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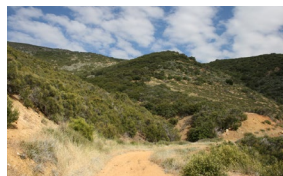
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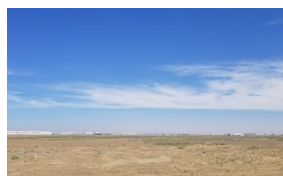
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What is this symbol?



The “Wings” serve a metaphorical and functional purpose within the General Plan Update document. They represent a future of prosperity and freedom of forward mobility for our city. The functional aspect of this icon is detailed below.



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Sunset View Overlooking Palmdale





Chapter 1

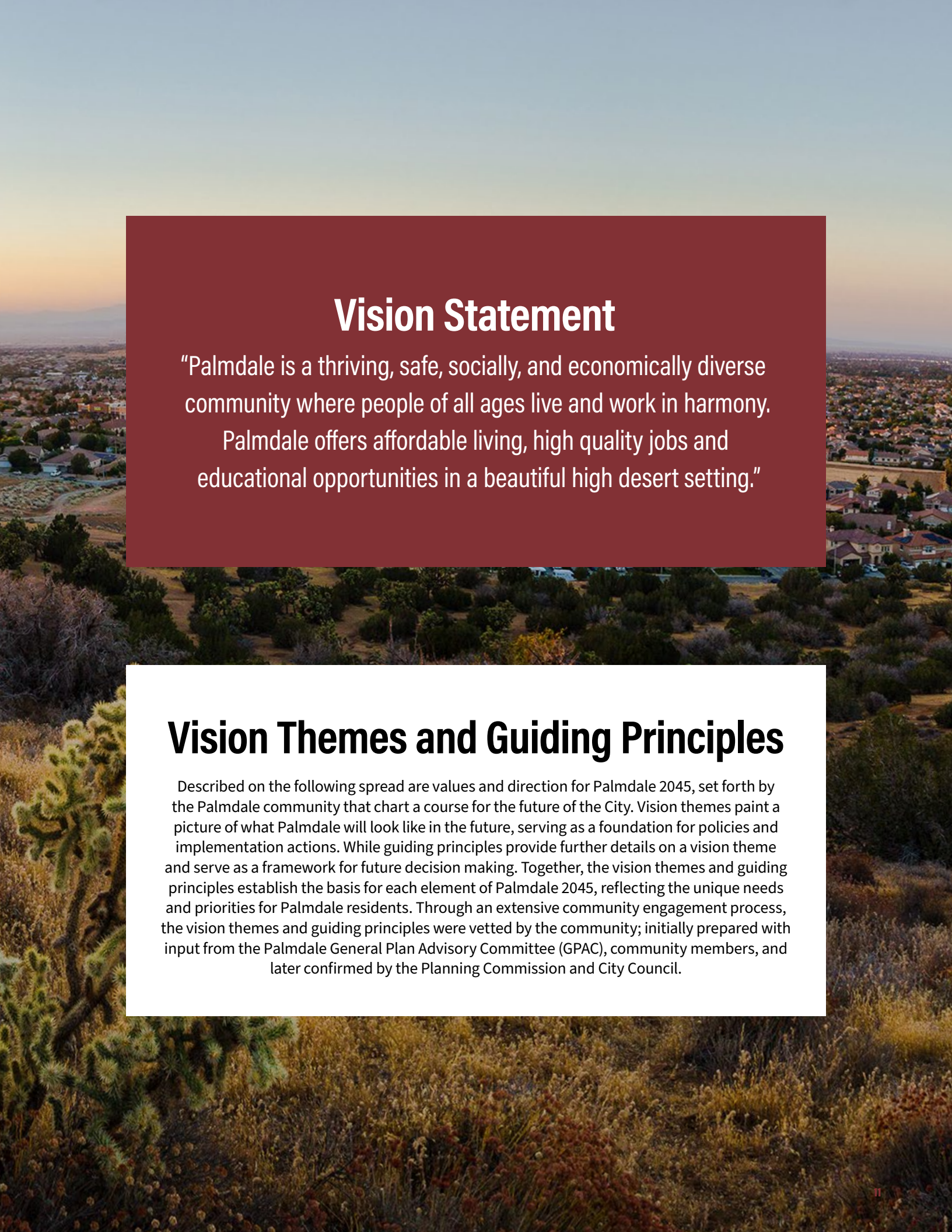
Vision and Guiding Principles

Envision Palmdale 2045 presents the community's vision for Palmdale for the next two decades. This chapter provides an overview of the community's values and guiding principles for the future, which are woven throughout the General Plan and create the framework for Palmdale 2045.

Introduction

Through stakeholder focus groups, community workshops, pop-up events, online community surveys, and meetings with the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC), the community explored how individuals envision the future of Palmdale, what makes it unique and special, and what things residents and businesses would like to change. Building on nearly four years of community input, this chapter summarizes a series of high-level visioning themes and a list of guiding principles or community values organized under each of those themes.



An aerial photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, there are various desert plants, including a prominent Joshua tree on the left and several cholla bushes. The middle ground shows a mix of desert scrub and some residential development. In the background, a city is visible under a clear sky, with mountains on the horizon.

