



# **CITY OF OAKLAND**

**Youth Commission**

**Meeting Agenda**

Friday, December 3, 2021

5:00 PM

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## General Meeting

Meeting officially begins at 5:00 P.M.

### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call Commissioners / Check-In Question

*COMMISSIONERS - Benjamin Salop (D1), Aisha Elbgal (D1), Sarah Ouda, Darby Hatfield, Julia Basch (D2), Aniyah Story (D2), Aa'Jahlee-Soleil Long (D3), Alessandra Mohar (D3), Kai Medina-Safir, (D2) Francesca Berlow (D4), Harper Valentine (D5), Hayden Thompson (D3), Athena Muhammad (D6), Hayden Peterson (D6), Gyssell Perez (D7), Estefany Velasquez (D7), Giselle Venegas (D7)*

- III. Welcome from Staff and Co-Chairs

- A. Agenda Review & Modifications

- IV. Item 1: Renewing Resolution No. 1

*Commissioners voted to renew Resolution No. 1 to continue virtual OYAC meetings and operations.*

- V. Item 2: Presentation from Audrey Lieberworth, Oakland Planning and Building Department  
*Commissioners received a presentation from Audrey Lieberworth in the Oakland Planning and Building Development to offer feedback on the Downtown Oakland Specific Plan and to introduce the process of city planning.*

- VI. Item 3: Receive Update from Anti-Sexual Harassment Committee

*Commissioners Basch and Berlow presented updates on the Anti-Sexual Harassment Committee regarding future potential plans for a townhall and listening sessions for students to voice their opinions on creating Anti-Sexual Harassment policies.*

- VII. Public Comments/Open Forum
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Check-Out Question
- X. Closing
- XI. Meeting Adjourned

### AGENDA MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

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Open Forum: This agenda item is an opportunity for community members to comment on an item of interest that is relevant to Oakland's Youth Advisory Commission. If there are no community members interested in speaking, Oakland Youth Advisory Commissioners will choose a youth issue to discuss.

# OAKLAND YOUTH COMMISSION

## RESOLUTION NO. 1

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT CONDUCTING IN-PERSON MEETINGS OF THE OAKLAND YOUTH COMMISSION AND ITS COMMITTEES WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO ATTENDEES' HEALTH, AND ELECTING TO CONTINUE CONDUCTING MEETINGS USING TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e), A PROVISION OF AB-361.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19, pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, and such declaration has not been lifted or rescinded. *See*

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.4.20-Coronavirus-SOE-Proclamation.pdf>;  
and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the City Administrator in their capacity as the Director of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), issued a proclamation of local emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 in Oakland, and on March 12, 2020, the City Council passed Resolution No. 88075 C.M.S. ratifying the proclamation of local emergency pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code (O.M.C.) section 8.50.050(C); and

**WHEREAS**, City Council Resolution No. 88075 remains in full force and effect to date; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends physical distancing of at least six (6) feet whenever possible, avoiding crowds, and avoiding spaces that do not offer fresh air from the outdoors, particularly for people who are not fully vaccinated or who are at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19. *See*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC recommends that people who live with unvaccinated people avoid activities that make physical distancing hard. *See*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/about-covid-19/caring-for-children/families.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC recommends that older adults limit in-person interactions as much as possible, particularly when indoors. *See*

<https://www.cdc.gov/aging/covid19/covid19-older-adults.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and the Alameda County Public Health Department all recommend that people experiencing COVID-19 symptoms stay home. *See* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, persons without symptoms may be able to spread the COVID-19 virus. *See*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, fully vaccinated persons who become infected with the COVID-19 Delta variant can spread the virus to others. *See*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's public-meeting facilities are indoor facilities that do not ensure circulation of fresh / outdoor air, particularly during periods of cold and/or rainy weather, and were not designed to ensure that attendees can remain six (6) feet apart; and

**WHEREAS**, holding in-person meetings would encourage community members to come to City facilities to participate in local government, and some of them would be at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 and/or would live with someone who is at high risk; and

**WHEREAS**, in-person meetings would tempt community members who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms to leave their homes in order to come to City facilities and participate in local government; and

