

EXISTING GENERAL PLAN GOALS, POLICIES, AND IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES

No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>		
L.I.7.9	<i>Seven Mile Reservoir: Explore use of "air space" over Seven Mile Reservoir for landscaped open passive open space.</i>	
L.I.8.9	<i>Open Space: Sponsor an existing agency or create a new agency to encourage private property owners to dedicate open space easements to the Town.</i>	
T.I.1.16	<i>Gap Analysis: Complete a gap analysis of the trails and bike networks.</i>	
<b>T.G.5.1</b>	<b>To encourage increased levels of bicycling and walking.</b>	
<b>T.G.5.2</b>	<b>To provide a safe and efficient system of bicycle and multiple use trails throughout the Town, creating a non-motorized connection to recreational and commuting destinations.</b>	
T.P.5.1	Encourage the enhancement and development of multiple use trails within the Town.	
T.P.5.2	Maximize the involvement of the private sector in the construction, maintenance and construction of trails within the Town.	
T.P.5.3	Trails should be safe, continuous, interconnected, and designed for pedestrians, and where appropriate, equestrians and/or bicyclists and be compatible with regional trail plans.	
T.P.5.4	Complete the Town's trail and bikeways system as shown in the General and Hillside Specific Plans.	
T.P.5.5	Design trails that are aesthetically pleasing, incorporating landscaping, buffering, scenic overlooks, and historic elements where possible to provide a variety of experiences.	
T.P.5.6	Consider needs of the handicapped, the elderly and children when designing trail facilities.	
T.P.5.7	During development the Town should ensure that the linkage from trails to trails, and from trails to roads is given priority.	
	Trail Location: Trails should be:	
	(1) Located so as not to impact existing homes wherever possible.	
	(2) Located within the open space areas of subdivisions that have dedicated open space as a condition of subdivision approval.	
	(3) "Cross-country" type, as opposed to trails bordering roads, wherever possible.	
	(4) Located on the first property to develop, if a trail location is adaptable to either of two adjacent properties.	
T.P.5.9	"Cross-country" trail easements shall be wide enough to contain the trail and sufficient area on both sides to buffer surrounding properties from trail users.	
T.P.5.10	Roads designated as bike routes should be constructed to be safe for both bicycles and vehicles.	
T.P.5.11	Develop a system of bicycle lanes and bicycle routes to foster bicycle use throughout the Town.	
T.I.5.1	<i>Conditions of Approval: Require dedication of easements and construction of trails, as a condition of approval for all hillside development applications.</i>	
T.I.5.2	<i>Easements: Develop and fund a program (including provisions for in-lieu fees) to obtain easements along portions of the designated trail system where development is considered unlikely or there is not a nexus to require dedication.</i>	

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T.I.5.3	<p><i>Santa Clara County Master Trails Plan: Cooperate in implementing the 1995 Santa Clara County Master Trails Plan by including the following proposed trail routes within the Town of Los Gatos that provide critical linkages to the region:</i></p> <p><i>(1) Shannon Road (R1-A)</i>  <i>(2) Los Gatos/Saratoga Road (R1-A)</i>  <i>(3) Southern Pacific Rail Corridor (C-9)</i></p>	
T.I.5.4	<p><i>Trail Maintenance: Encourage voluntary groups to assist in trail maintenance in coordination with Parks and Forestry.</i></p>	
T.I.5.5	<p><i>Trail Standards: Develop and adopt detailed trail design standards that:</i></p> <p><i>(1) Limit all new access to pedestrians and, where appropriate, equestrians, and/or bicyclists;</i>  <i>(2) Provide multiple use opportunities;</i>  <i>(3) Protect the natural ecology;</i>  <i>(4) Conform with regional trail design standards;</i>  <i>(5) Determine width, policies regarding fencing along trails and type of fencing;</i>  <i>(6) Incorporate erosion control measures; and</i>  <i>(7) Prohibit motorcycles, AT's, and mopeds.</i></p>	
T.I.5.6	<p><i>Trail Maintenance: Encourage the formation of Home Owners Associations, so that the maintenance expenses for trails that pass through subdivisions and/or planned developments will be borne by the property owners in the subdivision or planned development.</i></p>	
T.I.5.7	<p><i>Development Review: Forward development plans proposed in an area near a bicycle path or hiking trail to the Town's Trails and Bikeways Committee for review.</i></p>	
T.I.5.8	<p><i>Gap Analysis: Perform a "gap" analysis to identify major projects to complete the trails and bikeways system.</i></p>	
T.I.5.9	<p><i>Users Map: Publish a users map of the Town's trails and bikeways system.</i></p>	

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T.I.5.10	<i>Bike Lanes: The following streets shall have striped and signed Class II bike lanes:</i>	
	(1) <i>Bicknell Road* from Quito Road to More Avenue</i>	
	(2) <i>Blossom Hill Road* between University Avenue and easterly Town Limits (Existing between Vasona Park Entrance and Cherry Blossom Lane)</i>	
	(3) <i>Cherry Blossom Lane from Shannon Road to Los Gatos/Almaden Road (Existing)</i>	
	(4) <i>Fisher Avenue* from Roberts Road to Nino Avenue</i>	
	(5) <i>Knowles Drive* from Winchester Boulevard to Pollard Road</i>	
	(6) <i>Lark Avenue between Winchester and Los Gatos Boulevard</i>	
	(7) <i>Los Gatos/Almaden Road from Los Gatos Boulevard to easterly Town Limits (Existing)</i>	
	(8) <i>Los Gatos Boulevard between Samaritan Drive and East Main Street (Existing from Blossom Hill Road to East Main Street)</i>	
	(9) <i>Los Gatos/Saratoga Road* from Los Gatos Boulevard to westerly Town Limits</i>	
	(10) <i>East Main Street from bridge to Los Gatos Boulevard (Existing)</i>	
	(11) <i>More Avenue from Bucknell Road to Pollard Road</i>	
	(12) <i>Nino Avenue* from Fisher Avenue to Los Gatos Boulevard</i>	
	(13) <i>Pollard Road* from Knowles Drive to Quito Road</i>	
	(14) <i>Roberts Road* between Blossom Hill Road and Los Gatos Boulevard</i>	
	(15) <i>Shelburne Way from Winchester Boulevard to University Avenue</i>	
	(16) <i>Union Avenue* from Blossom Hill Road to Los Gatos-Almaden Road</i>	
	(17) <i>University Avenue from Shelburne Way to Blossom Hill Road</i>	
(18) <i>Winchester Boulevard between Shelburne Way and northern Town Limits (Existing from Shelburne Way to Wimbledon Drive)</i>		
	<i>* These roads shall be reviewed to determine if bike lanes can safely be striped.</i>	

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	<p><i>Bike Routes: The following streets shall be designated and signed as Class III bike routes:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) <i>Bay View Avenue from West Main Street to Pennsylvania Avenue</i></li> <li>(2) <i>Bella Vista Avenue from New York Avenue to Caldwell Avenue</i></li> <li>(3) <i>Blossom Valley Drive from Westchester Drive to Pineburst Avenue (partially in San Jose)</i></li> <li>(4) <i>Caldwell Avenue from New York Avenue to Los Gatos Boulevard</i></li> <li>(5) <i>Camino del Cerro from Escobar Avenue to Westchester Drive</i></li> <li>(6) <i>Carlton Avenue from Gateway Drive to Carlton School (partially in San Jose)</i></li> <li>(7) <i>Cypress Street from Loma Alta Avenue to Phillips Road</i></li> <li>(8) <i>Emergency access road/trail from Harwood Road to Santa Rosa Drive</i></li> <li>(9) <i>Emergency access road/trail from Harwood Road to Madera Drive</i></li> <li>(10) <i>Englewood Avenue from Shannon Road to Kennedy Road</i></li> <li>(11) <i>Escobar Avenue from Lilac Lane to Camino del Cerro</i></li> <li>(12) <i>Gateway Drive from Los Gatos Boulevard to Carlton Avenue</i></li> <li>(13) <i>Glen Ridge Avenue from Pennsylvania Avenue to Hernandez Avenue</i></li> <li>(14) <i>Harwood Road from Blossom Hill Road to end</i></li> <li>(15) <i>Hernandez Avenue from Glen Ridge Avenue to Ridgcrest Avenue</i></li> <li>(16) <i>Hicks Road* from Camden Avenue to Armerich Road</i></li> <li>(17) <i>Kennedy Road* from Los Gatos Boulevard to Shannon Road</i></li> <li>(18) <i>Lester Lane from Los Gatos/Almaden Road to Carlton Avenue</i></li> <li>(19) <i>Lilac Lane from Oleander Avenue to Escobar Avenue</i></li> <li>(20) <i>Loma Alta Avenue from Los Gatos Boulevard to Cypress Street</i></li> <li>(21) <i>West Main Street from the bridge to Bay View Avenue</i></li> <li>(22) <i>Miles Avenue from University Avenue to Los Gatos Creek Trail</i></li> <li>(23) <i>National Avenue from Los Gatos/Almaden Road to Samaritan Drive</i></li> <li>(24) <i>New York Avenue from Pleasant Street to Bella Vista Avenue</i></li> <li>(25) <i>Oleander Avenue from Cherry Blossom Lane to Lilac Lane</i></li> <li>(26) <i>Pennsylvania Avenue from Bay View Avenue to Glen Ridge Avenue</i></li> <li>(26) <i>Phillips Road from Cypress Avenue to South Kennedy Road</i></li> <li>(27) <i>Pineburst Avenue from Blossom Valley Drive to Los Gatos/Almaden Road</i></li> <li>(28) <i>Pleasant Street from East Main Street to New York Avenue</i></li> <li>(29) <i>Ridgcrest Avenue from Hernandez Avenue to Highway 9 (Monte Sereno)</i></li> <li>(30) <i>Roxbury Lane from Wedgewood Avenue to More Avenue</i></li> <li>(31) <i>Santa Rosa Drive from Shannon Road to end</i></li> <li>(32) <i>Shannon Road* from Los Gatos Boulevard to Hicks Road</i></li> <li>(33) <i>South Kennedy Road from Kennedy Road to Kennedy Road</i></li> <li>(34) <i>Taft Drive from Westchester Drive to Los Gatos/Almaden Road (San Jose)</i></li> <li>(35) <i>University Avenue from West Main Street to Blossom Hill Road and from Shelburne Way to Lark Avenue</i></li> <li>(36) <i>Wedgewood Avenue from Wimbledon Drive to Roxbury Lane (37) Westchester Drive from Camino del Cerro to Taft Drive (partially in San Jose)</i></li> <li>(38) <i>Wimbledon Drive from Winchester Boulevard to Wedgewood Avenue</i></li> </ol> <p><i>* These roads shall be reviewed to determine if bike lanes can safely be striped.</i></p>	
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T.I.5.12	<i>Bicycle Safety: Hillside roads (shaded in section 5.11 above) will not be designated or signed as bike routes until they are upgraded to safely handle both bicycle and automobile traffic.</i>	
T.I.5.13	<i>Bicycle Safety: Provide median refuges, bike-friendly signals and signs at key minor street crossings.</i>	
T.I.5.14	<i>Bike Symbols: Paint the bike symbol on the pavement to designate shared use facilities.</i>	
T.I.5.15	<i>Bicycle Parking: Consider amending Zoning Code to require bicycle parking.</i>	
V.G.3.1	<b>To provide opportunity for land uses that address the recreational needs of the Town.</b>	
V.G.3.2	<b>To provide opportunity for a variety of non-residential land uses within the area.</b>	
V.P.3.1	Sites for recreational open space and playfields shall have convenient access and be designed with adequate buffers if adjacent to residential uses.	
