



City of Los Altos

Community Center Master Plan

Focus Group Sessions

March 13, 2008





AGENDA

- ☐ Agenda Review
 - Master Plan Process Review
- ☐ Introduction of Participants
- ☐ Community Service Needs
- ☐ Service Priorities
- ☐ Community Center Site
Service Priorities
- ☐ Feedback / Next Steps





Context, Purpose and Intended Results

CONTEXT:

As part of our process for the City of Los Altos Master Plan, we are reaching out to a cross section of the community to help us better understand the City's service needs and priorities.

This Focus Group meeting is meant to be an open and collaborative discussion with a demographically representative group of individuals, who are interested in the future of the City.



Context, Purpose and Intended Results

PURPOSE:

To engage in a detailed discussion about community needs, service priorities, and the best use of the Community Center site.



Context, Purpose and Intended Results

INTENDED RESULTS:

- ☐ Understand the overall process and how and where you are inputting into it
- ☐ Develop an understanding of the current and future service needs of the community from this group's perspective
- ☐ Develop an understanding of the Service Priorities for the delivery of City services
- ☐ Assess which of these services are best delivered on the Community Center site



City Council Findings

We Must Do Something

- Buildings are in Need of Repair
- Poor Site Access and Traffic Flow
- Inadequate Parking
- Inadequate Senior, Youth and Recreational Facilities
- New Space (City Hall and Police Station)
- 18 Acre Site is Very Under Utilized

Community Workshop (December 2007)



City Council Initiative Appointed Task Force

- Develop Vision Statement
- Begin Public Engagement
 - discuss needs and site potential
 - seek community input
- Report Back to City Council