**WHEREAS**, attendees would use ride-share services and/or public transit to travel to in-person meetings, thereby putting them in close and prolonged contact with additional people outside of their households; and

**WHEREAS**<sup>[LR1]</sup>, on October 1, 2021 the Oakland Youth Commission adopted a resolution determining that conducting in-person meetings would present imminent risks to attendees' health, and electing to continue conducting meetings using teleconferencing in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e), a provision of AB-361; now therefore be it:

**RESOLVED:** that the Oakland Youth Commission finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and hereby adopts and incorporates them into this resolution; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that, based on these determinations and consistent with federal, state and local health guidance, the Oakland Youth Commission renews its determination that conducting in-person meetings would pose imminent risks to the health of attendees; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Oakland Youth Commission firmly believes that the community's health and safety and the community's right to participate in local government, are both critically important, and is committed to balancing the two by continuing to use teleconferencing to conduct public meetings, in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e), a provision of AB-361; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Oakland Youth Commission will renew these (or similar) findings at least every thirty (30) days in accordance with California Government Code section 54953(e) until the state of emergency related to COVID-19 has been lifted, or Oakland Youth Commission finds that in-person meetings no longer pose imminent risks to the health of attendees, whichever occurs first.

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[LR1] This is the new section we added for renewals. For each renewal you can add the dates the board adopted the findings. Remember that the board needs to re-adopt these findings every month.



# Overview: Downtown Oakland Specific Plan

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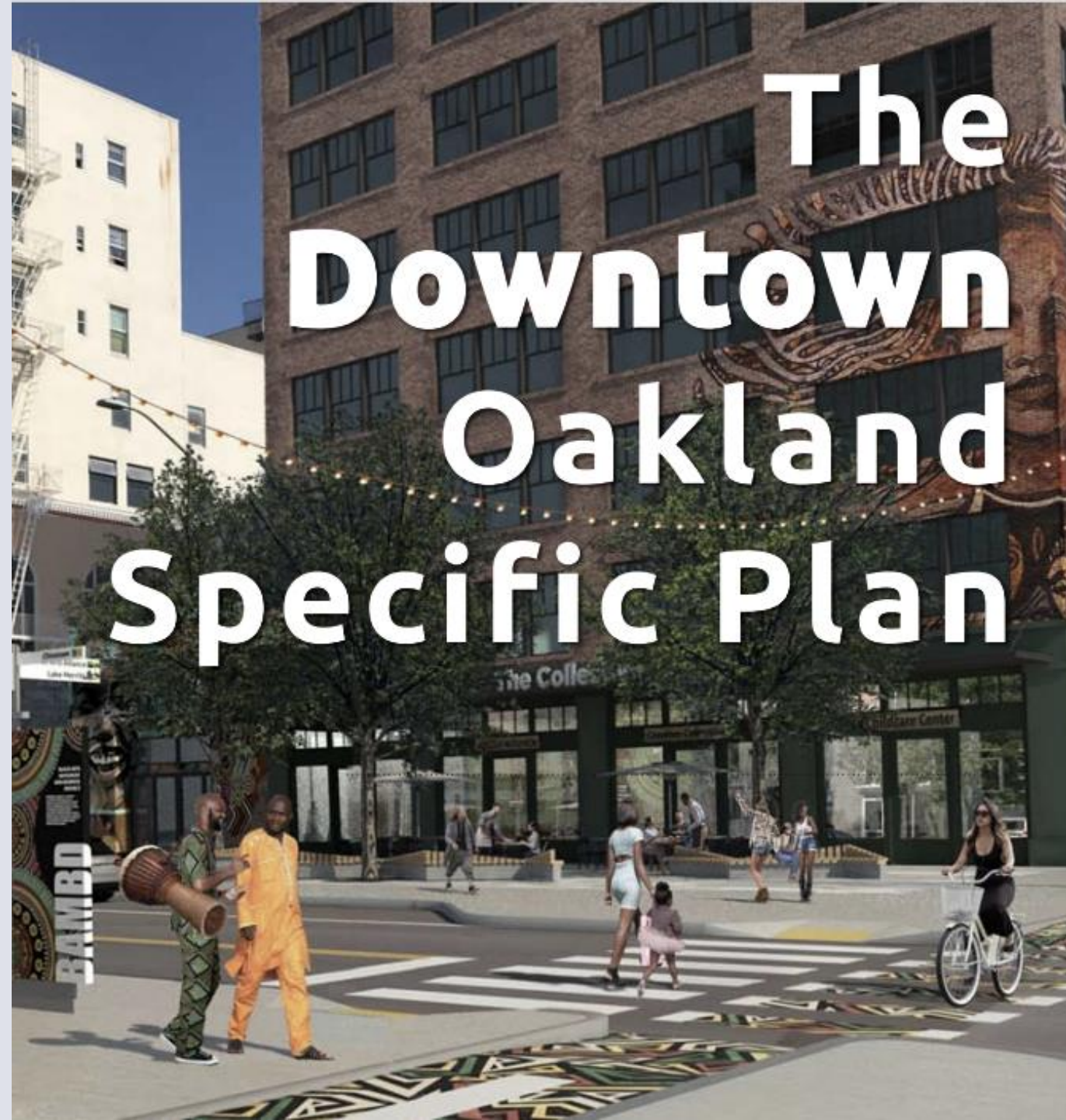
Audrey Lieberworth | City of Oakland Planning  
and Building Department

