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GENERAL PLAN “ENVISION STOCKTON 2040” DRAFT RELEASE Ready for public review and additional public meetings

STOCKTON, Calif. – “Envision Stockton 2040,” the much-awaited General Plan Update, is ready for public review. This draft of the update to the original 2035 General Plan was developed after a very public process that included over 30 opportunities for the public to review, comment, and participate in the development of the plan that will guide Stockton’s land use through 2040. The draft Envision Stockton 2040 General Plan will be released on Tuesday, June 26, 2018.

The General Plan is the policy document that guides the character and development of the community by enhancing the local economy, conserving resources, improving public services and safety, and fostering community well-being. The plan includes the eight state-required key elements: land use, circulation, housing, open space, noise, safety, environmental justice and conservation. In addition, Stockton’s plan includes economic development, community design, public facilities and services, recreation, and health, among other topics. As part of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District area, it will also include an air quality element.

“While the General Plan is a document that is required by the State of California, the vision, direction, and community goals are all developed by the community and

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determine the direction for our future,” said David Kwong, Community Development Director. “It is the blueprint for future decisions regarding land use, community services, mobility, housing, and resource conservation, and guides how Stockton will evolve over the next 20 plus years.”

The draft plan, the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and information about future community meetings and workshops will be posted to the City’s website, at www.stocktonca.gov/envisionstockton or www.stocktonca.gov/generalplan. Copies will be available for public review at the City of Stockton Permit Center, 345 N. El Dorado St., and at the Cesar Chavez Central Library, 650 N. El Dorado St. The public review period concludes August 10, 2018.

Additional community workshops and meetings will be held to review the draft plan in July, and a public hearing will be held by the City of Stockton Planning Commission on the General Plan Update document and the EIR. The public hearing is scheduled for August 2, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., City Hall, Council Chamber, 425 N. El Dorado St. Comments and edits from the public review process will be incorporated into the draft plan. The final plan will be presented to Stockton City Council for a public hearing and adoption in 2018.

“Stockton’s General Plan encompasses more than just the area within the city limits,” shared Planning Manager David Stagnaro. “Development in Stockton, while focused on in-fill, has impacts on county areas both inside the City of Stockton and on

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unincorporated areas, as well as nearby communities. The entire process has included members of the community, community-based organizations, and those with business and environmental interests as well. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in the process.”

For questions about Envision Stockton 2040, please visit

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