

Community Alternatives Workshop



HOW TO USE THIS WORKSHEET

Please use this worksheet to share your feedback and opinions about the land use options and policy choices presented during the workshop and the Alternatives Workbook. Each of the three alternatives aims to implement the community's Vision Statement while offering a unique approach to distributing future housing and commercial growth across the community:

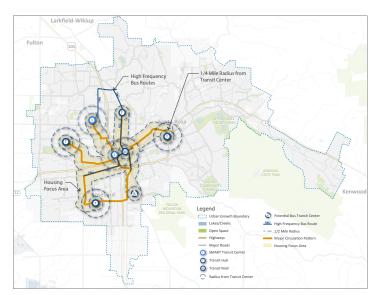
- Alternative 1: Central Corridors concentrates housing near Downtown and along central corridors.
- Alternative 2: Neighborhood Main Streets envisions a city of neighborhoods with new housing near small neighborhood centers.
- Alternative 3: Distributed Housing builds on what already exists, with future growth occurring across the city in proportion to what is on the ground today.

The purpose of these alternatives is to **gain your input** about where future growth and change should occur (including homes, shopping, offices, and industrial areas) and what circulation improvements are needed to support people's ability to move around the community easily and safely. The information you provide using this worksheet will help shape the future of Santa Rosa!

Community feedback gathered during the alternatives phase will help shape a "Preferred Alternative" that will serve as the foundation of the updated General Plan. The Preferred Alternative may include components from any or all alternatives, plus new ideas that emerge during the community conversations over the next few months.

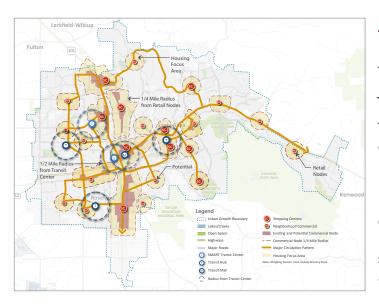
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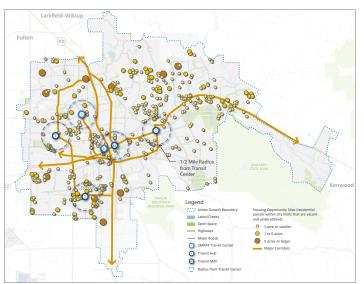
PART I: ALTERNATIVES SUMMARY



ALTERNATIVE 1 CENTRAL CORRIDORS

This alternative would focus future commercial and residential growth near Downtown and along central routes that are connected to transit facilities. Most community needs, such as jobs, retail, and commercial services, could be met in or near the central part of the city. This compact form of development is efficient and consistent with the recent Downtown Station Area Specific Plan.





