

Draft Vision Statements & Guiding Principles

Refined Vision Statements



Strong and Authentic Neighborhoods

- **Walkable** place to live.
- **Mix** of building uses, scales, stories, materials and designs, including historic and modern.
- **Neighborhoods** are connected, diverse, dense, integrated and community-based.
- **Commercial hubs** have a bustling main street feel, pedestrian amenities, public art, welcoming, showcase the character and identity of the area.
- **Diversity of residents and housing** options: ages, household types, ethnicities, incomes



Well Connected, Safe and Accessible Places

- Accessible, safe, and reliable **multi-modal transportation options** that minimize auto congestion, including walking, biking, driving, and frequent transit.
- A **well-connected pedestrian network** has accessible sidewalks and safe street crossings.
- **High-capacity transit** along Colfax Avenue, Colorado Boulevard, and Broadway, makes it fast and easy for residents, businesses and visitors to reach destinations.

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Economically Diverse and Vibrant

- Strong **economy** with a locally-serving and varied retail mix, employment centers, successful businesses and access to quality jobs.
- All residents can receive an excellent **education**, from daycare and early childhood education to adult education and job training via strong school and business partnerships.
- The major cultural institutions support a vibrant local **arts** community.



Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive

- Active, diverse, inclusive community where households of all incomes and sizes can comfortably **afford safe and desirable housing** of various types, sizes, and tenure.
- **Innovative attainable housing models** and a comprehensive and well-designed network of **supportive services**.

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Environmentally Resilient

- Natural ecosystem with robust **tree canopy** and lush, low water-use landscaping.
- Multi-purpose “**green infrastructure**” landscaping provides storm water management and beautification and Reduction in **impervious surfaces**, to cool neighborhoods and improve flood control.
- **Energy-efficient construction** and **advanced renewable energy technologies**



Healthy and Active

- **Improved life expectancy and lowered obesity rates.**
- **Low crime, and residents and businesses know their local police officer.**
- Safe and easy to walk to a **connected network of open spaces** and outstanding parks.
- Easy access to **affordable and healthy food** - diverse grocery, restaurants, farmers’ markets, gardens.
- Wide range of **healthcare options**, including supportive services such as addiction treatment and mental health care, emergency care, and pharmacies.