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Task Force

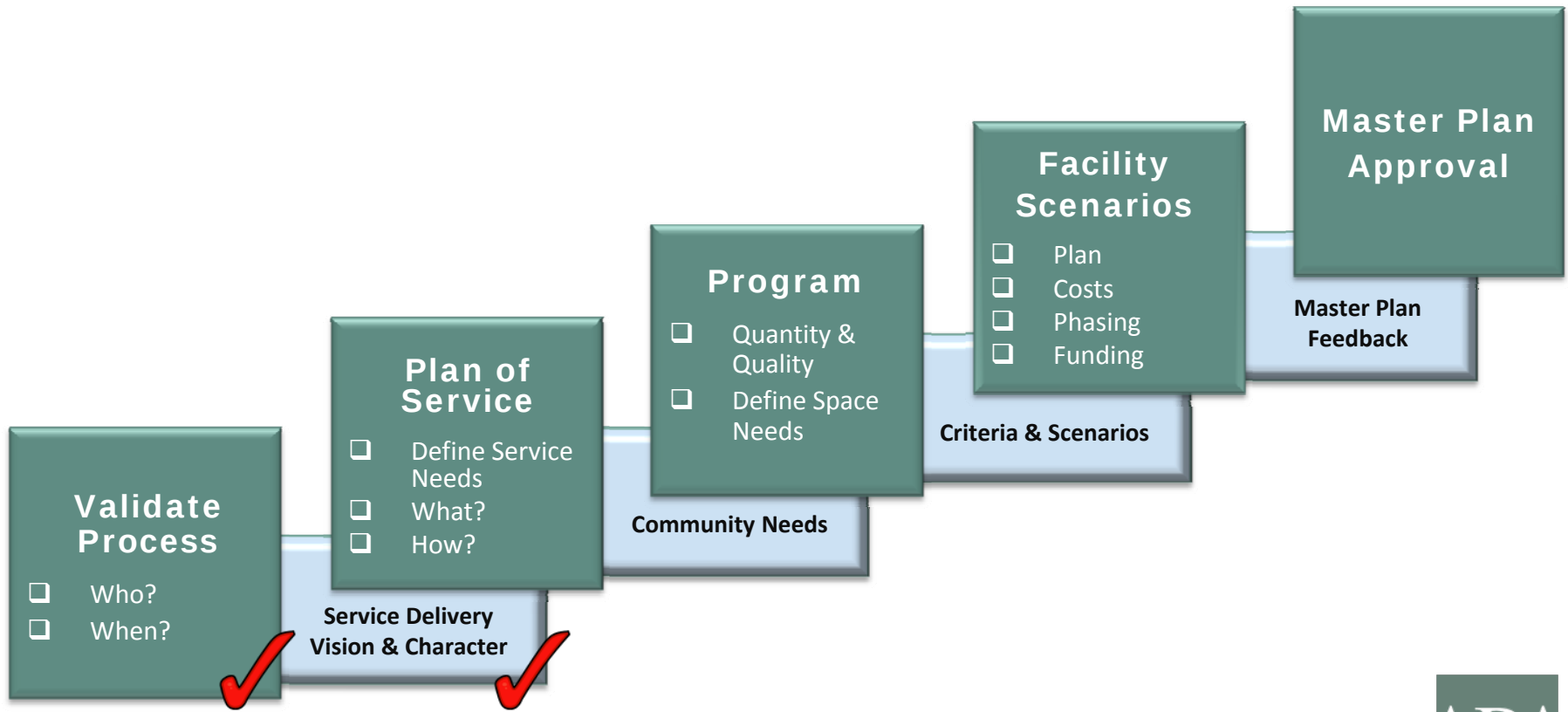
What They Have Been Doing

- Visited other Community Centers
- Defined What Could Be in New Community Center
- Completed a Vision Statement – Defined Site Potential
- Prepared a Plan for Public Outreach
- Issued Request for Proposals and Interviewed Architects to Develop a Community Center Master Plan
- Selected **Anderson Brulé Architects**

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Project & Community Process



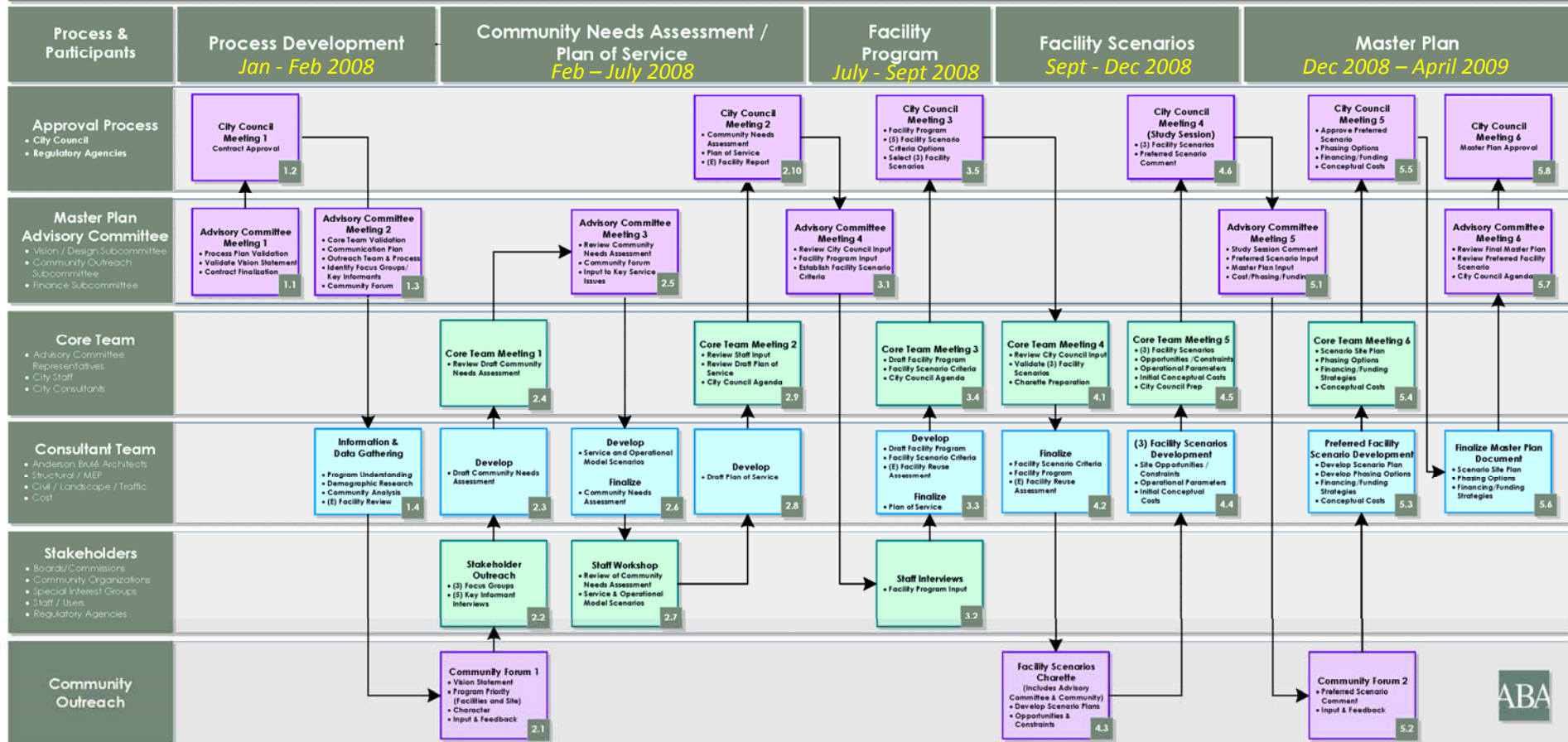
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DRAFT PROPOSED PROCESS DIAGRAM

