



CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY

2040 GENERAL PLAN

CHAPTER III

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Chapter III of the General Pan presents the full range of elements and sub-elements that provide the information, data, goals, policies and programs that direct the development of the City. As noted in Chapter II, the General Plan is comprised of both mandatory and other topical elements required and recommended in the State General Plan Guidelines.

The term “element” refers to the topics that California law requires to be covered in a General Plan (Gov. Code § 65302). There is no mandatory structure or maximum number of elements that a General Plan must include. Once a part of the General Plan, each element, regardless of statutory requirement, assumes the same legal standing, and must be consistent with other elements (Gov. Code § 65300.5).

The General Plan elements are rich in information and innovation, and they reflect the unique history and character of Cathedral City. They also identify and address the challenges and goals identified through community engagement. The 2040 General Plan elements reflect the unique circumstances and vision of the community. The elements are organized by the values that the community wants to enhance and uphold. They include a strong sense of social equity and justice, social and economic diversity, sustainability, and of a strong and cohesive community.