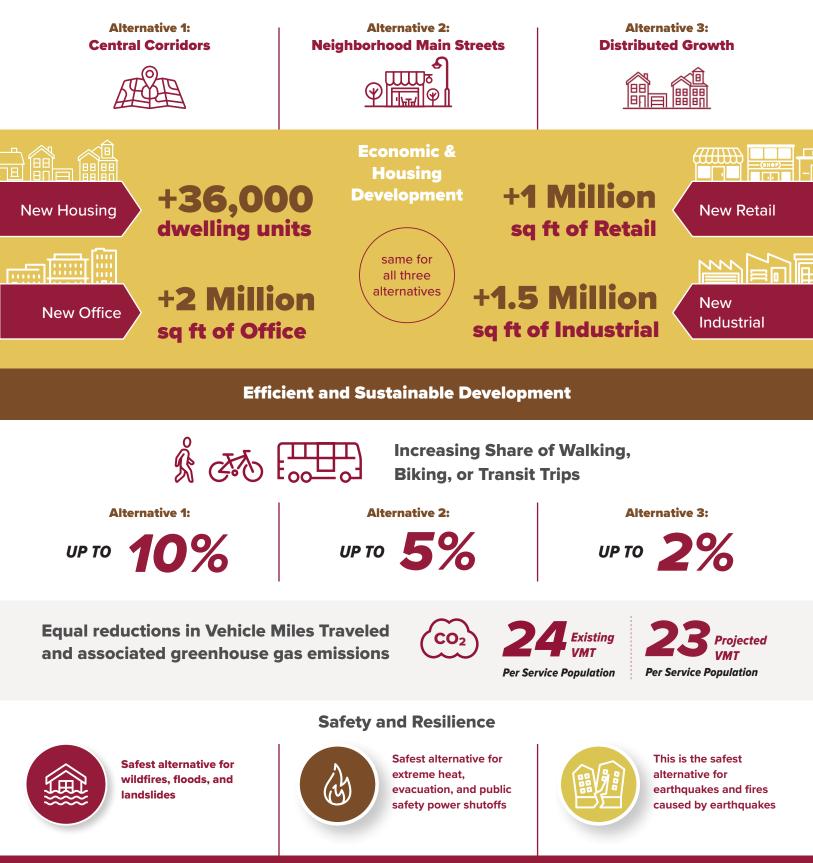
ALTERNATIVE 2 NEIGHBORHOOD MAIN STREETS

This alternative would concentrate housing, jobs, and community destinations along key corridors and at community centers. This includes both shopping center (larger commercial and services centers) and neighborhood centers (smaller retail). Most residents would have convenient access to many daily needs within walking or biking distance, reducing the need for daily vehicle or bus trips. Transportation improvements would support accessibility to neighborhood centers and downtown from all corners of the city.

ALTERNATIVE 3 DISTRIBUTED HOUSING

This alternative would disperse new duplexes, triplexes, courtyard, and similar types of homes throughout the city on parcels that can accommodate new housing. Since new housing would be more spread out, people might need to travel more often by private vehicle or bus to access daily goods and services. The city's bike network would expand to support crosstown travel.

ALTERNATIVES COMPARISON





Concentrated development attracts larger businesses and more high wage jobs



New homes near jobs and essential goods and services reduces travel costs for residents to access daily needs

Equity

Creates opportunities for homeowners to get more value from their property but could also limit housing affordability for renters

PART II: POLICY CHOICES

The following pages present a series of **policy choices** for your consideration. The policy choices are organized by topics that match the various stations at the meeting/workshop and the sections of the Alternatives Workbook. Please **review the station or workbook content** for each topic and then respond to the following questions.

Station 1 : Economic and Housing Development

Question #1

Where should we encourage most new jobs, commercial, single-family housing, and multi-family housing?

| | Agree | Worth Considering | Disagree | No Opinion |
|---|-------|----------------------|----------|---------------|
| Focus new housing and job growth towards Downtown and along major corridors. | | | | |
| Focus new housing and commercial growth in neighborhood retail centers and along community corridors. | | | | |
| Focus new housing and commercial uses across the city proportionally to where they exist today. | | | | |
| Additional Comments | | <u>.</u> | | |

Question #2

Is nearby access, including walking and wheeling, to shopping important, or is it ok for housing to be more separated from these commercial uses?

| | Agree | Worth Considering | Disagree | No Opinion |
|--|-------|----------------------|----------|---------------|
| Locate new housing so it is within walking or wheeling distance to existing and planned shopping and dining areas. | | | | |
| Ensure new shopping and commercial areas have multi-modal access, regardless of where they are located. | | | | |
| Housing and circulation patterns should allow for more seniors, or "aging in place." | | | | |
| Additional Comments | | | | |

Station 2 : Efficient and Sustainable Development

Question #3

What actions should we take to best support a sustainable future for Santa Rosa?

| | Agree | Worth Considering | Disagree | No Opinion |
|---|-------|----------------------|----------|---------------|
| Re-purpose major streets as multi-modal corridors that include safe and accessible pedestrian and bicycle facilities. | | | | |
| Focus new housing and non-residential uses near SMART rail stations to support Santa Rosa and other Bay Area commuters. | | | | |
| Focus growth in central areas of the city to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. | | | | |
| Preserve natural ecosystems and resources, such as plants, trees, wildlife, within the city. | | | | |
| Allocate more resources to communities that are the most vulnerable to climate related hazards. | | | | |
| Additional Comments | | | | |
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Question #4

What transportation investments would you like to make it easy and enjoyable to get around?