V.G.4.3	<b>To provide for suitable open space.</b>	
V.P.5.5	Projects developed in this sub-area shall contribute to a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over Los Gatos Creek.	
V.P.5.6	Projects developed in this sub-area shall contribute and enhance the natural view corridor and landscape of the Los Gatos Trail.	
V.I.5.4	<i>Orient development to take advantage of the amenities of the Los Gatos Creek and the Creek Trail. Establish in-lieu fees for new projects that will fund a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over Los Gatos Creek.</i>	
V.I.5.5	<i>Develop a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over Los Gatos Creek through development fees, grants, and other means available to the Town.</i>	
V.P.6.1	Development shall be designed to take advantage of the amenities offered by Los Gatos Creek and to preserve watersheds, riparian habitats and wildlife corridors.	
V.P.6.4	Develop a pedestrian/bicycle bridge across Los Gatos Creek and a continuous trail system along the east side of Los Gatos Creek from Lark Ave. to the northern Town limit in keeping with the Trails and Bikeways Master Plan.	
V.I.6.1	<i>Orient and site residential units to take advantage of the amenities of the Los Gatos Creek Trail system and to preserve watersheds, riparian habitats and wildlife corridors.</i>	
V.I.6.4	<i>Provide a trail connection for pedestrians and bicyclists along Los Gatos Creek adjacent to Bonnie View Mobile Home Park and the Santa Clara Valley Water District maintenance facility to complete the trail along the east side of Los Gatos Creek from Lark Ave. to the northern Town limits.</i>	
O.G.1.1	<b>To acquire open space areas within the Town of Los Gatos, particularly lands which provide recreational uses and will protect the public health, welfare, and safety of residents and visitors (e.g., lands in flood plains, watershed lands, or lands subject to fire or geologic hazards).</b>	
O.P.1.1	Promote coordination with all levels of government in utilizing available resources for the acquisition and development of open space	
O.P.1.2	Use open space acquisitions to support the programs in the Conservation and Safety Elements of this General Plan.	
O.P.1.3	Acquire and maintain open space areas in order to define the Town's southern boundary as passive open space.	

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O.P.1.4	Acquire parcels via fees or purchase of easements.	
O.P.1.5	Promote a system of Town parks and trails and maximize the use of public utility easements, flood control channels, school grounds, and other quasi-public areas for recreational uses and playfields.	
O.P.1.6	Maintain adequate open space along the Route 85 corridor as property is developed.	
O.I.1.1	<i>Tools: Encourage the use of Williamson Act contracts and Planned Development applications as a means to preserve open space.</i>	
	<i>Guidelines: Establish guidelines for developmental review that protect:</i>	
	<i>a. Wildlife habitat.</i>	
O.I.1.2	<i>b. Natural watershed lands.</i>	
	<i>c. Historic sites.</i>	
	<i>d. Aesthetically significant sites.</i>	
O.I.1.3	<i>Safety: Use the policies and implementation measures of the Safety Element to restrict development in safety hazard areas.</i>	
	<i>Open space acquisition: Institute an acquisition program consistent with the Housing Element that includes, fee purchase, easement</i>	
O.I.1.4	<i>dedications and land donations. Areas to be considered: Novitiate, hillside open space, additional park sites, closed school sites and large land-locked parcels.</i>	
O.I.1.5	<i>Needs assessment: Assess the need for additional developed parks and playfields in the Town of Los Gatos.</i>	
O.I.1.6	<i>Scenic Easements: Consider establishing a program to acquire scenic easements through dedication or purchase.</i>	
O.G.2.1	<b>To make open space areas within the Town accessible to all residents of and visitors to the Town as appropriate.</b>	
O.P.2.1	Provide access that is consistent with types and locations of open space areas.	
O.P.2.2	Provide adequate access to open space areas and related facilities for the physically disabled.	
O.P.2.3	Consider access from new residential developments to open space where appropriate.	
O.P.2.4	Connect open space areas via a system of trails.	
O.P.2.5	Locate, develop, and maintain access roads in ways that do not create negative impacts on open space areas.	
O.I.2.1	<i>Access: All developed open space shall have access from streets. All natural open space shall have access by trails or local streets, with adequate protection of adjacent residential areas.</i>	
O.I.2.2	<i>Trail dedication: Include trail dedication as a condition of approval for any development which includes a section of trail shown on the Trails Plan.</i>	
O.I.2.3	<i>Disabled access: Provide disabled facilities in and accessibility to all developed parks, unless they would be detrimental to public safety or welfare.</i>	
O.G.3.1	<b>To maintain open space areas and parks that enhance existing residential neighborhoods. Create open space areas and parks that blend into existing neighborhoods and other Town features.</b>	
O.P.3.1	Provide open space in residential areas.	

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O.P.3.2	Maintain the Town's high standards for landscaping and tree preservation, helping to maintain cohesiveness between existing neighborhoods and surrounding open space areas.	
O.P.3.3	Utilize private and public landscaping to preserve areas along Town streets.	
O.P.3.4	Provide access to natural open space, protecting the safety, privacy, and security of adjacent residential areas.	
O.P.3.5	Preserve open space and public uses upon the sale of existing school property in order to preserve school playing fields as developed open spaces.	
O.I.3.1	<i>Overlay zone: Use the Public School Overlay Zone to keep closed school sites in public ownership and to preserve the playing fields as developed recreation space.</i>	
O.G.5.1	<b>To ensure that the provision of open space be considered in all development decisions within the Town.</b>	
O.P.5.1	Promote private open space in all planning decisions.	
O.P.5.2	Consider effects on watershed areas, wildlife habitats, and migration corridors before allowing development of any open space.	
O.P.5.3	Consider health, welfare, and public safety in the design of open space facilities.	
O.P.5.4	Provide permanent common open space in high-density developments.	
O.P.5.5	Encourage the use of innovative, development techniques which will provide open space within individual developments, public or private.	
O.I.5.1	<i>Development Reviews: Evaluate development projects to determine the benefit of requiring open space dedication.</i>	
O.I.5.2	<i>Hillside Standards: Evaluate Hillside Standards to include measures that address open space in new development.</i>	
O.I.5.3	<i>Open Space Preservation: Include conditions on new development projects to preserve open space.</i>	
C.P.2.10	Retain creek beds, riparian corridors, water courses and associated vegetation in their natural state to assist groundwater percolation and prevent erosion and downstream sedimentation.	
C.P.2.14	Protect riparian corridors through use of restrictive setbacks or other protective measures as appropriate to the site.	
C.I.2.2	<i>Creekside plans: Development plans shall be prepared for Los Gatos and Guadalupe Creeks which include: a) the use of flood-prone areas and riparian habitats as open space, b) redevelopment including recontouring and landscaping where the natural environment has been altered by channelization, and c) paths for bicyclists and/or hikers.</i>	
C.I.2.4	<i>Landscaping: Land surrounding reservoirs and streams should be improved by the addition of trees and shrubs, especially adjacent to areas where banks or channels have been modified for flood protection.</i>	
C.I.2.11	<i>Enforce protection of riparian corridors.</i>	

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<b>Senior Needs</b>		
<b>HS.G.1.1</b>	<b>To coordinate and provide programs for social interaction for senior citizens.</b>	
HS.P.1.1	The Town shall act as a clearinghouse for social programs provided by other agencies and groups that provide aid for social problems.	
HS.P.1.2	The Town shall set funding priorities annually which include funds for senior needs.	
<i>HS.I.1.1</i>	<i>Continue to annually review social programs offered by the Town and other agencies to determine if they meet the needs of seniors.</i>	
<i>HS.I.1.2</i>	<i>Continue to use the local media and Town newsletter to promote senior programs.</i>	
<b>HS.G.2.1</b>	<b>To assure resources and programs are available for the health needs of the entire community, including children and senior citizens.</b>	
HS.P.2.1	Encourage the retention of three nearby hospitals.	