December 3, 2021



# Agenda

1. Warm Up Activity
2. Review of Planning & Zoning
3. Overview of the DOSP
4. Q&A





# Warm Up Activity

- What qualities create a downtown?



# Review of Planning & Zoning





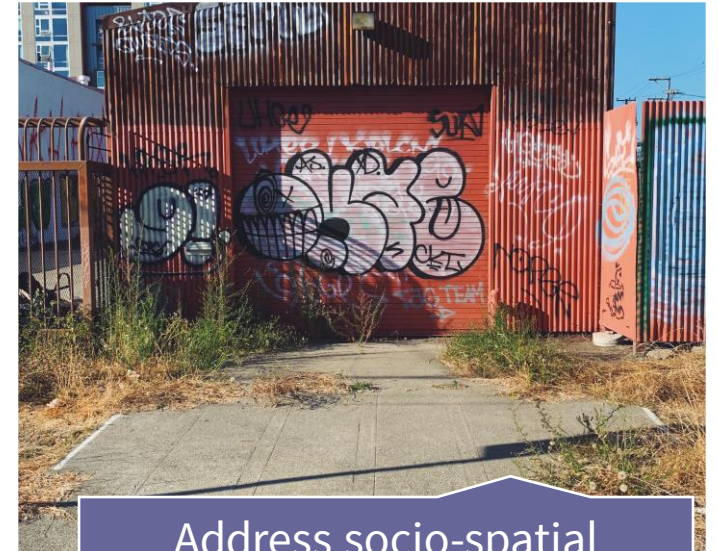
# What do City Planners do?



