

OUR PALO ALTO 2030 – THE SUMMIT

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS



Over 350 Palo Alto residents, business people, community leaders, and elected officials gathered at Mitchell Park Community Center on Saturday May 30, 2015 for Our Palo Alto 2030 – The Summit. This marquee event brought together a diverse range of voices from throughout the community for a lively discussion of choices that will define Palo Alto in the years to come. The event kicked off with a welcome from Mayor Karen Holman and an introductory presentation from City Manager Jim Keene to frame the context for the choices at hand. Then Planning Director Hillary Gitelman spoke to outline the Comprehensive Plan Update process, introduce the critical choices and orient participants to the small group discussion activities that followed throughout the day.

From mid-morning onward, Summit participants worked in groups of 4-6 to weigh in on key issues related to Transportation, Growth Management, and Housing in a series of breakout sessions. Each session started with a 6-minute video with information on existing conditions and trends to layout important questions and tee up a discussion. Groups then had 60 minutes to work together to share their vision and their solutions for the Palo Alto of tomorrow, recording their comments on a series of worksheets and marking up large format tables maps. When the hour was up, each group texted in their top two ideas and a summary of the key points of the discussion scrolled by onscreen in real time.

This report contains a full record of ideas generated by workshop participants. It is organized into the following sections:

- ***Mobility and Convenience: 21st Century Transportation*** - A summary of common themes and unique ideas that came out of the small group discussions in this first of three breakout sessions. The summary is followed by a full record of worksheets completed by participants.
- ***Sustainable Prosperity: Effective Growth Management Tools*** - A summary of common themes and unique ideas that came out of the second breakout session, followed by a full record of worksheets completed by participants.
- ***Housing the Next Generation of Palo Altans... and Their Grandparents*** - A summary of common themes and unique ideas that came out of the final breakout session, followed by a full record of worksheets completed by participants.
- ***Table Maps*** - Photos of large format 23x36 inch table maps that some groups chose to mark up with comments in the course of the day. Not all groups marked up their maps. Blank maps are not included in this report.