HS.P.2.2	Identify health services that are either not readily available or may need some public funding.	
<i>HS.I.2.1</i>	<i>Annually review programs the Town supports to assure they meet the health needs of target groups.</i>	
<i>HS.I.2.2</i>	<i>Coordinate and promote through the media health services provided by other agencies to local residents of target groups.</i>	
<b>Youth Needs</b>		
<b>HS.G.3.1</b>	<b>To make art and other cultural resources more accessible to the Town's residents.</b>	
HS.P.3.1	Encourage art related uses (theaters, museums, art galleries) in new and remodeled retail development.	
<i>HS.I.3.1</i>	<i>Limit the conversion of museums and theaters to non-art related uses.</i>	
<b>HS.G.4.1</b>	<b>To enrich the Town through the performing arts.</b>	
HS.P.4.1	Continue to support music in the plaza.	
HS.P.4.2	Encourage public and private facilities to host performing art events.	
<i>HS.I.4.1</i>	<i>Study the feasibility of Town supported performing arts events.</i>	
<i>HS.I.4.2</i>	<i>Study the feasibility of a performing arts center for the Town, including options for location and financing.</i>	
<b>HS.G.5.1</b>	<b>To provide a library facility that will accommodate library services to meet the educational and informational needs of the community.</b>	
HS.P.5.1	Provide the minimum library facility standards of the American Library Association.	
HS.P.5.2	Build a new library facility that will be efficient, flexible and expandable to accommodate the changing informational and educational needs of the community.	

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HS.I.5.1	<i>Proceed with planning for a new library facility that will accommodate changing technology and increased information and education needs of Los Gatos for the next twenty years.</i>	
HS.I.5.2	<i>Investigate various funding mechanisms.</i>	
HS.G.6.1	<b>To maintain a system of open communications between the Town, school districts and the development community in order to coordinate the activities of each to achieve the highest quality of education for all public schools students.</b>	
HS.P.6.1	Encourage developers to engage in early discussions with the Town and school districts regarding a project, its potential impacts on schools and the potential to reduce impacts. These discussions should occur as early as possible in the project planning stage, preferably preceding land acquisition.	
HS.P.6.2	Cooperate with school districts in identifying and evaluating population and demographic changes that may impact schools.	
HS.I.6.1	<i>Major Development Applications: Amend Town development applications to require applicants to contact the affected school districts to discuss the impacts of the proposed development.</i>	
HS.G.7.1	<b>To recognize the special needs of children.</b>	
HS.P.7 .1	The Town shall interact with applicable agencies and entities that provide children’s services to ensure their needs are met.	
HS.I.7.1	<i>Meet with agencies as needed to identify the needs of children in the community and to coordinate providing adequate programs such as childcare services.</i>	
<b>Environment and Sustainability</b>		
L.P.1.5	Preserve existing trees, natural vegetation, natural topography, and riparian and wildlife habitats, and promote tasteful, high quality, well designed, environmentally conscious and diverse landscaping in new and existing developments.	
L.P.1.6	Encourage mixed use development consisting of residential above or behind non-residential uses in commercial areas.	Related to Housing Element.
L.P.1.7	In-fill projects shall contribute to the further development of the surrounding neighborhood (e.g. improve circulation, contribute to or provide neighborhood unity, eliminate a blighted area, not detract from the existing quality of life).	
L.P.1.8	In-fill projects shall be designed in context with the neighborhood and surrounding zoning with respect to the existing scale and character of surrounding structures, and should blend rather than compete with the established character of the area.	
L.P.1.9	Preserve and protect historic structures including those that have been designated or are contributors in existing historic districts. Use special care in reviewing new buildings or remodels in the vicinity to address compatibility issues and potential impacts.	
L.P.1.10	Continue the Town’s careful and proactive historic preservation programs, tempered with compassion and understanding of the property owners’ needs, desires and financial capabilities.	
L.I.1.3	<i>In-fill project/Community Benefit: Applicants for in-fill projects shall demonstrate that the project has a strong community benefit.</i>	
L.I.1.4	<i>In-fill project/Community Benefit: The deciding body shall make specific findings of community benefit before approving any in-fill project.</i>	

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L.I.1.9	<i>Historic Preservation: Study amending the Town Code to require proposed developments that are otherwise exempt from historic review but that might have an impact on sites of designated or suspected historic significance, be referred to the Historic Preservation Committee for review and opinion.</i>	
L.I.1.11	<i>Mixed Use Overlay Zone: Complete a study to analyze a “mixed use” zone or overlay that will include a variety of businesses with differing activity cycles to provide interest and destination points to the residents.</i>	
L.I.1.13	<i>Community Education: Continue to educate the general community as to quality design and planning practices by sponsoring community forums with expert speakers, design charrettes and seminars.</i>	
L.I.1.15	<i>Continue and expand Town participation in planning processes and decisions in neighboring jurisdictions and regional bodies in order to develop innovative, effective, and coordinated land use, transportation, and hillside development plans and standards that will help preserve our small town character.</i>	
L.G.2.1	<b>To limit the intensity of new development to a level consistent with surrounding development and with the Town at large.</b>	
L.G.2.2	<b>To reduce the visual impact that new construction and/or remodeling has on our town and its neighborhoods.</b>	
L.G.2.3	<b>To preserve the quality of the personal open space (yards) throughout the town.</b>	
L.P.2.2	Balance size and number of units to achieve appropriate (limit) intensity.	
L.P.2.3	Encourage basements and cellars to provide “hidden” sq. ft. In-lieu of visible mass.	
L.P.2.4	Increase building setbacks as mass and height increase.	
L.P.2.5	Maximize quality usable open space in all new developments	
L.I.2.1	<i>Maximum Floor Area: Set a maximum total floor area for new subdivisions and planned developments as part of the approval process.</i>	
L.I.2.2	<i>Relate Yards to Building Height: Research increasing yard setback regulations to include considerations for building height.</i>	
L.I.2.3	<i>BMP Program: Study amending the BMP program to set the required number of units based on the total square footage of a project in addition to the requirement based on a percentage of the number of units.</i>	Related to Housing Element.
L.I.2.4	<i>Maximum House Size: Consider a maximum house size regulation that incorporates various methods for limiting house size.</i>	Related to Housing Element.
L.I.2.5	<i>Open Space: Consider specifying the type and increasing the quantity of open space required for new developments.</i>	
L.I.2.6	<i>Limit Floor Area Increase: Limit the amount of increase in the floor area of the remaining units in a project, when the number of units is reduced as part of the development review process</i>	
L.I.2.7	<i>Building Height: Consider amending the Zoning Code to reduce the maximum allowable building height.</i>	
L.G.4.1	<b>To preserve and enhance existing community and neighborhood character and sense of place.</b>	
L.P.4.1	Continue to encourage a variety of housing types and sizes that is balanced throughout the Town and within neighborhoods and that is also compatible with the character of the surrounding neighborhood.	Related to Housing Element.
L.P.4.2	Ensure that new development s a positive addition to the Town’s environment and does not detract from the nature and character of appropriate nearby established development.	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
L.P.4.3	Maintain the character and identity of existing neighborhoods. New construction, remodels, and additions shall be compatible and blend with the existing neighborhood.	
L.I.4.3	<i>Maintain Neighborhood Character: The deciding body shall use F.A.R. and adopted residential design guidelines to maintain existing neighborhood character.</i>	
L.I.4.5	<i>In-fill Findings: Review development applications for consistency with the required findings for In-Fill Policy.</i>	
L.I.4.6	<i>Traffic Impact Findings: Review development applications for consistency with the required findings for Traffic Impact Policy.</i>	
L.G.5.1	<b>To provide residents with adequate commercial and industrial services.</b>	
L.G.5.2	<b>To maintain a balanced, economically stable community with in environmental goals.</b>	
L.P.5.1	Maintain a variety of commercial uses (a strong downtown commercial area combined with Los Gatos Boulevard and strong neighborhood commercial centers ) to meet the shopping needs of residents and to preserve the small-town atmosphere.	
L.P.5.2	Encourage a mix of retail, office and professional uses in commercial areas, except in the Central Business District where retail should be emphasized.	
L.P.5.4	Encourage existing light industry and service commercial uses to remain or be replaced with similar uses.	
L.P.5.5	Encourage the development and retention of locally-owned stores and shops.	
L.P.5.6	Encourage development that maintains and expands resident-oriented services and/or creates employment opportunities for local residents consistent with overall land use policies of the Town.	
L.P.5.7	Only allow land uses for which public costs can be justified by over all community benefit.	
L.P.5.9	Retail sales tax “leakage” should be kept to a minimum by providing in-town convenience and comparative shopping opportunities.	
L.I.5.6	<i>Identify Needed Businesses: In cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, the Town should identify those businesses that are needed in the Town, and actively recruit those businesses.</i>	
L.I.5.7	<i>Fiscal Impacts: Review the fiscal impacts/benefits that proposed projects will have on the Town and local school districts.</i>	
L.G.6.1	<b>To maintain the historic character of the downtown.</b>	
L.G.6.2	<b>To preserve downtown Los Gatos as the historic center of the Town with goods and services for local residents while maintaining the existing Town identity, environment and commercial viability.</b>	
L.P.6.1	Encourage the preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, reuse and maintenance of existing buildings.	
L.P.6.2	Encourage the development and retention of small businesses and locally-owned stores and shops that are consistent with small town character and scale.	
L.P.6.3	Consider outdoor seating in restaurants/coffee shops only when the historic character and quality of the Downtown and adjacent neighborhoods can be maintained.	