Create plans and policies to guide development & investment



Respond to the needs of all residents using available land use and policy tools



Address socio-spatial inequalities & provide services to residents



# What is a...

General Plan



Specific Plan



# What is Zoning?



Activities or Uses

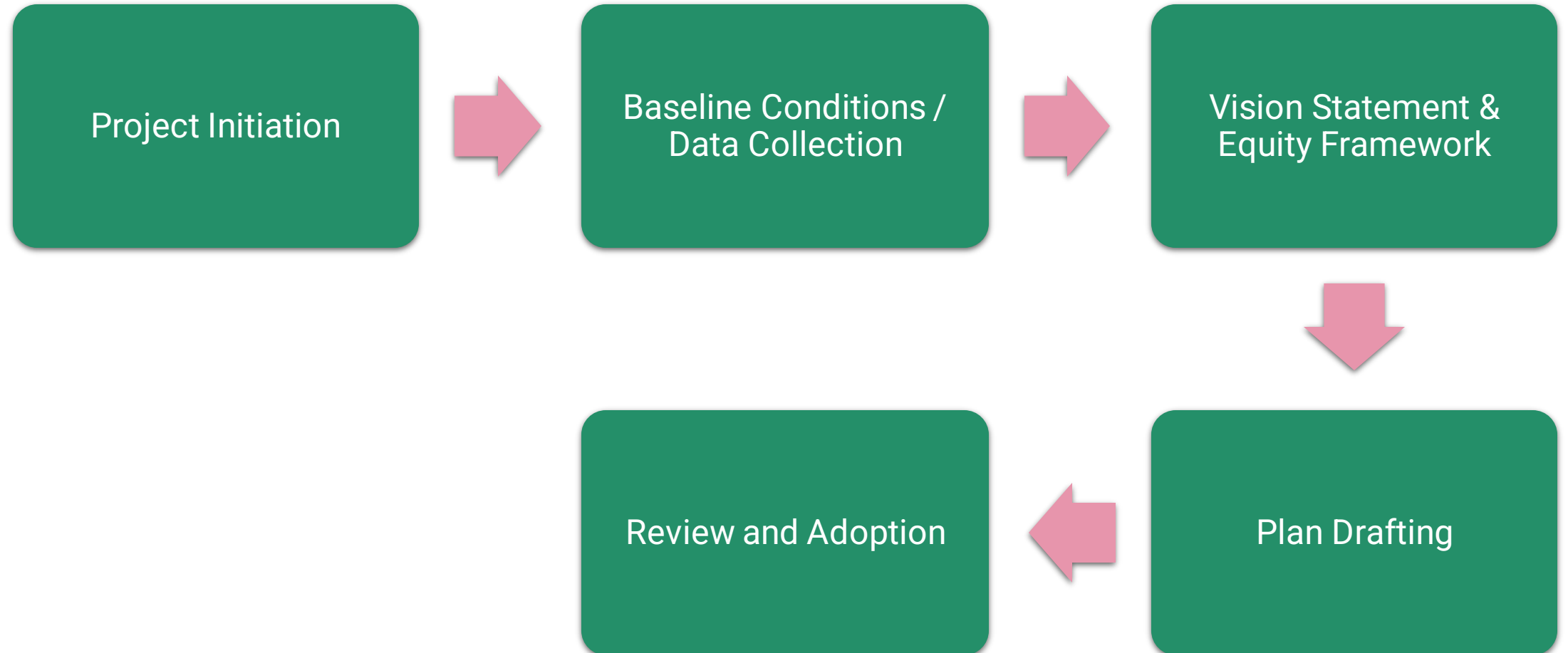


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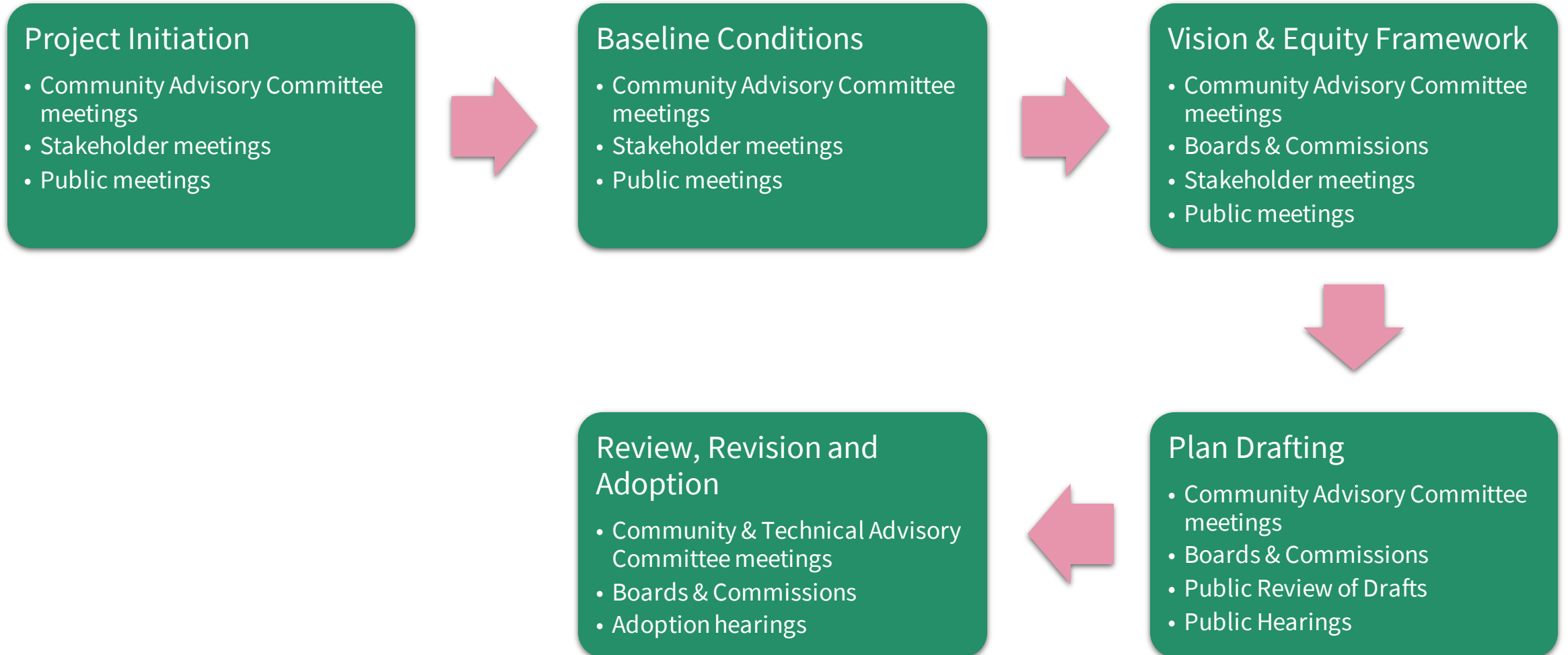
How buildings relate to each other and the surrounding environment