12/19/2007

COLOR LEGEND

- Public Meetings
- Project Meetings
- Consultant Team Scope



SERVICE + ENVIRONMENT = EXPERIENCE



Vision Statement Summary

SERVICE

Services will be safe, convenient and comprehensive.

ENVIRONMENT

Environments will support play, learning and gathering and will be configured to connect with the downtown village.

Modern, sustainably designed facilities that are both adequate and useful to the community and of striking architecture, will be located in a beautiful park-like setting.

EXPERIENCE

The Los Altos Community Center will provide a community experience that will serve your public for the next 50 years.



Your Key Issues

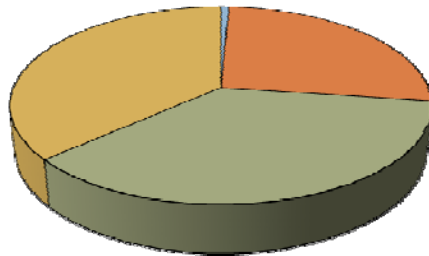
- ☐ Incorporate Library Expansion
- ☐ Expansion of Programs
 - Provide New Recreational Uses
 - Expand Community Programs
 - Improve Senior & Youth Programs
- ☐ Promote Los Altos History
- ☐ Develop New Green Facilities
- ☐ Invigorate the Downtown Village through Visual, Pedestrian & Parking Links
- ☐ Aesthetic of the Architecture is Important
- ☐ Space for Expanded Program & Staffing
- ☐ Meaningful Incorporation of Los Altos Hills in the Master Plan Process



Los Altos Demographics (2000 Census)

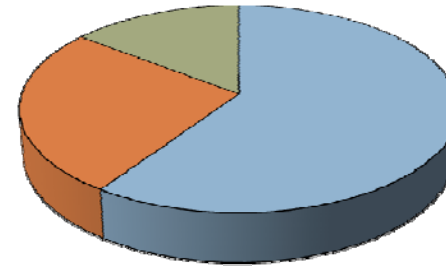


Education



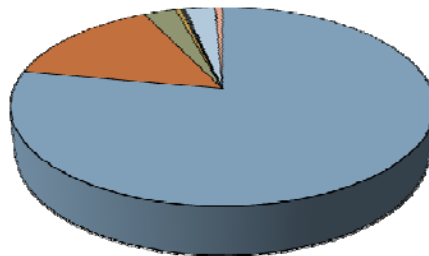
- 0-8 years of school
- H.S. Graduate or higher
- Bachelor's degree or higher
- Graduate or Prof. degree

Household



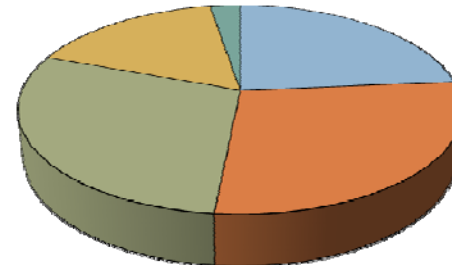
- Family (no children under 18 yrs)
- Family (w/ children under 18 yrs)
- Single

Race



- White
- Asian
- Hispanic/Latino
- Black / African American
- North American Native
- Pacific Islander
- Two or more
- Other

