incumbent committee membership, including the member in question). Pervasive or recurring conflicts of interest and/or duty should lead a member to resign voluntarily from a GPAC, and may be grounds for a dismissal by the appointing Supervisor(s).

## 8. Committee and Staff Responsibilities

### A) GPAC Member Duties

The responsibilities of the individual GPAC members include:

- 1) Punctually and fully attend all regular and special meetings of the GPAC and all relevant subcommittee meetings, to the maximum possible extent;
- 2) Come to all meetings fully prepared, having reviewed the agenda and all related written/graphic material available before the meeting;
- 3) Conscientiously follow high ethical standards in putting the broad public interest ahead of any personal interest and/or bias, and to abstain from all discussions and votes where this is not possible;
- 4) Promote full and open discussion of all matters of official committee business;
- 5) Support the committee Chair, Vice-Chair, and staff in maintaining order, keeping discussions relevant to the business at hand, and following proper procedures, while giving primary attention to matters of substance.
- 6) **In meetings pertaining to development projects, strive to comment on projects in a productive and expeditious manner which recognizes State and County-established processing timelines. Particularly, any GPAC comments on environmental documents relating to development projects shall be made within the established environmental review timelines.**

### B) Board of Supervisors' Administrative Staff

The Administrative Assistant(s) of each pertinent Supervisor works cooperatively with RMD and other participating public agency staff, and observes and participates in the GPAC's activities on behalf of the Supervisor(s), as well as conveying the interests of the Supervisor(s) to the committee. The Administrative Assistant(s) are also responsible for matters relating to the appointment of GPAC members.

Meetings dealing with development project review are schedule by, and primarily supported by, the Board's Administrative Assistant(s), with an RMD planner familiar with the project in attendance, if feasible. **Scheduling of such meetings shall recognize case processing timelines. Representative of development projects shall be encouraged to attend all applicable GPAC meetings.**

### C) RMD Planning Staff Duties

Staff responsibilities in supporting a GPAC include:

- 1) Schedule all GPAC meetings pertaining to Comprehensive Plan issues, making arrangements for all facilities, distribute written/graphic materials, notices, agendas, etc. For such meetings, coordinate necessary staff participation and guest speakers;
- 2) For GPAC meetings as appropriate, prepare recommendations and other material for GPAC review and comment. Advise the GPAC on matters of both substance and procedure;

- 3) Assist the GPAC Chair in promoting full and open participation by all GPAC members and other people in attendance at any meeting, keeping discussion pertinent to the business at hand;
- 4) Handle information requests for material and general information related to the official business of the GPAC;
- 5) Report the GPAC's activities. Recommendation and comment to County decision-makers and official within the framework of the overall presentation of staff recommendation on a committee product-goal (i.e. a draft community plan update, a technical element or portion thereof, or a project application);
- 6) Coordinate with the Chair and Secretary on committee and subcommittee meeting schedules.

**D) County Counsel**

Staff support to GPACs will not be provided by County Counsel. Specific legal issues are to be directed through RMD to County Counsel for response; RMD shall also coordinate with Board Administrative Assistants on such items as applicable.

## **GPAC RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT**

### ***“Responsibility Agreement”:***

#### ***Statement of Commitment to County Guidelines for Advisory Committee Membership and Conduct***

Members of the \_\_\_\_\_ General Plan Advisory Committee are asked to read, understand, and adhere to the following guidelines:

1. I understand that I will be asked to commit approximately 15-25 hours/month for the next \_\_\_\_\_ months/years for the following:
  - Six to nine hours each month to attend 2-3 meetings;
  - Document review, including but not limited to environmental documents, environmental constraints analyses, special studies, Comprehensive Plan elements, Zoning Ordinances, minutes, and other materials contained in meeting packets;
  - Participation on subcommittees when special issues need to be addressed;
  - Assisting County staff in organizing special events, publications, and public notices;
  - Participate in field investigation, as necessary.

**PLEASE INITIAL HERE** \_\_\_\_\_

2. I agree to punctually and fully attend all regular and special meetings of the GPAC and all relevant subcommittee meetings to the maximum possible extent. I understand that upon 3 unexcused absences or 5 consecutive absences I will be subject to dismissal from the committee. Absences may only be excused if communicated to the Chairperson of the committee or the appointing Supervisorial office in advance of a scheduled meeting.

**PLEASE INITIAL HERE** \_\_\_\_\_

3. I understand that I am expected to come to the meeting fully prepared, having reviewed the agenda and all related written/graphic material available before the meeting.

**PLEASE INITIAL HERE** \_\_\_\_\_

4. I will conscientiously follow high ethical standard in putting the broad public interest ahead of any personal interest and/or bias. I further understand that it is my duty to abstain from all discussions and votes on matters that could materially affect any development interest that I may have in any real property, or where a professional allegiance and/or personal bias cannot be set aside to allow my fair consideration of the issue(s) at hand. I further understand the if I should not voluntarily abstain from the discussion and/or vote in such situation, that my participation can be challenged by another committee member, staff or the public, and my participation in that issue can be prevented by a two-thirds majority vote of the full committee. I understand that pervasive or recurring conflicts of interest and/or duty should



lead me to voluntarily resign from the committee and may be grounds for dismissal by the appointing Supervisor(s).

**PLEASE INITIAL HERE** \_\_\_\_\_

5. I commit to supporting the General Plan Update process.

**PLEASE INITIAL HERE** \_\_\_\_\_

6. I agree to communicate the issues under discussion with the constituents that I represent and to express their interests in public forum.

**PLEASE INITIAL HERE** \_\_\_\_\_

7. I agree to promote and publicize planning and the function of the committee to generate public interest and awareness.

**PLEASE INITIAL HERE** \_\_\_\_\_

8. I agree to promote and participate in full and open discussion of all matters of official committee business, and strive for consensus to the maximum possible extent.

**PLEASE INITIAL HERE** \_\_\_\_\_

9. I understand that I am expected to state the reason and basis for a decision before casting a vote on any substantive issue.

**PLEASE INITIAL HERE** \_\_\_\_\_

10. I agree to support the committee Chairperson and County staff in maintaining order, keeping discussions relevant to the business at hand, and following the proper procedures, while giving primary attention to matters of substance.

**PLEASE INITIAL HERE** \_\_\_\_\_

11. I understand that it is the role of the Chairperson to lead all meetings, be the primary spokesperson for the committee, and be the primary liaison to the staff and public. The Chairperson is also expected to attend periodic meetings with staff prior to regular and/or special meetings of the committee to discuss the agenda and format of the meeting. The Vice-Chairperson shall fulfill the duties of the Chairperson in the latter's absence. The Recording Secretary shall take notes of, or tape record, each regular and special committee meeting, and shall prepare minutes of such meetings, which shall be considered and approved by the full committee at the earliest possible time.

**PLEASE INITIAL HERE** \_\_\_\_\_

As a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ General Plan Advisory Committee I have read and understand the guidelines provided above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**