# What is the Lifecycle of a Plan?





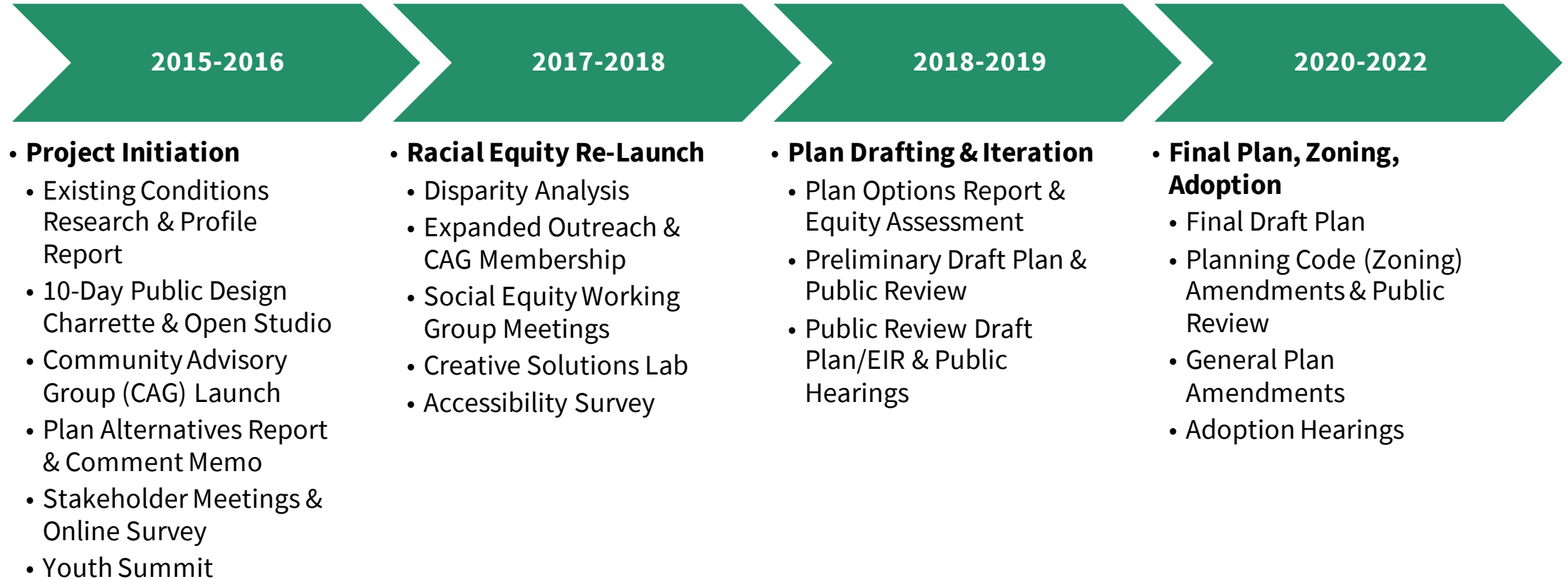
# When & How does Community Engagement Occur?



