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Drew,

Here are the comments that I want to make as a follow up to the meeting in City Hall on 2-18-2020.

1. At the beginning of the presentation, you started that the policies in the presentation would “take too long to review”. (111 policies were included on the slides that were shared with the group) I believe that we do need to discuss the policies and either conform their relevance to the proposed update or modify or possibly eliminate them.
2. The definitions of both “Infill” and “New Growth” need to be revisited and may need to be modified. Likewise, the 12-31-2012 date that established the infill new growth delineation should be discussed as well.
3. Fresno needs ALL types of new housing to be constructed within its boundaries. The City General Plan should be modified to not only identify opportunities to incentivize “infill” development but also remove existing restrictive policies that serve to make housing development anywhere within the Sphere of Influence more difficult and/or more expensive to accomplish.
4. The General Plan should lift the current “restriction” on future changes to the adopted Sphere of Influence (SOI). There may be cases where it makes sense to enlarge the adopted SOI and there may also be locations where it makes sense to reduce the SOI.
5. In Objective LU-1, the wording “equitable use of resources and infrastructure” exists. I am not sure what this statement means and the wording should be clarified / discussed and possibly modified or eliminated.
6. Objective LU-9 states, “Plan land uses, design, and support development intensities to supplement and support, and not compete with, the Downtown”. I am not sure what this statement means and I am interested to know if there are any land uses that can only occur in the Downtown area and what the staff would consider a “competing use”?

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments. Thank you

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