| | Agree | Worth Considering | Disagree | No Opinion |
|--|-------|----------------------|----------|---------------|
| Ensure all neighborhoods have complete and accessible sidewalks. | | | | |
| Improve bus transit services and amenities to allow convenient access to most neighborhoods. | | | | |
| Improve multi-modal access to SMART stations. | | | | |
| Create a complete network of bicycle facilities connecting neighborhoods to shopping centers, office areas, Downtown, and parks and open space areas. | | | | |
| Build new streets, or add lanes to existing streets, to provide more vehicle capacity. | | | | |
| Additional Comments | | | | |

Station 3 : Resilience and Safety

Question #5

Which natural hazards or safety issues are you most concerned about?

| | Very Concerned | Concerned | Not Concerned | No Opinion |
|--|-------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|
| Wildfire | | | | |
| Flood | | | | |
| Drought | | | | |
| Dam Failure | | | | |
| Earthquake | | | | |
| Fire Caused by Earthquake | | | | |
| Landslide (earthquakes, rainfall, and post-fire) | | | | |
| Severe Weather such as Extreme Heat | | | | |
| Evacuation Planning | | | | |
| Other Hazard(s) | | | | |
| Additional Comments | | | | |
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Question #6

What actions should the City prioritize when planning for community safety and resilience related to natural hazards?

| | Agree | Worth Considering | Disagree | No Opinion |
|---|-------|----------------------|----------|---------------|
| Limit the amount of housing in wildfire prone areas of Santa Rosa. | | | | |
| Limit the amount of housing in flood prone areas and near earthquake fault zones. | | | | |
| Ensure that all neighborhoods have safe and efficient emergency evacuation routes and allow housing everywhere regardless of hazards. | | | | |
| Additional Comments | | | | |

Station 4 : Equity

Question #7

Which of the following issues are challenges you or your family members face in Santa Rosa?

| | Major Issue | Mild Issue | Not an Issue | Not Sure |
|--|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Opportunities to be involved in community decision making. | | | | |
| Access to public facilities and services. | | | | |
| Access to public spaces supporting physical activity. | | | | |
| Pollution exposure and poor air quality. | | | | |
| Access to healthy and affordable foods. | | | | |
| Access to safe and sanitary housing. | | | | |
| Additional Comments | | | | |
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Question #8

What barriers are making it difficult for you or your fellow community members to be involved in Santa Rosa Forward or other City decision-making?

| | Mark all the Apply | | Mark all the Apply |
|--|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Limited access to reliable internet. | | I don't know what Santa Rosa Forward is or how the process works. | |
| Limited availability during normal business hours (8 AM to 6 PM) to participate in meetings or events. | | Limited understanding of my Council District or connections to my Council member. | |
| Limited availability during evenings to participate in meetings or events. | | I'm concerned whether what I say will be included. | |
| Limited understanding of how local land use and funding decisions are made. | | Use of jargon or government acronyms. | |
| Lack of language translation. | | Lack of time. | |
| Additional Comments | | | |
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Station 4 : Equity (continued)

Question #9

How should City of Santa Rosa funding be prioritized to ensure each neighborhood receives equitable public investments in the coming years?

| | Agree | Worth Considering | Disagree | No Opinion |
|---|-------|----------------------|----------|---------------|
| Develop a prioritized list of improvements or services for each neighborhood. | | | | |
| Ensure environmental justice, safety, and equity related projects are funded and prioritized for identified Equity Priority Communities. | | | | |
| Ensure every neighborhood has access to parks and community spaces. | | | | |
| Prioritize development that addresses social and economic needs of the economically vulnerable populations. | | | | |
| Address and reverse the underlying socioeconomic factors and residential social segregation in the community that contributes to crime and violence in the city. | | | | |
| Additional Comments | | | | |

Question #10

Which of the following actions could help to improve or keep your health (physical, mental, and social)?