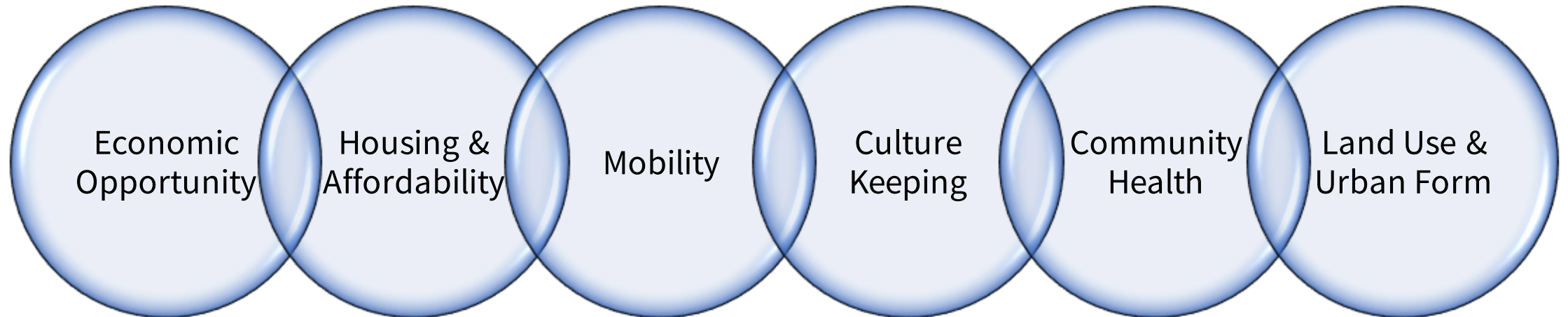
# Overview of the DOSP



# DOSP Timeline 2015-2022



# Topics





# Projections & Overview

## Jobs & Retail

- 60,000 jobs
- 20 million square feet of new commercial space (16.8 million square feet is for office)
- \$90 million affordable housing fees

## Housing

- 29,100 new units
- 4,365-7,275 affordable units
- \$480-544 million in affordable housing fees

## Civic Improvements

- Cultural and small business space targeted to cultural districts
- Pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Restrooms, water fountains, benches and other amenities

## Future Projects

- Sets the stage for considering:
  - I-980 conversion
  - Second Transbay BART crossing

# Topic: Economic Opportunity

## Challenges:

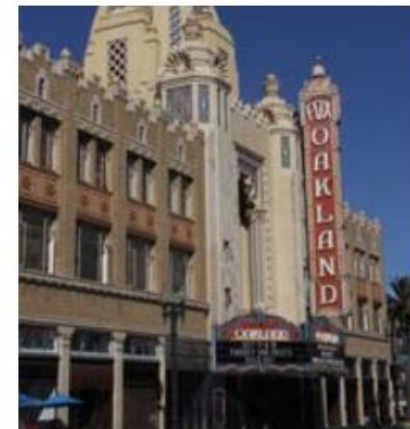
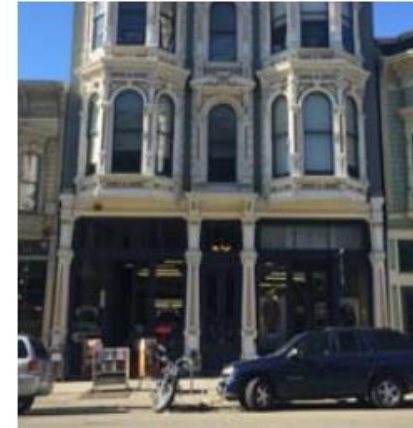
- Youth are disconnected from education or employment opportunities
- Barriers to employment for workers of color
- Current job and income opportunities do not meet cost of living standards
- Growing sectors in Downtown do not match Oaklanders' education and training

