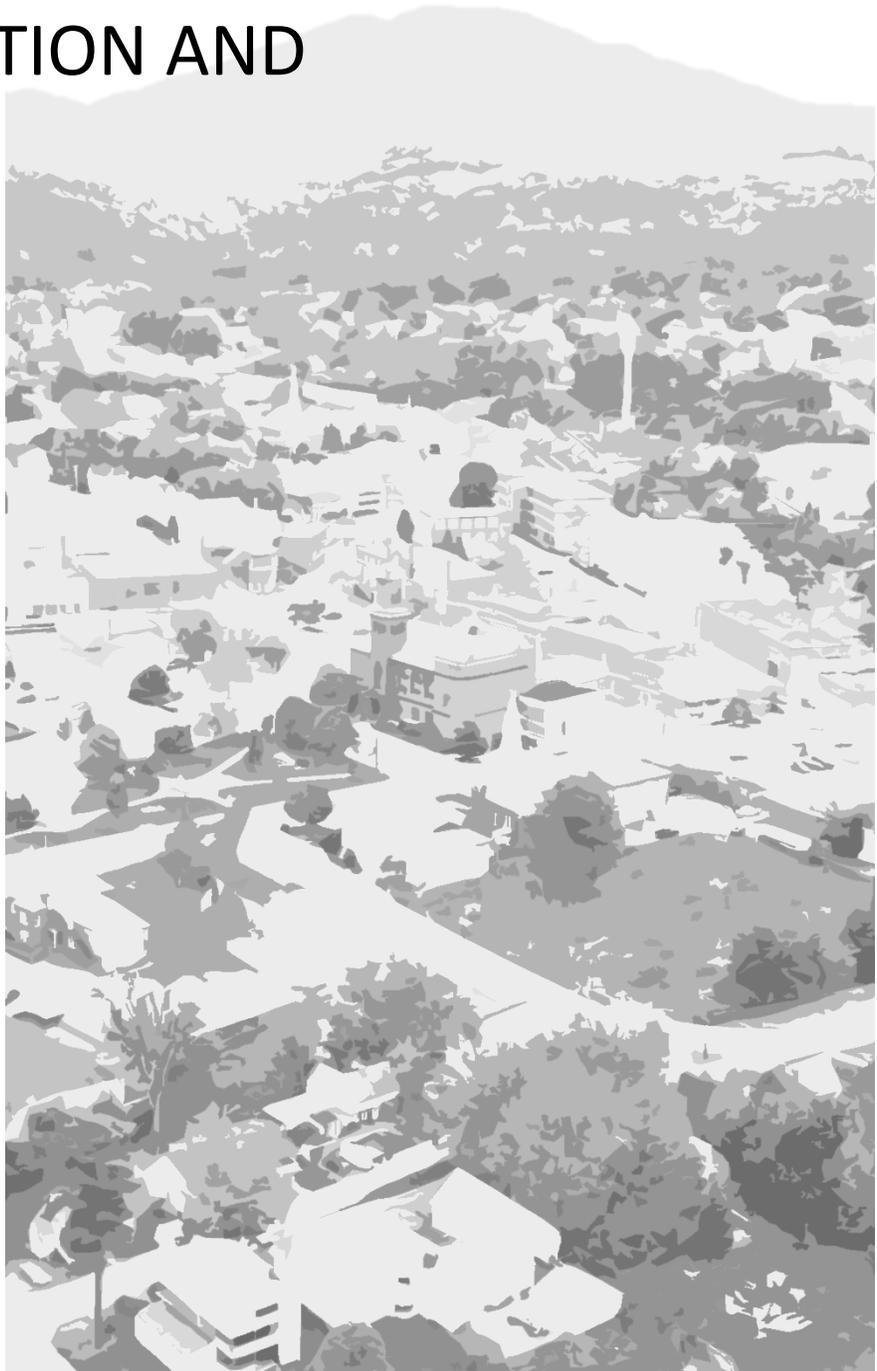


CITY OF CLAREMONT MASTER PLAN 2017

INTRODUCTION AND VISION



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Introduction

The 2017 Master Plan updates and continues the 2011 Master Plan and related 2008 Land Use Chapter. Land use and all related chapters have been completed in this update based on input from a public vision session in 2016, over 230 surveys, and over 100 public subcommittee meetings. This comprehensive evaluation of the community provides guidance over the next five years to elected officials, City staff, and boards and commissions through a series of goals, objectives and action items.

The Master Plan Vision statement sets the parameters for all goals in the Master Plan, and should be considered in all City decision-making during the period of this plan. It is important to acknowledge that those residents working on the plan wanted it to reflect Claremont as they know it, with the strengths and weaknesses that impact the City. Continued economic development, good education outcomes and ending generational poverty are reflected in chapters throughout the plan and are important outcomes to the Master Plan Steering Committee.



Vision

Claremont will be a vibrant, cohesive community with a strong economic base that has preserved its historic character and natural resources. The following are the priorities in this Master Plan to achieve success over the next five years:

- Claremont's economy will provide for diverse, good quality and skilled jobs and the workforce and economic development resources to access those jobs. These resources will improve the standard of living for residents of the community.
- Claremont will implement an inclusive and equitable path to improve the lives of all of its residents and families through education. It will do so by closing gaps for all age groups through a strong education system that supports classroom and workforce opportunities in science, technology, engineering, arts and math.
- Claremont will have safe, well-maintained roads, sidewalks, and alternative transportation modes particularly between residential areas and employment centers.
- A busy City Center district will be anchored by local retailers, office space, dining and cultural venues. Revitalization and rehabilitation of existing buildings will be a priority in the mixed use and historic districts and investment will be encouraged in these efforts with available development incentives.
- High quality housing development and residential rehabilitation will occur, and a diversity of housing choices, including home and condominium ownership, rental, student and senior housing, will be available in the city neighborhoods. Infrastructure and streetscapes that support neighborhoods will be maintained and improved where needed to ensure public safety and health.
- The City's parks and recreation assets will be improved and well-maintained, and will positively impact the community's wellness and public health.
- Claremont will see growth in the creative economy.
- Claremont will pursue an energy agenda that reflects current technology and innovation. Upgrades to City infrastructure will enhance energy efficiency, and residents and businesses will have easy access to many different safe and affordable forms of energy. The City will be a resource for business and citizens on energy issues.
- The City's beautiful natural areas, rural lands and history continue to be the foundation of its identity and these assets will be secured for future generations.

In the pursuit of this vision, Claremont will fulfill its historic role as a successful economic center of the region.