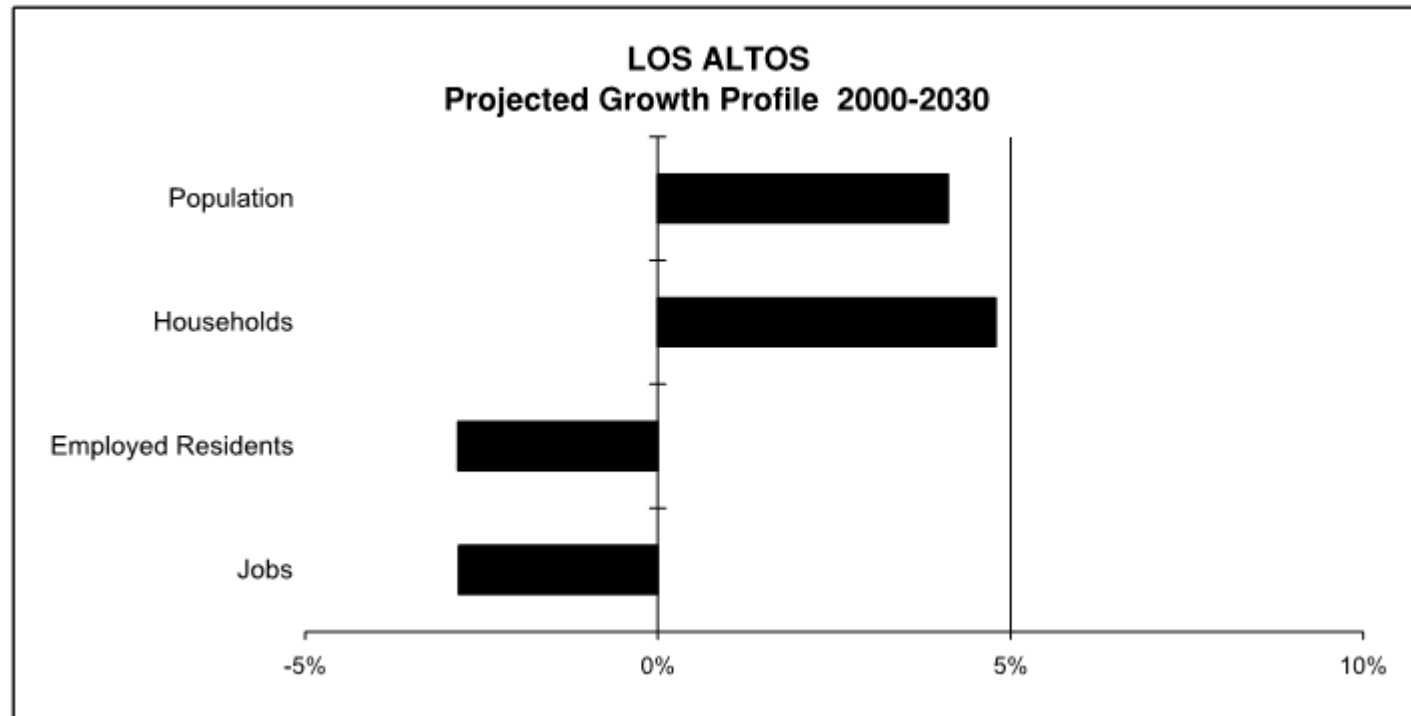
Age Group



- under 18
- 18-44
- 45-64
- 65-84
- 85+



Los Altos Growth Projections (2000-2030)