L.P.6.4.	Establish and maintain strong boundaries between the CBD and adjacent residential neighborhoods.	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
L.P.6.5	<p>Recognize and encourage the different functions, land use patterns, and use mixes of the various commercial areas within the downtown. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The pedestrian scale, specialty orientation of the CBD.</li> <li>◆ The convenience shopping land use pattern of areas north of Saratoga Avenue to about Blossom Hill Road, and</li> <li>◆ The mixed use commercial activities along Santa Cruz Avenue and the service commercial activities along University Avenue between Andrews, Roberts, and Blossom Hill Roads.</li> </ul>	
L.P.6.6	Encourage mixed uses to increase residential opportunities in commercial zones.	Related to Housing Element.
L.G.7.3	<b>To encourage redevelopment, possibly including appropriate and compatible re-zoning, of parcels that are experiencing a high vacancy rate.</b>	
L.G.7.4	<b>To promote commercial activity that complements the whole Town.</b>	
L.G.7.5	<b>To provide a dependable source of income, employment opportunities, goods and services.</b>	
L.G.7.6	<b>To encourage a mixture of uses along Los Gatos Boulevard, including where appropriate, mixed-use parcels that are compatible with surrounding uses.</b>	
L.G.7.7	<b>To provide for uses with a family and resident orientation.</b>	
L.G.7.8	<b>To encourage pedestrian amenities, scale, and design.</b>	
L.P.7.1	New development must be designed in order to minimize adverse impacts upon adjacent residential areas.	
L.P.7.2	Encourage mixed uses to increase residential opportunities in commercial zones.	Related to Housing Element.
L.P.7.3	Retain and enhance auto dealerships.	
L.P.7.4	Auto related uses currently existing shall be allowed to remain indefinitely.	
L.P.7.6	Neighborhood commercial, multi-family residential and office uses shall be concentrated south of Los Gatos - Almaden Road.	
L.P.7.8	Commercial and mixed use development north of Lark shall be in keeping with the Vasona Light Rail and Route 85 Element, the North 40 Specific Plan (when adopted) and shall provide/incorporate Boulevard, Downtown and regional transit access accordingly.	
L.P.7.9	Establish and maintain strong boundaries between the commercial uses along Los Gatos Boulevard and adjacent residential neighborhoods.	
L.P.7.10	New landscaping, streetscape as well as new development shall be designed to encourage pedestrian use.	
L.I.7.7	<i>Pedestrian/bike Links: Provide more pedestrian/bike areas and links to adjacent residential areas to foster neighborhood use of commercial centers.</i>	
L.I.7.10	<i>South of Los Gatos - Almaden Road: Encourage replacement of vacated business south of Los Gatos - Almaden Road with neighborhood commercial, multi-family, or office uses.</i>	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
L.G.8.1	<b>To preserve the natural topography and ecosystems within the Town’s Sphere of Influence.</b>	
L.G.8.2	<b>To promote a sustainable community by protecting environmental needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.</b>	
L.P.8.1	Preserve the Town’s distinctive and unique environment by preserving and maintaining the natural topography, wildlife and vegetation and by mitigating and reversing the harmful effects of traffic congestion, pollution and environmental degradation on our urban landscape.	
L.P.8.2	Limit hillside development to that specified in the Hillside Specific Plan. Minimize development and preserve and enhance the rural atmosphere and natural plant and wildlife habitats in the hillside.	
L.P.8.3	Preserve and protect the natural state of the Santa Cruz Mountains and surrounding hillsides, by, among other things discouraging development on and near the hillsides as well as development that blocks the views of the hillsides.	
L.P.8.4	Emphasize preserving the natural land forms by minimizing grading. Grading should be limited only to the area needed to place the main house on the property.	
L.P.8.5	Allow development that is only environmentally suitable to such use.	
L.P.8.10	Limit hillside development to that which can be safely accommodated by our rural two lane roads.	
L.P.8.11	Encourage the use of scenic easements to preserve viewsheds.	
L.I.8.4	<i>Limit Impervious Surfaces: Revise Town codes to limit the impervious surfaces in most zones. Alternative materials and designs shall be encouraged for driveways, parking areas and parking lots in all zones except the C-2 zone. Examples include but are not limited to: “ribbon strip” driveways (pavement in tire areas, grass or gravel in the middle), pervious paving material, gravel surface for overflow parking lots. Design parking lots to drain into landscaped areas.</i>	
L.I.8.5	<i>Limit Size of Hillside Houses: Amend the Town Code to limit the size of houses in the hillside area.</i>	
L.I.8.6	<i>Hillside Development Standards: The Town shall continue to work with the County in updating hillside development standards, and annexations shall be encouraged within the Urban Service Boundary.</i>	
L.I.8.7	<i>Landscape Design Standards: Prepare landscape design standards that are environmentally conscious, maximize the use of native and drought-tolerant species, and encourage well planned planting schemes, that include appropriate sized plant material in sufficient density to add to the thoughtfulness and beauty of the Town.</i>	
L.I.8.8	<i>Open Space: Maximize preservation of open space and scenic vistas by requiring dedications in fee (preferred) or easements and by restricting buildable areas on lots. Where buildable areas are restricted through clustering, planned developments, or other means, these means shall not allow higher overall density on the parcel than would otherwise be allowed by the zoning. Dedications should be made jointly to Town and Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District.</i>	
L.I.8.10	<i>Hillside Design Standard: Houses shall be designed to step down the contours rather than be designed for flat pads.</i>	
L.I.8.11	<i>Ridge lines: Review all subdivisions and house plans to avoid having structures project above the ridge lines when seen from the valley floor. Avoid grading that would alter the natural ridge line.</i>	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
L.I.8.15	<i>Environmental Impact Reports: Staff should err on the side of requiring an Environmental Impact Report to ensure adequate consideration of environmental concerns associated with projects.</i>	
L.I.8.16	<i>Reverse and prevent harmful development impacts: The Town shall design and implement programs and procedures to mitigate the effects of past developments, and to review and prevent or mitigate the impacts of future development on community sustainability.</i>	
T.G.1.1	<b>To develop transportation systems that meet current and future needs of residents and businesses.</b>	
T.P.1.1	Design and implement the transportation system to be consistent with environmental goals and policies, energy conservation, land use, and small town character.	
T.P.1.2	Vehicular and pedestrian safety should be an important factor in the design of roadways.	
T.P.1.3	Evaluate all circulation and other transportation improvements and traffic controls regarding their effect on air pollution, noise and use of energy prior to issuing any zoning approval.	
T.P.1.4	Adopt street standards that reflect the existing character of the neighborhood, while taking into account safety and maintenance considerations.	
T.P.1.5	Consider the fiscal implications to the Town for the construction and operation of all circulation and transportation improvements and the enforcement of any associated regulations.	
T.P.1.6	Avoid major increases in street capacity unless necessary to remedy severe traffic congestion or critical neighborhood traffic problems and all other options, such as demand management and alternative modes, have been exhausted. Where capacity is increased, balance the needs of motor vehicles with those of pedestrians and bicyclists.	
T.P.1.7	Require roadway improvements and dedications for any development proposal with an associated traffic impact.	
T.P.1.8	New projects shall not cause the LOS for intersections to drop more than one level if it is at Level A, B or C, and not drop at all if it is at D or below.	
T.P.1.9	Protect land uses with sensitive receptors (e.g. residence, schools, hospitals) located adjacent to transportation facilities by requiring the maximum level of mitigation measures for transportation impacts.	
T.P.1.10	Incorporate plans for all users (motor vehicles, transit vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians) when constructing or modifying a roadway.	
T.P.1.11	Make effective use of the traffic-carrying ability of Los Gatos' arterials and collectors while considering the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists and adjacent residents.	
T.P.1.12	Reduce regionally generated cross-town commute and short-cut traffic.	
T.P.1.13	Actively initiate and participate in regional efforts to meet regional transportation needs.	
T.P.1.14	Highway 17 shall not be widened to provide additional travel lanes south of Lark Avenue. There shall not be an interchange at Blossom Hill Road.	
T.P.1.15	Highway 17 between Los Gatos and Santa Cruz should not be widened to provide additional travel lanes or be converted to a freeway.	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
T.I.1.1	<i>Street Design Standards: Develop standards for arterial and collector streets pursuant to the functional classification described above. The characteristics of these streets shall protect the integrity of the circulation system and protect neighborhood streets from the intrusion of through traffic.</i>	
T.I.1.2	<i>Project Review: Review development proposals to insure that the circulation system and on-site or public parking can accommodate any increase in traffic or parking demand generated by the proposed development, subject to the considerations and findings required by the Town's Traffic Impact Policy.</i>	
T.I.1.3	<i>Highway 17: The Planning Commission and Town Council shall review all new or modified connections with Highway 17 within the Town.</i>	
T.I.1.4	<i>Regional and Crosstown Traffic: Work with other local jurisdictions and the State to develop effective ways to reduce regionally generated Highway 17 congestion and cross-town traffic that do not involve adding freeway lanes or interchanges.</i>	
T.I.1.5	<i>Land Use Patterns: Periodically review the impact that future regional and Town land use patterns will have on the Town's circulation system.</i>	
T.I.1.12	<i>Level of Service: Evaluate the traffic impact of all new developments to determine compliance with the Town's L.O.S. policy for intersections. If project traffic will cause any intersection to drop more than one level if the intersection is at Level A, B or C, or to drop at all if the intersection is at D or below, the project must mitigate the traffic so that the LOS will remain at an acceptable level.</i>	
T.I.1.15	<i>Bicycle Loops: Provide bicycle sensitive loops at all future and any retrofitted signalized intersections in accordance with VTA technical guidelines.</i>	
T.I.1.17	<i>Roundabouts: Study the possibility of using "modern roundabouts" on arterials to calm traffic and increase the capacity of the intersections.</i>	
T.I.1.18	<i>Traffic Reports: All traffic reports shall include analysis of nearby uses with unusual or unique traffic generation factors or peak hours (e.g. pre-schools, churches, private clubs, quasi-public uses).</i>	
T.G.4.1	<b>To reduce reliance on the automobile.</b>	
T.G.4.2	<b>To promote alternative modes of transportation in the transportation system.</b>	
T.P.4.1	Make land use decisions that encourage walking, bicycling and public transit use.	