*Goal: Create opportunities for economic growth and financial security for all Oaklanders*

# Opportunities

## Key Investments & Policies:

- Promote density at downtown's regional transit hubs
- Activate vacant ground floor through a Master Lease Program catering to small, local and culturally relevant retailers, artists and artisans
- Expand existing and develop new summer job and local-hire training programs
- Expand partnerships with the tech and other sectors targeted for expansion to increase equitable business development and employment opportunities



# Topic: Housing & Affordability

## Challenges:

- Insufficient affordable housing and funding
- High housing cost burden
- Highest displacement and cost burden among people of color, particularly Black residents
- Increasing number of homeless residents, with the highest numbers being disproportionately Black

***Goal:** Ensure sufficient housing is built and retained to meet the varied needs of current and future residents*



# Opportunities

## Key Investments & Policies:

- Prioritize a portion of citywide housing funds generated downtown for downtown projects
- Study an inclusionary housing requirement for downtown
- Establish a program to incentivize community-desired benefits in exchange for increased development potential
- Encourage large units for families and accessible units for older adults and people with disabilities



# Topic: Mobility

## Challenges:

- Infrequent, undependable and circuitous transit access creates barriers for those already most vulnerable
- Frequent vehicle collisions with pedestrians and bicycles
- Freeways on the west and south edges of downtown create barriers

***Goal:** Make Downtown streets comfortable, safe, and inviting connections to the rest of the city so that everyone has efficient and reliable access to Downtown's jobs and services*



# Opportunities

## Key Investments & Policies:

- Streetscape investment, including curb ramps, high visibility crosswalks, landscaping and public space improvements
- Investment in dedicated transit lanes
- Investment in downtown's bicycle network



# Topic: Culture Keeping

## Challenges:

- Declining share of Black and Asian residents
- Unaffordable art/artisan small-scale manufacturing space and lack of art space
- Displacement of ethnic businesses and community-based organizations

***Goal:** Encourage diverse voices and forms of expression to flourish*



# Opportunities

## Key Investments & Policies:

- Provide affordable space for small local retailers, artists and artisans by developing a master lease program
- Dedicated ground floor space for cultural, arts, and maker uses in new developments located in cultural districts
- Construct coordinated streetscape and public space improvements that help identify and enhance arts and cultural districts



# Topic: Community Health

## Challenges:

- High asthma rate, particularly for Black residents and others living along high-traffic corridors
- Sea level rise and other environmental stressors
- Small businesses unable to thrive due to limited foot traffic, fear of crime
- Community facilities and maintenance not keeping up with population growth

***Goal:** Provide vibrant public spaces and a healthy built, natural, and social environment that improve the quality of life downtown today and for generations to come*



# Opportunities

## Key Investments & Policies:

- Create a safe and healthy public realm through streets, parks, and open space improvements
- Improve experience of existing parks, open space, libraries and other community facilities through capital investments in equipment upgrades, maintenance and programming
- Draft and adopt design guidelines for streets and public spaces



# Topic: Land Use & Urban Form

## Challenges:

- Shape a downtown built environment that supports housing, equitable economic development, culture keeping, mobility, health and sustainability needs
- Rationalize and simplify existing land development regulations
- Establish strategies for design and development regulation that address community needs

*Goal: Develop Downtown to meet community needs and preserve Oakland's unique character*



# Opportunities

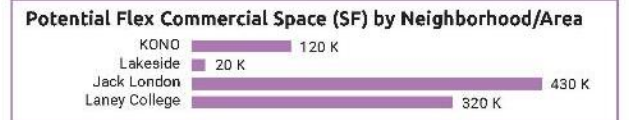
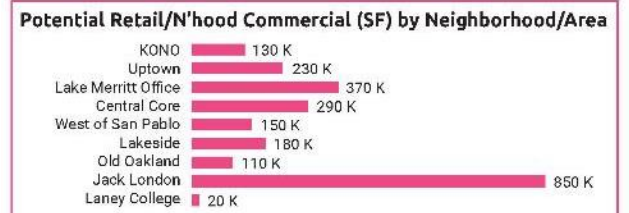
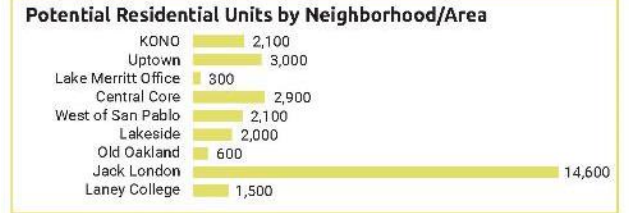
## Key Investments & Policies:

- Revise existing and create new design and development standards that will promote more attractive and refined building and tower designs
- Preserve Downtown Oakland's arts and cultural activities, open space, civic institutions and historic landmarks in areas such as the produce market district and Old Oakland



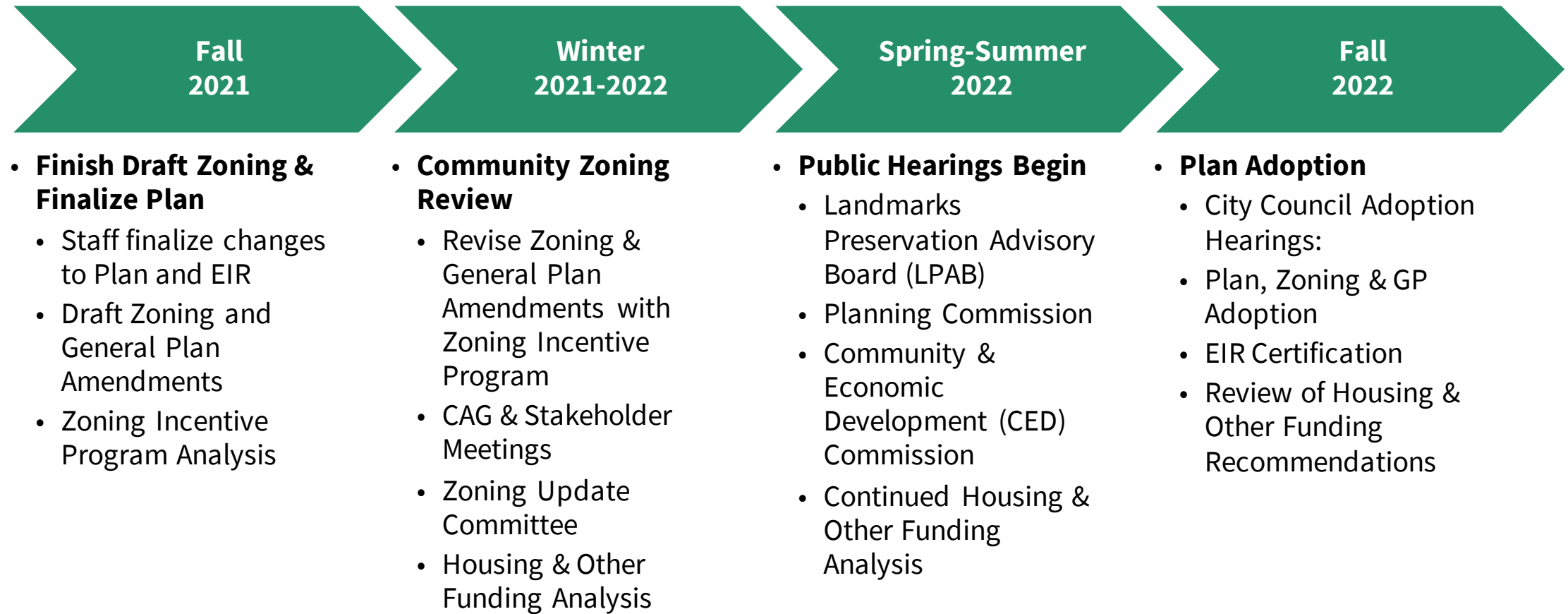


# Potential Future Development





# DOSP Adoption Timeline



# Upcoming Opportunities

- [Downtown Oakland Specific Plan](#)
- [General Plan Update](#) – opportunity to weigh in on major issues, such as Environmental Justice, Housing, Transportation, etc.



# Questions?

Feedback Form: <https://forms.gle/wkaxkVYduxDprqEc8>