

# Stakeholder Focus Group Meetings Summary 3

*On February 8, 2021, Raimi + Associates conducted three stakeholder focus group meetings with Palmdale industry leaders, educational entities, faith-based organizations, and community-based organizations to receive their input on the Palmdale General Plan Update preferred land use alternative. The comments received at these meetings have been categorized into major groups: overall preferred land use alternative, village centers, health and wellness districts, education districts and other comments.*

## Consolidated Feedback

Feedback was received at the stakeholder focus groups. Several polls were used to gauge level of agreement with the preferred alternative and the various elements. In general, the majority of participants agreed with the preferred land use alternative. Several participants felt neutral in terms of specific elements of the preferred plan.

The following sections detail the range of comments received during the focus groups.

### *Overall Preferred Land Use Alternative*

- Residential uses near 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue P would conflict with an extended runway centerline at Plant 42 – suggest revision.
- Mission of Plant 42 must be preserved - limit surrounding incompatible uses.

### *Village Centers*

- Would like to see family resource centers or some sort of community resources available in village centers.
- Desire for residential options in village centers that include subsidized or affordable housing.
- Allow/encourage sports fields and recreation centers in or near village centers.

### *Health and Wellness Districts*

- Provide for non-profit, Veteran-owned, and community organization spaces in the Health and Wellness Districts.

- Suggest policies to connect the health and wellness district and education district in some way or allow them to cluster together, like some University healthcare operators.
- Desire to see some type of community resource area within these districts.
- Need mental health services in Palmdale.
- Hotels should be allowed within the Health and Wellness districts to support patients, physicians, etc. (*hotels are an allowed use*)
- Existing Palmdale residents need access to medical and educational facilities.

### **Education Districts**

- AVUSD is looking to expand adult education facilities in other areas of Palmdale.
- An education district is needed on the Westside of Palmdale.
- Would like to see a four-year University in Palmdale, the General Plan should reserve land for such a University.
- There may be some concerns related to locating higher education near Palmdale High School, responsibility index differs for age groups.
- Supportive of more vocational, trade and technical education in Palmdale for High School students to help keep students in the Antelope Valley after graduation.

### **Other**

- Would like to see sports and recreation facilities located on the map, Palmdale does not have enough recreation centers.
- Want to ensure these plans happen in the future, not just land designated for certain uses.

# Feedback by Group

## Education, County Organizations, Social Service Organizations and Non-Profits, Religious Groups

- The Palmdale Aerospace Academy
- Antelope Valley Union High School District
- First 5 Los Angeles/Best Start Palmdale
- Los Angeles County Regional Planning
- P.A.W.S. Forward Foundation
- Children's Bureau
- Antelope Valley WIC Program
- Faith Community Church
- SoCal Gas Company

### *Overall Preferred Land Use Alternative*

- N/A

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- Suggest policies to connect the health and wellness district to education districts or allow them to cluster together, like University healthcare operators.
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### **Aerospace and Medical**

- **Palmdale Regional Medical Center**
- **Lockheed Martin**
- **US Air Force (Plant 42)**
- **Northrup Grumman**

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### *Village Centers*

- N/A

### *Health and Wellness Districts*

- Hotels should be allowed within the Health and Wellness districts to support patients, physicians, etc.
- Existing Palmdale residents need access to medical and educational facilities.

### *Education Districts*

- Desire to reserve land for a 4-year University.
- Supportive of any additional trade and technical education in Palmdale.

### *Other*

- N/A

## **Businesses, Residents, Religious and Advocacy Groups**

- **Courtyard and Residence Inn**
- **Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**
- **CHIRLA**
- **Palmdale Vineyard Church**
- **Palmdale Resident**

### ***Overall Preferred Land Use Alternative***

- N/A

### ***Village Centers***

- N/A

### ***Health and Wellness Districts***

- N/A

### ***Education Districts***

- More vocational and trade training for High School students to help keep students in the Antelope Valley after graduation.

### ***Other***

- N/A