



Study Issue Form

The Study Issues process is designed to assist City Council with setting priorities for the coming calendar year. Board and commission members have two roles in this process:

1. To advise Council regarding the identification of policy issues to study, within their relevant area of authority;
2. To advise Council on those issues Council has decided to study.

The study issues process should focus on considering a new or revised ordinance, new or expanded service delivery program, changes to existing Council Policy, or amendments to the General Plan. The Study Issues Form is designed to focus board and commissioner members' ideas on potential policy study issues, and provide the opportunity for staff feedback and guidance in a transparent process.

Board or commissioners may only fill out a form for study issue ideas within their purview.

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Date Submitted to Staff Liaison: 2/6/2021

Board/ Commission: Planning Commission

Workplan Year: 2022

Submitted by: Commissioner Weiss

Study Issue Working Title: Village Centers re: Aging in Place

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated this study?
As long range planning for Village Centers is underway, consideration should be given to making these Centers inter-generational, with special consideration for inclusion of age friendly units. Because Village Centers will contain services and be located near public transit, they will serve the needs of elders and reduce isolation. Currently, many seniors remain in family-size housing for lack of alternatives in the area.
2. Staff Summary of Scope and/or Comments: The Village Center density allowances were adopted with the Land Use and Transportation Element (LUTE) in April 2017. Typically incentivizing certain types of housing (i.e. Senior Housing) would be done through the allowance of increased density which would require a General Plan Initiation. At this point, staff is unsure that there is a desire to increase density on the Village Center properties as many of them are adjacent to established single-family neighborhoods. Staff could include consideration of some policies that promote Senior Housing when work commences on the Village Center Development and Design



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Memorandum

Standards project if the Commission does not vote to move this concept forward as a Study Issue.