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**KINGS COUNTY GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT COMMITTEE (GPAC)**

**Thursday, January 8, 2026 – 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM**

**Administration Building No 1. – Multi-Purpose Room**

**1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER (1:30 PM)**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- [new] GPAC Member welcome

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5. OVERVIEW AND SCOPE**

- General Plan Status Update
- Questions or topics since last discussion

**6. DISCUSSION OF KEY TOPIC AREAS**

- Water, Ag, Youth

**7. WORK PLAN, SCHEDULE, AND MILESTONES**

- Community Survey
- Updated schedule

**8. NEXT STEPS**

- Assignments or follow-up items
- Requested data or materials
- Next Meeting date: March 12, 2026

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Members of the public may address the Committee on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the GPAC and not on this agenda. Comments limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

**10. COMMITTEE MEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)**

**11. STAFF / CONSULTANT COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)**



**12. ADJOURNMENT**

# Draft Kings County General Plan Community Survey Questions

1. How long have you lived in Kings County

2. What city/community do you live in?

3. Do you own or rent your home?

4. How many people are in your household?

5. We would like to understand what kinds of jobs and industries would most strengthen our local economy. Which types of jobs or industries do you think are most needed in our community? (Select up to three.)

- Healthcare and social services
- Education and childcare
- Skilled trades (e.g., construction, electrical, plumbing)
- Technology and digital services
- Retail and customer service
- Manufacturing and production
- Agriculture or food production
- Hospitality and tourism
- Transportation and logistics
- Creative industries (e.g., arts, design, media)
- Other (please specify):** \_\_\_\_\_

6. Our community needs more affordable housing options.

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

7. Housing affordability has been identified as a key issue in many communities. We would like to understand how residents perceive the need for affordable housing in this area. In your opinion, what types of housing are most needed in our communities?

- Apartments or rental units
- Starter homes for first-time buyers

- Senior or assisted living
- Family Housing (2-3 bedrooms)
- Emergency or transitional housing
- Accessible housing for people with disabilities
- Other

8. Please rank the following areas based on how important they are for supporting youth in our community. (1 = most important, 5 = least important)

- Education and tutoring
- Mental health and wellness
- Recreation and activities
- Job and skill development
- Youth leadership and voice

9. What types of programs or support do you think are most needed for youth in our community? (Select up to three.)

- After-school or summer programs
- Sports and recreation opportunities
- Arts, music, or cultural programs
- Mental health and counseling services
- Job training or internship opportunities
- Safe public spaces and hangout areas
- Mentorship or leadership programs
- Academic tutoring or homework help
- Youth employment opportunities
- **Other (please specify):** \_\_\_\_\_

10. Transportation plays a big role in how people live, work, and get around. We'd like to know what issues you think are most important to address. What do you think are the most important transportation issues in our community? (Select up to three.)

- Road maintenance (potholes, resurfacing, etc.)
- Traffic congestion
- Lack of bike lanes or pedestrian paths
- Limited public transit or bus service
- Road safety or signage issues
- Parking availability
- Accessibility for people with disabilities
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

11. What types of recreation or community activities do you think are most needed in our community? (Select up to three.)

- Walking and biking trails
- Parks and green spaces
- Playgrounds
- Athletic courts or sports fields
- Indoor recreation center or gym space
- Cooling center or public gathering space
- Family-friendly entertainment options (e.g., mini golf, bowling, arcade)
- Middle-income entertainment options (e.g., movies, live music, casual dining)
- Community events and festivals
- Senior or youth activity programs
- Arts and cultural spaces
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

12. Which agricultural priorities do you think are most important for Kings County? (Please rank in priority order)

- Water conservation and sustainable irrigation
- Support for farmworkers and the agricultural workforce
- Farmland preservation and protection from development
- Encouraging young and beginning farmers
- Diversifying crops and agricultural products
- Promoting local and regional food systems
- Supporting ag innovation and technology (e.g., precision ag, renewable energy)
- Addressing environmental challenges (e.g., soil health, air quality)
- Improving ag education and workforce training
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

13. Which statement best reflects your view about the future of our community?

- We should focus primarily on preserving our history, traditions, and character
- We should mostly encourage growth and new development
- We should focus on improving the quality of life for residents by providing safe, clean, and accessible services for those who need them
- We should balance preserving our history with thoughtful, sustainable growth
- Not sure/no opinion

## **Kings County GPAC Special Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of the Kings County General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) was called to order by Christine Chavez at 1:30 pm in the Kings County Government Complex building in Hanford, California.

**ROLL CALL:** Mary Beth La Munon-Jones, David Orth, Michael Rodriguez, Danielle McFadden, Victor Chavarin Jr., Kevin Scott, Sheila Scheitrum, Gary Curtis, Kristie Baley, Debbie Grice, Maddison Faria

**GPAC MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jay Salyer, Laura Brown, Karl Anderson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chuck Kinney – Director  
Alejandro Hernandez – Deputy Director - Planning  
Noelle Tomlinson – Planner  
Sheila Hernandez – Planner  
Victor Hernandez – Planner  
Yesenia Kharufeh – Planner

**CONSULTANTS PRESENT:** QK: Christine Chavez, Susan Long, Madisyn Grant, Steve Brandt

### **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

GPAC members introduced themselves

### **2. OVERVIEW OF THE GPAC PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The General Plan Update process was discussed. Clarification on the GPAC role was presented, as well as the relationship between GPAC, the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors, and the public.

### **3. BROWN ACT AND COMMITTEE ORIENTATION**

A summary of the Brown Act was presented, including the open meeting requirements and GPAC bylaws. Expectations for attendance, quorum, and participation were discussed. Communication preferences and protocols were presented.

### **4. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS OVERVIEW**

Background of the General Plan was presented, as well as the scope of the services provided by QK.

A summary of required General Plan elements was discussed along with the legal framework in which the plan must fit.

### **5. IDENTIFICATION OF KEY TOPIC AREAS**

A discussion took place regarding the focus areas for future discussions, as well as the challenges and opportunities facing Kings County.

### **6. WORK PLAN, SCHEDULE, AND MILESTONES**

The General Plan schedule was discussed.

### **7. ELECTION OF APPOINTMENT OF GPAC LEADERSHIP**

Debbie Grice was nominated as Chair of the GPAC.

David Orth was nominated as Vice Chair of the GPAC. Both nominations were accepted and approved by a unanimous vote of the committee.

**8. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME**

The committee has chosen to meet on the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm for future meetings. The next meeting will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. Location to be confirmed.

**9. NEXT STEPS**

The County will confirm the meeting location for the next meeting, and QK will send out a calendar invite for the meeting.

GPAC members are encouraged to read through the current General Plan for an understanding of the document.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**11. COMMITTEE MEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS:**

None.

**12. STAFF/CONSULTANT COMMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.



# HELP SHAPE THE **FUTURE**

*Kettleman City Community Workshop*

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*Starts at 6PM*

***Thursday,  
February 19, 2026***

Kettleman City Library  
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STRATFORD  
BRANCH

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