T.P.4.2	Encourage private entities to develop and maintain transit, pedestrian, equestrian, and bicycle facilities.	
T.P.4.3	Encourage bicycling and walking as energy conserving, non-polluting alternatives to automobile travel.	
T.P.4.4	Design and implement transportation systems for the bicyclist, pedestrian and equestrian consistent with the policies and programs in the Open Space and Conservation Elements.	
T.P.4.5	Seek funding for the design and implementation of transportation systems for the bicyclist, pedestrian and equestrian.	
T.P.4.6	Reduce automobile use by requiring alternative transportation means whenever the traffic generated by a development would result in a significant increase in air pollution, traffic congestion or noise.	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
T.P.4.7	Encourage development proposals to include amenities that encourage alternate forms of transportation that reduce pollution or traffic congestion as a form of Community Benefit (e.g. bicycle lockers/racks, showers, dedicated van-pool or car-pool parking areas, dedicated shuttle services, innovative bus shelter designs).	
T.P.4.8	Coordinate with appropriate agencies and otherwise take initiative to plan and develop adequate transportation service for Town residents (e.g. bus, Santa Cruz express bus, rail, shuttle, light-rail, jitney).	
T.P.4.9	Coordinate with appropriate agencies to provide transit service in the Town to serve the special needs of the elderly, school children, low income people, the physically disabled and other special need groups.	
T.P.4.10	Preserve the Route 85 median for mass transit.	
T.P.4.11	Encourage and support the development of a mass transit facility in the Route 85 corridor.	
T.I.4.1	<i>Community Benefit: Encourage developers to contribute to or provide nearby improvements in pedestrian, bicycle and wheelchair access.</i>	
T.I.4.2	<i>Mass Transit: Support State and County efforts at reducing automobile use and providing improved mass transit systems.</i>	
T.I.4.3	<i>Alternative Fuels: The Town shall encourage the use of non-polluting fuels by requiring the inclusion of natural gas fueling stations and electric charging stations in development approvals</i>	
T.I.4.4	<i>Transportation Demand Management: Require all major development proposals to include a detailed, verifiable transportation demand management (TDM) program for consideration by the Town during the review of the development application.</i>	
T.I.4.5	<i>Support VTA: Facilitate Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) services in Los Gatos through the provision of a bus station, bus shelters, and other means.</i>	
T.I.4.6	Shuttles: Investigate local connections to railway and airport services, and encourage hotel/inns shuttles.	
T.I.4.7	<i>Public Transportation: Encourages the use of the transit system by requiring developers to provide bus shelters and on-going maintenance as part of their developments.</i>	
T.I.4.8	<i>Work with the VTA to develop bus-only lanes to decrease delays in transit.</i>	
T.I.4.9	<i>In collaboration with regional transportation agencies, investigative options to provide a town-wide shuttle or other transit system to connect the major residential and commercial areas of Town with each other and with regional transportation facilities.</i>	
T.P.5.15	Pedestrian and bicycle safety shall not be compromised to improve or maintain the LOS of an intersection.	
T.I.5.16	<i>Bicycling Incentives: Consider amending Zoning Code to require destination support at employment centers, i.e. bicycle parking, showers and route maps for employees.</i>	
T.I.5.17	<i>Pedestrian Safety: Add noses on the medians at intersections to slow left turning traffic and provide a pedestrian refuge.</i>	
T.I.5.18	<i>Pedestrian Safety: Study the possibility of using "bulbouts" on arterials to calm traffic and increase pedestrian safety.</i>	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
T.I.6.2	<p><i>Downtown Parking Program: Consider the following potential improvements that could increase the number of parking spaces within the CBD/East Main Street area:</i></p> <p><i>(1) Make the best use of existing Town owned property.</i></p> <p><i>(2) Parking should not replace existing development.</i></p>	
T.I.6.3	<p><i>Location of Parking Facilities: To the extent possible, locate parking facilities in relation to the primary approach direction of users in order to minimize internal circulation within the CBD/East Main Street area.</i></p>	
T.I.6.5	<p><i>Parking Management Plan: Develop a parking management plan to include incentives and disincentives for appropriate employee parking including parking credits for the use of public transit and/or ridesharing.</i></p>	
T.I.6.6	<p><i>Incentives to Use Alternative Forms of Transportation: Require development proposals to include amenities that encourage alternate forms of transportation that reduce pollution or traffic congestion as a form of Community Benefit (e.g. bicycle lockers/racks, showers, dedicated van-pool or car-pool parking areas, dedicated shuttle services, innovative bus shelter designs).</i></p>	
T.I.6.7	<p><i>Protect Downtown Residential Neighborhoods: Implement appropriate parking controls to protect downtown residential neighborhoods from the encroachment of downtown shoppers and employees.</i></p>	
T.I.6.8	<p><i>Parking Requirements: Review Town Code parking requirements and standards to ensure that they are adequate to meet demand.</i></p>	
T.P.7.3	<p>Encourage the use of alternative transportation modes (walking, bicycles, transit, shuttle system, etc.), in the downtown area for environmental, energy-saving, parking and circulation purposes.</p>	
T.P.7.4	<p>Develop a combined transit station and bus depot for all the various public transit modes that serve the Downtown. This hub should be located in or near the Downtown in a place and manner that minimizes impacts on neighboring businesses and other activities.</p>	
T.P.7.5	<p>Develop a methodology and implement a review procedure for relating future development decisions to the carrying capacity of Town streets.</p>	
T.I.7.2	<p><i>Bikeway System: Future development and redevelopment projects shall be evaluated to ensure that they have no negative effects on the safety or convenience of bicycle use through the downtown. CBD parking improvements shall provide for bicycle parking.</i></p>	
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T.I.7.3	<p><i>Other Public Transit Facilities: Investigate a shuttle system to provide access to the major Downtown activity centers, with expandability to other areas of Town.</i></p>	
T.I.7.4	<p><i>Incentives for Use of Public Transit: The Town shall work with Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and commercial carriers to improve transit service to and from and within Downtown and other areas of Los Gatos and to increase ridership.</i></p>	
T.I.7.5	<p><i>Monitor Effectiveness: Monitor the actions taken to increase transit use to assess their effectiveness.</i></p>	
T.I.7.6	<p><i>Transit Station: Conduct a feasibility study for a combined transit station and bus depot.</i></p>	
V.G.1.1	<p><b>To promote the construction of Vasona Light Rail and mass transit facilities in the Route 85 median.</b></p>	
V.P.1.1	<p>Future development shall offer or contribute to transit services that link the Vasona Light Rail with the rest of Los Gatos.</p>	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
V.P.1.2	The Town shall continue to support and promote Route 85 as a multimodal facility that includes a freeway with High Occupant Vehicle (HOV) lanes, mass transit uses in the median (light rail and/or express buses), and connections to the Vasona Light Rail facility.	
V.P.1.3	Circulation planning for the Town shall recognize the potential for mass transit connections via Route 85 and the Vasona Light Rail.	
V.P.1.4	Facilities developed for Vasona Light Rail station and Route 85 mass transit connections shall be safe, convenient, and attractive for bicycle and pedestrian use.	
V.I.1.1	<i>Mass transit: Cooperate and coordinate with all appropriate agencies to facilitate construction of mass transit</i>	
V.I.1.2	<i>Mass transit: Coordinate and proactively participate with other communities and agencies to ensure that the proposed mass transit facilities are acceptable to the Town.</i>	
V.I.1.3	<i>Transportation Alternative: Development shall provide Transportation Alternative programs or facilities that help link development and mass transit. These programs may include providing bicycle racks, shower and locker facilities, transit passes to employees, etc. In-lieu fees or other funding mechanisms may be required to provide a shuttle for the area.</i>	
V.I.1.4	<i>Shuttle system: Work with the transportation agencies to determine the feasibility and means of financing a Town wide shuttle system.</i>	
V.G.2.1	<b>To encourage affordable housing (senior housing, multi-family housing, mixed use w/housing) in appropriate locations that address the Town's housing needs and take advantage of the opportunities afforded by mass transit.</b>	Related to Housing Element.
V.G.2.2	<b>To encourage mixed use developments that coordinate housing in proximity to either neighborhood commercial uses or work/residential uses.</b>	Related to Housing Element.
V.G.2.3	<b>To reduce traffic impacts of residential development within the area by taking advantage of mass transit opportunities.</b>	Related to Housing Element.
V.P.2.1	Residential development proposals within the area must demonstrate how they address the Town's unmet housing goals for affordable housing.	Related to Housing Element.
V.P.2.2	Mixed use proposals within the area must address how the uses within the development are compatible and synergistic.	
V.P.2.3	Residential development proposals within the area must address how they take advantage of mass transit opportunities.	Related to Housing Element.
V.P.3.2	Commercial development of any type (office, retail, research & development, etc.) shall be designed in keeping with the small town character of Los Gatos.	
V.P.3.3	Encourage a mix of commercial, office and light industrial and recreational uses within the area, especially in areas less suited to residential development due to noise.	
V.P.3.4	Encourage mixed use commercial in conjunction with affordable housing.	Related to Housing Element.