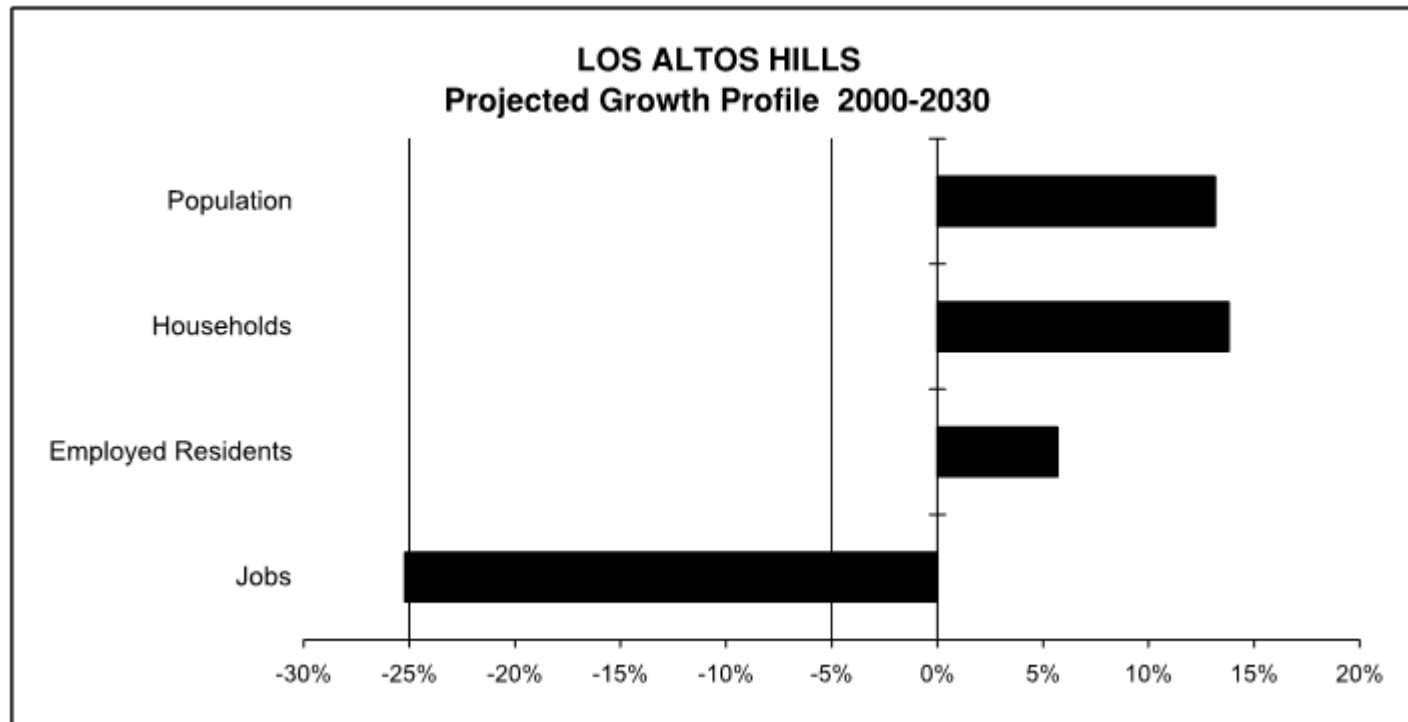


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Los Altos Hills Growth Projections (2000-2030)



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Introduction of Participants



Service Elements

■ Existing Services – On-Site

- Police Department
- Recreation
- Community Development
- City Administration
- City Engineering
- Community Center
- Library*
- Meeting Rooms*
- Community Theater*
- Youth Center*
- Storage*

■ Existing Services – Off-Site

- Fire Department
- Swim Facility

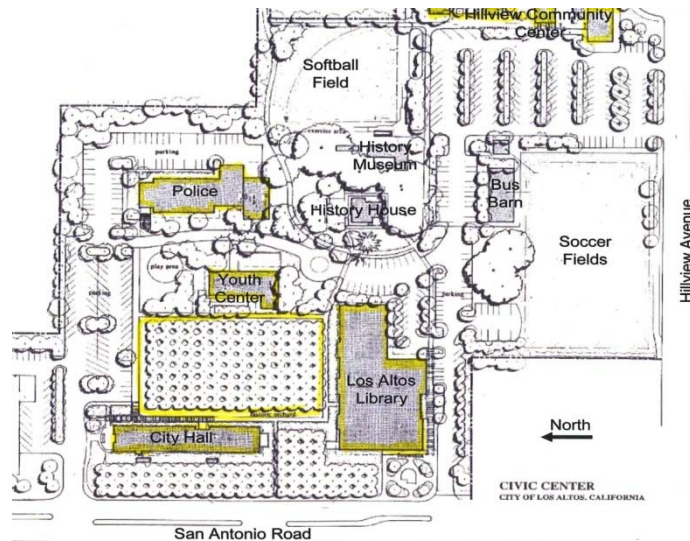
■ New Services

- Multi-Purpose Community House
- Senior Center
- Non-Profit Organization Space

■ Site Features

- Apricot Orchard
- Parking*
- Athletic Play Fields (Baseball & Soccer)
- Small Park & Tot Lot

* = Existing Service noted for significant expansion or revision





Introduction of Participants

- ☐ Who do you feel you represent in the community?
- ☐ Do you use city and community services?
If so, which ones, how often and for what purpose?