Vision Statement

"Palmdale is a thriving, safe, socially, and economically diverse community where people of all ages live and work in harmony.

Palmdale offers affordable living, high quality jobs and educational opportunities in a beautiful high desert setting."

Vision Themes and Guiding Principles

Described on the following spread are values and direction for Palmdale 2045, set forth by the Palmdale community that chart a course for the future of the City. Vision themes paint a picture of what Palmdale will look like in the future, serving as a foundation for policies and implementation actions. While guiding principles provide further details on a vision theme and serve as a framework for future decision making. Together, the vision themes and guiding principles establish the basis for each element of Palmdale 2045, reflecting the unique needs and priorities for Palmdale residents. Through an extensive community engagement process, the vision themes and guiding principles were vetted by the community; initially prepared with input from the Palmdale General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC), community members, and later confirmed by the Planning Commission and City Council.

Vision Themes and Guiding Principles



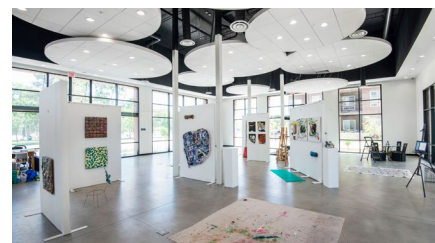
A UNIFIED AND WELCOMING COMMUNITY THAT WE'RE PROUD TO LIVE IN

- Respect and promote diversity within Palmdale
- Promote Palmdale's positive reputation in the region
- Boost community beautification
- Offer opportunities for youth to stay in Palmdale – jobs, housing, education
- Enhance partnerships with surrounding communities in the Antelope Valley



ACTIVE AND VIBRANT DOWNTOWN

- Create a vibrant and active downtown environment
- Improve the appearance of Palmdale Boulevard
- Encourage and foster local businesses
- Provide space for community gathering and events
- Increase opportunities for entertainment and/or shopping
- Address displacement issues



DIVERSE AND HIGH-QUALITY JOB OPTIONS

- Provide job training for Palmdale residents in key industries
- Connect residents with job opportunities in aerospace and other emerging sectors
- Encourage telecommuting within Palmdale
- Promote diverse entry-level and mid-level jobs in Palmdale



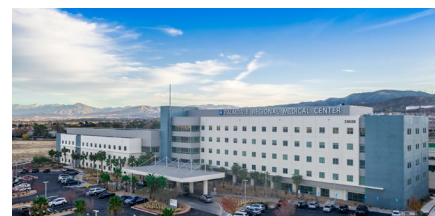
DIVERSE AND RESILIENT LOCAL ECONOMY

- Retain and support aerospace industry presence in Palmdale
- Leverage economic opportunities from an expanded transportation center and potential passenger air service at Palmdale Regional Airport
- Attract new sustainable employers and industries to Palmdale
- Maintain and enhance smart city technology in Palmdale to support local businesses and telecommuting
- Support local small businesses



SAFE, HEALTHY PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

- Improve neighborhood safety
- Address crime and safety concerns
- Improve access to parks and open space
- Support local foster youth and those experiencing homelessness
- Foster active living with improvements to the pedestrian environment
- Prioritize walking, biking, and access to local and regional transit
- Promote living and working in Palmdale and reducing commute times



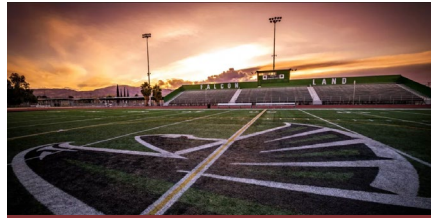
HIGH QUALITY MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE

- Improve access to and promote quality healthcare services and facilities in Palmdale
- Attract physicians to Palmdale
- Maintain Palmdale Regional Hospital and encourage continued expansion of services and facilities



HOUSING OPTIONS FOR RESIDENTS AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF LIFE AND ABILITY

- Create and preserve affordable housing for residents of Palmdale
- Increase supply and diversity of housing to support different types of households including seniors, young adults, families, empty nesters, individuals or families with special needs, and multigenerational families
- Maintain the City's quiet and safe neighborhoods
- Maintain rural and semi-rural neighborhoods in Palmdale
- Connect new development to public transit and open space or public parks



HIGH QUALITY AND ACCESSIBLE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Promote and expand higher educational opportunities in Palmdale
- Develop additional trade school training and apprentice programs
- Promote opportunities for high-quality childcare and early education
- Expand partnerships and programs with public schools, local government, and major employers within Palmdale



PALMDALE'S BEAUTIFUL NATURAL SETTING

- Maintain safe and convenient access to open space and trails
- Improve connectivity, beautify trails, and open space
- Expand and improve public parks to meet the needs of current and future residents
- Preserve existing mountain views
- Preserve access to a dark night sky
- Maintain high air quality



FOREFRONT OF TRANSPORTATION INNOVATIONS

- Leverage transportation investments in Palmdale
- Build on High-Speed Rail opportunities
- Bring air service to Palmdale Regional Airport
- Improve local transit



GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Establish metrics for tracking General Plan implementation
- Regular review and update of General Plan goals and policies