V.G.4.1	<b>To limit the adverse impacts of development within the area.</b>	
V.G.4.2	<b>To encourage the best mixture of residential and nonresidential uses within the area which achieves the least impact on traffic, noise, schools, etc.</b>	
V.P.4.1	Development shall not exceed transportation capacity.	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
V.P.4.2	The siting scale and design of buildings in relationship to each other shall facilitate and encourage pedestrian gathering.	
V.P.4.3	Major development projects shall be processed as planned developments.	
V.P.4.4	The design of structures and open space shall be compatible with the small-town character of Los Gatos.	
V.P.4.5	Development shall facilitate the upgrading of utilities to that needed by the area when it is fully developed.	
V.I.4.1	<i>Design guidelines shall be adopted and used to review development applications within the area for issues unique to the area (gateway, scenic vistas, open space, etc.).</i>	
V.I.4.2	<i>Project applicants must evaluate and provide appropriate mitigation measures to reduce impacts on urban services including schools, utilities, police and fire.</i>	
V.I.4.3	<i>Project applicants shall demonstrate how the project meets the specific goals and policies of this section.</i>	
V.I.4.4	<i>Require environmental audits (Phase I assessments) for all sites where property is suspected of containing any toxins.</i>	
V.P.5.1	No change in zoning shall be allowed until development of the Vasona Light Rail is planned and funded.	
V.P.5.2	Development in this area shall consist of housing that meets the affordable housing goals of the Town and neighborhood commercial uses that provide services to all residents of Los Gatos.	Related to Housing Element.
V.P.5.3	Mixed use commercial/housing developments may be considered in this sub-area.	
V.P.5.4	The Town shall work with developers, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), and other agencies to ensure that this sub-area is developed in a manner that takes full advantage of the transit opportunities afforded by the Vasona Light Rail and any mass transit provided in Route 85.	
V.I.5.1	<i>Existing zoning and uses will be maintained until Vasona Light Rail is planned and funding is approved. Development may be phased with the completion of the Vasona Light Rail. In no case may development exceed transportation capacity.</i>	
V.I.5.3	<i>Evaluate whether development of air rights at the Vasona Light Rail station facility should be allowed or could feasibly be accomplished without creating visual congestion or violating the small-town character of Los Gatos. If allowable, coordinate with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and other agencies to allow development of appropriate uses (affordable housing and neighborhood commercial and businesses that cater to commuters).</i>	
V.I.5.6	<i>Evaluate projects as to how the built environment naturally blends into the surrounding landscape in such areas as: scale, materials, hardscape, lights and landscape.</i>	
V.P.6.2	Development projects shall incorporate design features to buffer dwelling units from the visual and noise impacts of Highway 17 and Route 85.	
V.P.6.3	The maintenance road along the east side of Los Gatos Creek shall function for emergency access.	
V.P.7.1	The Town shall guide future development in the sub-area.	
V.P.7.2	The Town shall encourage uses that serve Town residents. These include, but are not limited to, open space/playfields, office, and retail and other commercial uses. Residential uses may be permitted when located over commercial as part of mixed-use development and only with acceptable mitigation of adverse noise, air quality, and other environmental hazards.	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
V.P.7.3	Encourage innovative designs, phased design schemes and mixes of uses that are consistent with the Los Gatos Boulevard Plan and Design Standards.	
V.P.7.4	Site plans shall be designed to minimize traffic impacts and to preserve sufficient open space.	
V.I.7.4	<i>Proactive guiding role: Take a proactive role in defining desirable uses and site design by various means, including but not limited to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <i>Exploring methods of financing infrastructure improvements.</i></li> <li>◆ <i>Working with property owners and prospective developers to facilitate orderly development.</i></li> </ul>	
V.I.7.5	<i>Project Review: Evaluate proposed uses and designs to ensure they are consistent with the Los Gatos Boulevard Plan and Design Standards. Developers may be asked to provide surveys, market studies and other information deemed necessary to assure these objectives are met.</i>	
V.P.8.1	Encourage mixed use development (office /medium-high density residential) north of Lark Ave.	Related to Housing Element.
V.P.8.4	Encourage parcel assembly to provide greater design flexibility and minimize driveways along Los Gatos Blvd.	Related to Housing Element.
V.I.8.1	<i>Mixed use: Projects proposing all office or all residential will be evaluated to ensure that the Town’s desire for mixed use is fulfilled. Shared parking for projects with mixed use will be allowed.</i>	Related to Housing Element.
V.I.8.2	<i>Rental/affordability preference: Evaluate proposals with residential uses to assure that the Town’s housing goals are being furthered.</i>	Related to Housing Element.
V.I.8.6	<i>Mixed use design: Develop and adopt standards for mixed use design, to be used in the review process of all mixed use developments</i>	
C.G.2.1	<b>To conserve the water resources of the Town.</b>	
C.G.2.2	<b>To protect and preserve watersheds.</b>	
C.G.2.3	<b>To minimize the amount of storm water runoff, as well as to protect and improve the quality of runoff.</b>	
C.G.2.4	<b>To promote water conservation and the efficient use of water.</b>	
C.G.2.5	<b>To insure an adequate water supply for the Town’s plant and animal wildlife as well as human populations.</b>	
C.G.2.6	<b>To protect riparian corridors including intermittent and ephemeral streams.</b>	
C.P.2.1	Apply land use regulations, scenic easements, or other appropriate measures to keep a maximum of the watershed and lands immediately contiguous to reservoirs and stream channels in an open, natural state.	
C.P.2.3	Consider the single and cumulative impacts on water drainage (runoff) and contamination (water quality) in the environmental review process of development in all areas but particularly in or adjacent to hillsides, riparian lands or important undeveloped watershed areas.	
C.P.2.4	Establish natural open space and recreation as the priority land use designation for lands immediately adjacent to reservoirs and streams.	
C.P.2.6	Promote landscaping that is based on principles of water conservation.	
C.P.2.7	Promote non-point source pollution control programs to reduce and control the discharge of non-point source pollutants into the storm drain system.	
C.P.2.8	Limit land use intensity in areas with inadequate water supply.	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
C.P.2.9	Cooperate with the Santa Clara Valley Water District and their agencies to protect watersheds and riparian habitats from degradation.	
C.P.2.11	Assess the potential for new development to contaminate surface water and/or groundwater.	
C.P.2.12	Require new development to demonstrate how it makes efficient use of water.	
C.P.2.13	Work with Town businesses and residents to encourage water conservation.	
C.I.2.1	<i>Evaluations: Include detailed evaluations of the individual and cumulative impacts on water drainage and contamination for any development application on riparian lands or undeveloped watershed areas.</i>	
C.I.2.3	<i>Coordination: Planning efforts should be coordinated with the Santa Clara Valley Water District.</i>	
C.I.2.6	<i>Water conservation: Continue to review all landscape plans as specified by the Town Code section on Water Efficient Landscaping.</i>	
C.I.2.8	<i>Require landscaping in new developments and remodels that is based on the principles of water conservation, including the use of drought tolerant plants, limited turf areas and water conserving techniques.</i>	
C.I.2.9	<i>Require the use of water-saving devices in new developments and plumbing-related remodels, and develop incentives to encourage their installation in existing development.</i>	
C.I.2.10	<i>Cooperate with the Santa Clara Valley Water District and other appropriate agencies to explore options for bringing reclaimed water to Los Gatos, and provide incentives to encourage its use for public and private landscaping and decorative lakes, ponds, and fountains.</i>	
C.G.4.1	<b>To conserve and augment the plant life of the Town.</b>	
C.G.4.2	<b>To prevent damage to plant life in the hillsides, watershed and riparian areas.</b>	
C.P.4.1	Use existing ordinances and enact any necessary others to preserve trees on public and private property.	
C.P.4.2	Preserve heritage trees and specimen.	
C.P.4.5	Preserve wetlands.	
C.P.4.7	Promote public and private projects that protect native plant species.	
C.P.4.8	Prevent development that significantly depletes, damages or alters existing plant life, wildlife habitat or landscape vistas.	
C.P.4.9	Require that specific landscaping plans accompany development projects in town and hillside areas.	
C.P.4.10	Allow no more than minimal landscaping and turf in hillside areas.	
C.P.4.11	Encourage preservation and use of native plant species in hillside areas.	
C.P.4.12	Enforce the grading standards set forth in the Hillside Specific Plan.	
C.P.4.13	Require street trees in new developments.	
C.P.4.14	Prohibit off-road vehicles in native plant areas.	
C.I.4.1	<i>Native plants: Review site plans to ensure that native or other appropriate plant materials are used to reduce maintenance and irrigation costs and disruption of the native ecology.</i>	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
C.I.4.2	<i>Tree preservation ordinance: Town ordinances shall encourage the maintenance of specimen or heritage trees and limit the removal of all trees. The ordinances shall be reviewed periodically for necessary updating.</i>	
C.I.4.3	<i>Preserving existing plants: Amend the grading ordinance to establish standards to maintain and preserve existing native plant species.</i>	
C.I.4.4	<i>Review all development proposals to ensure appropriate grading and landscaping and minimal disruption to existing plant life and wildlife habitat.</i>	
C.I.4.5	<i>Apply Hillside Specific Plan to ensure minimal grading, and to protect plant life and landscape vistas.</i>	
<b>C.G.5.1</b>	<b>To conserve the wildlife populations.</b>	
C.P.5.1	Minimize, and where feasible, eliminate the use of herbicides and slowly bio-degrading pesticides to minimize potential damage to native plants, birds, and other wildlife.	
C.P.5.2	Coordinate the protection and continuation of wildlife species and habitats with State and Federal agencies.	
C.P.5.3	Maintain open space and native plant communities that provide habitat and migration corridors for native and viable introduced species.	
C.P.5.4	Establish sound land management practices that will improve wildlife habitats.	
