



JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION/CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
TUESDAY DECEMBER 17, 2019

**7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Consider Approval of the Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
  - a. Planning Commission Recommendation to City Council to Approve the 2040 Comprehensive Plan (Planning Commission).
  - b. City Council **RESOLUTION 19-1217-01** – Approving the 2040 Comprehensive Plan (City Council).
4. Adjourn.

## City of Independence

### Consider Adoption of the Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan

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*To:* City Council/Planning Commission  
*From:* Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator  
*Meeting Date:* December 17, 2019

#### ***Discussion:***

In response to the 2040 issuance of the regional system statements, the City of Independence is required to update its local comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan update will ensure consistency with the most recently adopted regional plans and policies and provide the City with a comprehensive development map for the next twenty years. The updated plan will guide development and land use through the year 2040. Due to changes in population forecasts, growth and housing trends, it is imperative that the City evaluate its past and ensure that it is prepared to secure its future.

The City's Comprehensive Plan consists of many different focuses, that when combined, provide the City with a map to guide future development. There are several key aspects of the plan that are most often referenced and applied during the continued growth and development/redevelopment of the community. The portion of the plan that is most widely used and or referenced by the City on a day to day basis is the Land Use Plan.

The City has completed the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan compiles all of the information prepared during the last year and half pertaining to the plan. It is anticipated that the plan will be submitted to the Metropolitan Council as required by the Land Use Planning Act. Comments provided by surrounding jurisdictions have been incorporated into the updated plan. The City will continue to work on the plan, incorporate changes and make revisions as necessary based on comments and feedback.

Staff will review the plan at the meeting. Following the meeting, Planning Commissioners, Council Members and the public will be able to review the draft, ask questions of staff and provide comments relating to all aspects of the plan. It is anticipated that the City will hold another public open house and public hearing to review the revised plan prior to final adoption of the plan following approval by the Metropolitan Council.