

Epilogue

The San Rafael *General Plan 2020* has been over four years in the making. The update of *General Plan 2000* was deliberately designed to involve the community at every step of the planning process. For three years a 19-member Steering Committee, which was carefully and intentionally selected by the City Council as a balanced and diverse group of people representing a wide range of community interests, identified planning issues, and drafted goals, policies and programs. Affordable housing and circulation issues were among the top of the list and a true challenge to work through. In the spring and summer of 2001, four Task Groups of 60 community members put their heads together to come up with an array of policy ideas in the Quality of Life, Getting Around Town, Neighborhoods and Homes and Economic Vitality categories.

After countless visioning sessions, Steering Committee meetings, outreach efforts, and community workshops (including a design charrette) throughout their three-year mission, on August 4, 2003 the Steering Committee members presented their draft Plan to the San Rafael City Council.

The Planning Commission devoted eight months and 14 public meetings to reviewing the Steering Committee's draft Plan. This public hearing process attracted people from neighborhoods, businesses and local agencies who truly care about the future of their hometown. Many community members committed their personal time and kept on top of the issues at stake.

The Planning Commission, after making their recommended edits, passed the baton to the City Council who collected additional community input during September and October 2004, and made further recommendations. On November 15, 2004, the City Council adopted San Rafael's *General Plan 2020*.

This community project could not have been accomplished if it weren't for the endurance, dedication and hard work contributed by community members, city staff and officials. Although the process was long and challenging, the plan that resulted truly reflects the community's vision summarized as: "We are living well in San Rafael."

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Resolution of Adoption

On November 15, 2004, the San Rafael City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11665, making *General Plan 2020* the long-range plan for the City of San Rafael. A copy of Resolution No. 11665 is available from the City Clerk, at City Hall, 1400 Fifth Avenue, or at 415-485-3066.