C.P.5.5	Identify and protect areas where there is a high degree of diversity in the types of habitat available for wildlife.	
C.P.5.6	Promote the design of public and private projects that provide the maximum protection of wildlife populations.	
C.P.5.7	Limit public access in areas where significant wildlife populations exist.	
C.I.5.1	<i>Wildlife habitats and migration corridors: Site plans shall be reviewed to insure that existing significant wildlife habitats and migration corridors are not adversely affected by either individual or cumulative development impacts.</i>	
C.I.5.2	<i>Enforcement: Local, state and national regulations protecting against the destruction of wildlife and wildlife habitat shall be strictly enforced.</i>	
C.I.5.3	<i>Open space dedication: The Town shall use requirements for open space dedication as a means to protect wildlife.</i>	
<b>C.G.6.1</b>	<b>To promote recycling and reuse as well as reduction in demand.</b>	
<b>C.G.6.2</b>	<b>To conserve space in the landfills.</b>	
C.P.6.1	Encourage residential and commercial recycling of reusable materials.	
C.P.6.2	Encourage recycling and reuse of building materials from remodeled and demolished buildings.	
C.P.6.3	Cooperate with nearby jurisdictions and regional jurisdictions to design and implement coordinated recycling plans.	
C.P.6.4	Encourage reductions in use of nonrenewable resources in building construction, maintenance, and operations.	
C.I.6.1	<i>Continue and expand programs through the local waste hauler for recycling.</i>	
C.I.6.2	<i>Consider implementing a reuse center for building materials from remodeled and demolished buildings.</i>	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
C.I.6.3	<i>Continue to work with other West Valley Cities through the West Valley Cities Solid Waste JPA to design and implement expanded recycling programs.</i>	
C.I.6.4	<i>Continue to work with the Santa Clara County Solid Waste Commission.</i>	
C.I.6.5	<i>Develop policies, incentives, and design guidelines that encourage the public and private purchase and use of durable and nondurable items, including building materials, made from recycled materials or renewable resources.</i>	
C.G.7.1	<b>To foster development that reduces the use of non-renewable energy resources and expands the use of renewable resources and alternative fuels.</b>	
C.P.7.1	Encourage construction and use of technologies that maximize energy conservation.	
C.P.7.2	Encourage the use of energy conservation techniques and technology in existing development.	
C.P.7.3	Design structures to maximize natural heating and cooling (passive solar heating and cooling.)	
C.P.7.4	Utilize landscaping for passive cooling and protection from prevailing winds.	
C.P.7.5	Protect existing development from loss of solar access.	
C.P.7.6	Continue to pursue energy-efficiency in Town operations.	
C.P.7.7	Encourage use of renewable energy sources and alternative fuels.	
C.P.7.8	Promote local employment opportunities to reduce consumption of fuel used for commuting.	
C.P.7.9	Require higher levels of energy efficiency as house size increases.	
	<p><i>Code Amendments: Amend the Town Code to establish regulations, in addition to Title 24 requirements, that promote and require the conservation of energy and the use of renewable energy sources as follows:</i></p>	
	<i>A. Protect solar access to existing buildings and all installed solar energy systems.</i>	
	<i>B. Develop specific design guidelines for energy efficient architectural designs, site plans and landscaping to be used during plan review of all new developments.</i>	
	<i>C. Require the provision and protection of solar access in all new development through the dedication of private solar access covenants.</i>	
C.I.7.1	<i>D. Require that all new developments be designed to take advantage of passive solar heating and cooling opportunities as specified by Section 66473.1 of the Subdivision Map Act. The word “feasible” is as defined in Sec. 66473.1.</i>	
	<i>E. Require the use of solar water heaters on all new residential buildings where solar access is available and natural gas is not available. Require pre-plumbing for solar water heaters on all other new residential construction where solar access is available.</i>	
	<i>F. Require solar energy as the primary means of heating new swimming pools, where solar access is available.</i>	
	<i>G. Identify any current Town regulation that may limit feasible energy conservation or solar energy applications and consider modification.</i>	
C.I.7.2	<i>Energy Rating System: The Town, in conjunction with the local board of realtors and local developers and architects, shall participate in the development and implementation of an energy efficiency rating system for existing and new residential structures to assist home buyers in selecting energy efficient homes.</i>	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
C.I.7.3	<i>Weatherization: The Town shall continue to promote the rapid weatherization of all homes through publicizing available utility energy audit and financing programs and investigate possible contracting with PG&amp;E to identify participants.</i>	
C.I.7.4	<i>Sustainable Los Gatos Information Center: Establish and maintain a “sustainability information center” at the Town Hall to inform the public and distribute available brochures.</i>	
C.I.7.5	<p><i>Energy Conservation Programs: The Town shall continue to adopt the following energy saving steps for Town facilities and operations:</i></p> <p><i>A. Conduct, with assistance from PG&amp;E, a thorough energy audit of all Town facilities to identify cost-effective opportunities for conservation and use of solar energy systems.</i></p> <p><i>B. Designate a high-level staff person as the Town Energy Manager who is responsible for coordinating and meeting in-house energy conservation goals.</i></p> <p><i>C. Establish realistic yearly goals for reductions in Town energy costs and keep Town personnel aware of program status.</i></p> <p><i>D. Establish a fuel conservation program for Town vehicle fleet and require Gas Cap driver training for all employees who use fleet vehicles.</i></p>	
CD.G.1.1	<b>To preserve and enhance the Town’s character through exceptional community design.</b>	
CD.P.1.1	Promote and protect the physical and other distinctive qualities of residential neighborhoods.	
CD.P.1.2	Promote, enhance and protect the functionality and appearance of the Town’s commercial areas.	
CD.P.1.3	Encourage the preservation of the appearance and function of the industrial areas and the visible labor and products of labor that are evident there.	
CD.P.1.4	Promote and protect viewsheds.	
CD.P.1.5	Avoid abrupt changes in scale and density.	
CD.P.1.6	Establish community design guidelines that promote and protect the natural amenities in the Town.	
CD.P.1.7	New structures, remodels, landscapes and hardscapes shall be designed to harmonize and blend with the scale and rhythm of the neighborhood and natural features in the area.	
CD.P.1.8	Building elements shall be in proportion with those traditionally in the neighborhood.	
CD.P.1.9	Building, landscape and hardscape materials shall be used that will reinforce the sense of unity of a neighborhood and blend with the natural setting.	
CD.P.1.10	Buildings, landscapes and hardscapes shall follow the natural contours of the property.	
CD.P.1.11	New structures or remodels that will affect existing scenic views of neighbors shall be designed so that all affected properties have equitable access to views.	
CD.P.1.12	New construction and remodels shall be encouraged to use energy and resource-efficient and ecologic ally sound designs, technologies and building materials, as well as recycled materials to promote sustainability. (See Energy and Recycling sections of the Conservation Element)	
CD.P.1.13	Encourage the under grounding of utilities on new construction and substantial remodels.	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
CD.P.1.14	Minimize the visual impacts of lighting.	
CD.P.1.15	Utility connections and meters shall be located as to be visually unobtrusive from the street.	
CD.P.1.16	Roof mounted mechanical equipment shall be screened and such screening shall be considered as part of the structure for height limitations.	
CD.P.1.17	Landscaping and hardscaping shall harmonize with the existing neighborhood while meeting water conservation requirements.	
CD.P.1.18	Hardscape and formal landscape areas in hillsides shall be minimized.	
CD.P.1.19	Solid fencing over 3 feet high shall be designed to not isolate the structures from the street or shall be set back and landscaped.	
CD.P.1.20	Multiple family residential developments shall include common open space suitable for group gathering.	
CD.P.1.21	All residential developments shall include privately owned open space in proportion to the building size.	
CD.P.1.22	Minimize the number of driveway openings, or curb cuts, in new development.	
CD.P.1.23	Review properties next to community entry points when they are developed or redeveloped to reflect the gateway concept.	
CD.P.1.24	Plan street improvements such as curb cuts, sidewalks, bus stop turnouts, bus shelters, light poles, benches and trash containers as an integral part of a project to ensure safe movement of people and vehicles with the least possible disruption to the streetscape.	
CD.P.1.25	Provide for safe pedestrian circulation in parking lots without unnecessarily eliminating parking spaces.	
CD.P.1.26	Promote visual continuity through tree planting, consistent use of low shrubs and ground cover.	
CD.P.1.27	Encourage the use of landscaping (such as trees, large shrubs, trellised vines) to mitigate the effects of building mass, lower noise and reduce heat generation.	
