



## Vision Text and Task Force Comments To-Date

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**Core Statement** – San Jose embodies the energy and vitality of its unique human, natural and economic resources.

### **Seven Vision Themes**

1. **Innovative Economy** – San Jose’s economy thrives on innovation, providing job opportunities for all and ample fiscal resources for a vibrant community.

#### Task Force comments:

- Job Quality and type should be represented in this theme (Task Force meeting #4).
- Need to focus on fiscal and economic issues. The City needs money to create amenities. The 25 to 35 year old demographic will not want to live in San Jose without the amenities they want (Task Force meeting #9).

2. **Environmental Leadership** – San Jose is a model of an environmentally sustainable and healthy city, a leader in green technology and a vigilant steward of its resources for present and future generations.
3. **Diversity and Social Equity** – San Jose celebrates, embraces and involves a diverse blend of cultures and achieves social, cultural and economic equity.
4. **Quality Education and Services** – San Jose residents and businesses receive a broad range of high quality services and enjoy excellent educational opportunities for all.
5. **Healthy Neighborhoods** – San Jose’s neighborhoods are attractive, affordable, and safe places to live with engaged community members.

#### Task Force comments:

- Health care access should be addressed (Task Force meeting #4).
6. **Interconnected City** – The activities of daily life are in close proximity and easily accessible by walking, bicycling and public transit.

7. **Vibrant Arts and Culture** – San Jose is a vibrant center for multi-faceted arts and cultural programs, celebrating its heritage and inspiring the creative energy of the community and a rich quality of life.

Task Force comments:

- Need to address historic resources. San Jose is the oldest city in California and the state's first capital. There are a lot of resources that can be preserved and capitalized on to attract tourism (Task Force meeting #4 and #9).

General Task Force Comments:

- The vision should address healthy communities and job quality (Task Force meeting #9)
- The City is out of balance. The housing stock is 75% single-family detached. There are few opportunities to live in an urban setting. The vision needs to include language that addresses different housing choices (Task Force meeting #9).
- Housing is a regional issue. Employers are drawing from the Bay Area as whole. People need to make decisions that are balanced on housing and transportation. Proposition 13 makes it difficult to make housing transitions (Task Force meeting #9).
- Should focus on just the text of the vision, and add the pictures and graphics later (Task Force meeting #9).
- Make Fiscal Sustainability its own, separate key Vision Element (Task Force meeting #9).