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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to California Government Code §54974, that scheduled vacancies exist for the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC).  While public comment will be solicited throughout the project, this ad-hoc committee’s role is to provide feedback and recommendations to guide Lomita’s new General Plan for the City’s future development. The City Council will select members of the public to form the committee, who will work with our project consultant, City staff, the Planning Commission, and City Council to ensure that we consider all perspectives throughout the planning process.

**What is the General Plan?** Simply put, the purpose of a General Plan is to guide City planning decisions. The document expresses the community’s development goals and embodies public policy relative to the distribution of future land uses, both public and private. Under State law, subdivisions, capital improvements, development agreements, and many other land use actions must be consistent with the adopted General Plan, which consists of several elements. The General Plan’s **Land Use Element** reflects the community’s vision, promoting thoughtful, equitable, and accessible distribution of different land uses, including residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, and open space, and shall align with the other General Plan elements.  The **Noise Element** contains a set of goals, policies, and implementation measures to limit noise exposure, particularly in areas with nearby housing, hospital, schools, or daycare center uses.  The **Circulation Element** is a strategy addressing infrastructure needs for the circulation of people, goods, energy, water, sewage, storm drainage, and communications, and must correlate directly with the Land Use Element. The **Open Space and Conservation Element** guides the long-range preservation of open space lands that are important to the conservation of the City’s natural resources (land, water, ecosystem services, and living resources).  The **Economic Development Element** will be updated throughout all Elements while the **Housing Element** and **Safety Element** were updated and adopted within the past two years. For more details, please visit [lomitacity.com/general-plan/](https://lomitacity.com/general-plan/).

Lomita most recently updated its full General Plan in 1998 – 25 years ago – and since then, a lot has changed. The focus of the Update is to respond to changes in the community and in circumstances that affect the future shape of Lomita.  A comprehensive visioning process and public engagement program will ensure that all facets of the community have a voice in shaping Lomita’s future.  The entire process is expected to take approximately 2-3 years.

**Who is the GPAC?** Meeting eight times within the next year, the GPAC will review and provide feedback on the consultant’s evaluation of growth alternatives and policy options for the General Plan. The GPAC is intended to represent a cross-section of the Lomita community. Current Planning Commissioners and City Council Members are not eligible to serve on the GPAC as these entities will have their own roles in the process.

**Applications are due May 24, 2023.** These positions are appointed by the City Council and the appointments will be made at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Applications can be obtained at the City Clerk’s Office or on the City’s website at: <https://lomitacity.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/GPAC-APP.pdf>

*I, Linda E. Abbott, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Lomita, do hereby certify that I caused to be posted the foregoing Notice on April 19, 2023, pursuant to the requirements of the California Government Code (G.C.54974).*

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Linda E. Abbott, Deputy City Clerk