CD.I.1.1	<p><i>Design Review: Design standards shall be considered for every project. These standards shall be periodically reviewed and updated. Staff reports shall include a design review that refers to but is not limited to the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>A. Building architecture (in keeping with the surrounding neighborhood)</i></li> <li><i>B. Utilities</i></li> <li><i>C. Landscaping</i></li> <li><i>D. Streets and sidewalks</i></li> <li><i>E. Signing</i></li> <li><i>F. Lighting</i></li> <li><i>G. Historical significance</i></li> <li><i>H. Disabled accessibility</i></li> <li><i>I. Siting/Orientation</i></li> <li><i>J. Materials and color</i></li> <li><i>K. Functionality</i></li> <li><i>L. Energy efficiency</i></li> </ul>	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
CD.I.1.2	<i>Periodically inspect all commercial landscaping to ensure that approved landscaping is maintained.</i>	
CD.I.1.3	<i>Require careful review of all landscaping to ensure that it is aesthetic ally pleasing, lush and full, compatible with its neighborhood and natural environment, and water conserving.</i>	
CD.I.1.4	<i>Adopt design guidelines for landscaping; including hardscape.</i>	
CD.I.1.5	<i>An education and outreach program shall be used to inform neighborhoods, realtors, developers, architects, and designers about the Town’s design guidelines and standards, including providing the relevant guidelines and standards as part of project application packages.</i>	
CD.I.1.6	<i>Native plant species. Landscaping plans shall maximize the use of native and/or drought resistant plant materials.</i>	
CD.I.1.7	<i>Trees. Landscaping plans should maximize the use of trees for climate control, screening, shading (esp. parking lots) and aesthetics.</i>	
CD.I.1.8	<i>Tree species. Encourage mixtures of tree species, both deciduous and evergreen, to screen projects, to add variety, to create a more natural environment and to avoid future problems of insect infestation or other blights that might destroy the desired tree cover.</i>	
CD.I.1.9	<i>Maintenance contracts. A five-year maintenance contract to protect newly planted and existing trees shall be required as a condition of approval for all development applications except single family dwellings.</i>	
CD.I.1.10	<i>Consider amending Zoning Ordinance regarding fences adjacent to streets.</i>	
CD.I.1.11	<i>The Los Gatos Boulevard Plan shall be used to evaluate projects within the area it covers.</i>	
CD.I.1.12	<i>Evaluate projects against applicable design guidelines.</i>	
CD.I.1.13	<i>Consider amending the zoning ordinance to apply hillside standards to sloping lots, even if zoned other than HR or RC.</i>	
CD.I.1.14	<i>Consider amending the zoning ordinance to define sloping lot.</i>	
<b>CD.G.2.1</b>	<b>To preserve the natural beauty and ecological health of the hillsides.</b>	
CD.P.2.1	Projection above the ridge view protection line is prohibited. The plans for each house shall indicate its height in relationship to the ridge view protection line when viewed from specific vantage points.	
CD.P.2.2	Consideration shall be given to the siting homes for privacy, livability, protection of natural plant and wildlife habitats and migration corridors, adequate solar access and wind conditions. Siting should take advantage of scenic views but should not create significant ecological or visual impacts affecting open spaces, public places, or other properties.	
CD.P.2.3	Mass Grading in New Construction: Follow natural land contour and avoid mass grading in new construction. Grading large, flat yard areas shall be avoided. Siting of the house must consider natural topography.	
CD.P.2.4	Reducing Visible Mass: Effective visible mass shall be reduced through such means as stepping structures up and down the hillside, a maximum of two stories shall be visible from every elevation following the natural contours, and limiting the height and mass of the wall plane.	
CD.P.2.5	Adjacent parcels shall provide an uninterrupted band of useable segments for wildlife corridors and the recreational use of others, if applicable.	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
CD.P.2.6	<p>Hillside Landscaping: Hillside landscaping shall be designed with the following goals in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Preservation and use of native/natural vegetation.</li> <li>B. Minimization of formal landscaping and hardscape.</li> <li>C. Siting formal landscaping and hardscape close to the house.</li> <li>D. Following the natural topography.</li> <li>E. Preservation of natural trees, vegetation, and wildlife habitats and migration corridors.</li> </ul>	
CD.P.2.7	<p>Fencing: Fences shall be of open design unless required for privacy. A minimal amount of the land shall be enclosed by fences over five feet high.</p>	
CD.P.2.8	<p>Lighting: Outdoor lighting shall be limited. Lighting allowed shall be of low intensity and for safety purposes. Lighted sports courts shall be prohibited. The effects of indoor lights should be and studied and reduced if found to be excessive.</p>	
CD.P.2.9	<p>Update the Hillside Design Standards.</p>	
CD.I.2.1	<p><i>Adopt and continually update exceptional hillside design standards and guidelines. Expand the issues currently addressed by the Town's Hillside Design Standards to include siting, orientation, materials, size, fencing, lighting, wildlife habitats and migration corridors, and the amount of formal landscaping and hardscape that may be installed.</i></p>	
CD.I.2.2	<p><i>Evaluate projects as to how the built environment naturally blends into the surrounding landscape in such areas as: scale, materials, hardscape, lights and landscape.</i></p>	
CD.I.2.3	<p><i>To revise the Town's grading policy to be consistent with the General Plan and Hillside Specific Plan.</i></p>	
CD.I.2.4	<p><i>Determine maximum buildable slope and consider a regulation for it.</i></p>	
CD.I.2.5	<p><i>Consider down zoning hillside properties to lower densities.</i></p>	
CD.G.4.1	<p><b>To preserve the character of downtown Los Gatos and the quality of life for its citizens.</b></p>	
CD.P.4.1	<p>Provide for a pedestrian-oriented downtown core.</p>	
CD.P.4.2	<p>Establish and maintain strong boundaries between the commercial area and adjacent residential neighborhoods.</p>	
CD.P.4.3	<p>Preserve and enhance the appearance of the CBD through design improvements.</p>	
CD.P.4.4	<p>Strengthen architectural design controls related to the rehabilitation of buildings within the Town's CBD.</p>	
CD.P.4.5	<p>Provide directional signs to identify the downtown area and to guide residents and visitors to downtown destinations.</p>	
CD.P.4.6	<p>Preserve historically, architecturally or socially significant buildings.</p>	
CD.P.4.7	<p>Downtown signs and graphics should maintain the Town's small scale appearance.</p>	
CD.P.4.8	<p>Parking structures and facilities shall have a low profile and be screened from view, and be aesthetically pleasing.</p>	
CD.P.4.9	<p>Develop and promote pedestrian-, bicycle-, and transit-oriented supplements to parking.</p>	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
CD.I.4.1	<p><i>Commercial Core: The area along Santa Cruz and University Avenues between Saratoga Avenue and West Main Street should receive special treatment to accent it as the Town's commercial core or CBD. This treatment to enhance user comprehension and enjoyment of this area should include:</i></p> <p><i>A. Continuation of the Town's downtown paving and tree planting system within the CBD.</i></p> <p><i>B. Specialized lighting and sign systems to distinguish this area.</i></p> <p><i>C. Architectural design controls related to the rehabilitation of buildings within the CBD through consistency and compatibility of scale, massing, materials, color, texture, reflectivity, openings, and other details.</i></p> <p><i>D. Design controls on private signs to enhance the commercial core area.</i></p> <p><i>E. Controls to ensure that the new buildings built on existing vacant parcels strengthen the form and image of the CBD.</i></p> <p><i>F. Orientation signs to guide those seeking access to the Town's parking areas and other destinations.</i></p> <p><i>G. Modifications and improvements to the Town Plaza to heighten its role as the southern visual anchor and gateway to the downtown area.</i></p>	
CD.I.4.2	<p><i>Building Relationship to Street and Pedestrian Ways: Mid-block pedestrian arcades linking Santa Cruz Avenue with existing and new parking facilities in the CBD along the right-of-way facilitate pedestrian access. These arcades must include crime prevention elements such as good sight-lines and lighting systems for security.</i></p>	
CD.I.4.3	<p><i>Building Materials: The exterior building materials in the CBD should be consistent with those used in existing, tastefully executed buildings in near proximity.</i></p>	
CD.I.4.4	<p><i>Pedestrians: Specify building designs and site plans that encourage and enhance pedestrian circulation.</i></p>	
CD.I.4.5	<p><i>Historic Features: Identify valuable and historical architectural styles and features.</i></p>	
CD.I.4.6	<p><i>Landscaping: Develop landscaping schemes that heighten user understanding of Downtown. Trees and plants shall be approved by the Superintendent of Parks and Forestry for the purpose of meeting criteria, including climatic conditions, maintenance, year round versus seasonal color change (blossoms, summer foliage, autumn color), special branching effects and other considerations.</i></p>	
CD.I.4.7	<p><i>Parking Facilities Relation to Grade: Parking facilities in Downtown Los Gatos shall be at or below grade. A parking structure on the Farwell Lot (Lot 6) may be acceptable with one level above grade. All parking facilities must exhibit excellence in design, minimize impacts on adjacent property, and be consistent with the Town's character.</i></p>	
CD.I.4.8	<p><i>Parking Facilities Design Criteria: Establish adequate design criteria to ensure parking facilities that are aesthetically pleasing, well designed for parking maneuverability, properly signed for ease of use, properly located to attract traffic as it approaches the downtown, and through the use of landscaping, berms, screening and the like, as inconspicuous as possible.</i></p>	
CD.I.4.9	<p><i>Pedestrian Orientation and Parking Demand Management: Conduct a feasibility and design study to develop and implement programs for pedestrian, bicycle, and transit-oriented systems to supplement parking in the CBD.</i></p>	
CD.I.4.10	<p><i>Bicycle Parking: Require bicycle parking in private parking lots and provide bicycle parking in all public lots in downtown.</i></p>	
CD.I.4.11	<p><i>Lighting: Street walkway, and building lighting should be designed so as to strengthen and reinforce the Town's downtown character.</i></p>	
CD.I.4.12	<p><i>Signs: Public signs, directional signs, informational signs and others within the CBD should be so designed as to easily communicate their messages, and to be so distinct in their form and color that the observer will identify them with the Central Business District.</i></p>	

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No.	Goal, Policy or Implementing Strategy	Notes
CD.I.4.13	<i>Street Furniture: Street furniture and equipment, such as lamp standards, traffic signals, fire hydrants, street signs, telephones, mail boxes, refuse receptacles, bus shelters, drinking fountains, planters, kiosks, flag poles and other elements of the street environment should be designed and selected so as to strengthen and reinforce the downtown character.</i>	
CD.I.4.14	<i>Streetscape Plan: Implement the Downtown Streetscape and Plaza Master Plans.</i>	
HS.P.3.2	Encourage public art in all new development.	
HS.I.3.2	<i>Develop design guidelines to encourage incorporation of art and art-related uses in new and remodel developments.</i>	