| | Agree | Worth Considering | Disagree | No Opinion |
|---|-------|----------------------|----------|---------------|
| Build or improve sidewalks in my community. | | | | |
| Build or improve bike lanes in my community | | | | |
| Build or improve parks in my community. | | | | |
| Reduce air pollution in my community. | | | | |
| Reduce water pollution in my community. | | | | |
| Access to affordable housing. | | | | |
| Access to healthy and affordable food. | | | | |
| Access to jobs. | | | | |
| Additional Comments | | | | |
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Station 4 : Equity (continued)

Question #11

What are the sources of air quality issues do you or your family members experience?

| | Mark all the Apply | | Mark all the Apply |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Gas cooking appliances or heaters in the home. | | Vehicle emissions. | |
| Secondhand smoke from neighbors in or around the home. | | Emissions from industrial facilities. | |
| Secondhand smoke outside of the home. | | Other | |
| Additional Comments | | | |

Question #12

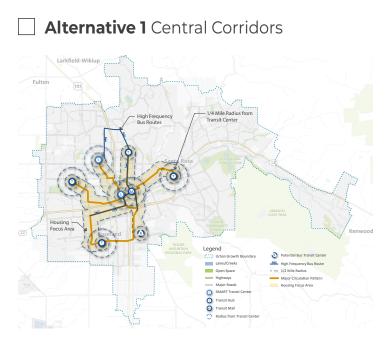
What barriers do you face to access safe and sanitary housing?

| | Major Issue | Mild Issue | Not and Issue | Not Sure |
|---|----------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|
| Financial barriers to pay security deposit and move-in expenses. | | | | |
| Inability to meet minimum credit score requirements. | | | | |
| Lack of affordable homes suitable for family size. | | | | |
| Housing not adequately maintained by landlord. | | | | |
| Inability to afford needed repairs on home I own. | | | | |
| Not able to request needed repairs from landlord out of fear of eviction. | | | | |
| Additional Comments | | | | |
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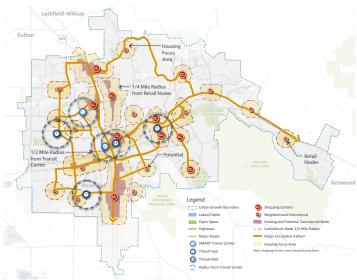
PART III: ALTERNATIVES COMPARISON

Question #13

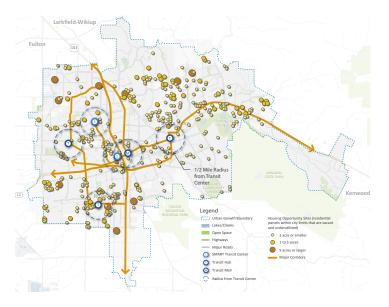
Based on your responses to the policy questions above, which alternative, or alternatives, come closest to meeting your vision for the future of Santa Rosa? (Select one or more as appropriate)



Alternative 2 Neighborhood Main Streets



Alternative 3 Distributed Housing



Is there anything you would **change** or **adjust** in that alternative to make it better meet your vision? Or is there a combination of alternatives that you would like to see?

PART IV: TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

Please share some information about yourself. Your responses will help us ensure we are hearing from diverse groups of our community as we envision and plan for the future of Santa Rosa. We will not share individual information outside of the Santa Rosa Forward project.

| Which of the following best describes you? (Choose all that apply) | What is your race and/or ethnicity? (Choose all that apply) |
|---|---|
| I live in Santa Rosa I work in Santa Rosa I am a Student in Santa Rosa I own property and/or a business in Santa Rosa Other (please describe): | Asian Black/African American Hispanic/Latinx Native American Pacific Islander White/Caucasian I prefer not to say I prefer to self-identify (please describe): |
| Female Male Non-binary I prefer not to say I prefer to self-identify (please describe): | What languages do you speak at home? (Choose all that apply) English Spanish |
| What is your age? 17 or younger 18 to 24 25 to 34 35 to 49 50 to 64 65 and Over | Cantonese Vietnamese Tagalog Mandarin Korean Asian Indian languages Russian Sign Language Other (please specify): |
| What is your Zip Code? | Email List |

If you would like to join our mailing list, please provide your email address (optional):

ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS OR COMMENTS

THANK YOU!

For more information about the project and to stay actively involved, please visit: www.santarosaforward.com

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