

# River District Specific Plan

## Guiding Principles

### **Maximize Connectivity – North/South and East/West.**

- ◆ Increase connections with the rest of Sacramento
- ◆ Provide access for all modes – pedestrian, vehicle and bicycle
- ◆ Include bridges and streets to Downtown

### **Create a Sense of Place.**

- ◆ Make a gateway to the Central City and the Rivers
- ◆ Reuse old industrial and commercial buildings
- ◆ Capitalize on eclectic mix, historic brick buildings and rivers

### **Encourage Sustainable Development.**

- ◆ Design LEED buildings
- ◆ Incorporate Sacramento Smart Growth Principles

### **Build Infrastructure that Provides a Balanced Approach to Regional Traffic Issues.**

- ◆ Balance the traffic and circulation needs of the River District stakeholders
- ◆ Support transit oriented development
- ◆ Take advantage of innovative traffic control devices
- ◆ Create a framework for development and growth to occur

### **Stimulate Economic Growth.**

- ◆ Bring new jobs and increase private investment
- ◆ Plan for smooth transition of industrial businesses over time
- ◆ Develop “shovel-ready” sites

### **Provide a Variety of Urban Living Options.**

- ◆ Develop new infill neighborhoods
- ◆ Provide a range of housing types that are attractive to families and individuals
- ◆ Provide housing to residents at all income levels

### **Support Regional Strategies that Seek to Improve Social Conditions.**

- ◆ Support the 10-year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness
- ◆ Offer gang and violence prevention and youth investment programs
- ◆ Provide apprenticeship and job-training programs

### **Encourage Mixed-Use Development.**

- ◆ Offer a blend of uses and spaces to create an active and vibrant district
- ◆ Include a combination of residential, commercial, industrial, office, institutional, park or other land uses

**Provide Enhanced Community Facilities and Amenities.**

- ◆ Create multiple activity centers and recreation opportunities
- ◆ Provide amenities that serve residents and draw visitors
- ◆ Support public transportation including the Light Rail and the Intermodal Facility

**Engage the Rivers and Foster Open Space Opportunities.**

- ◆ Provide leisure and recreational opportunities
- ◆ Feature a “string of pearls” along the river front
- ◆ Increase access to the Rivers for the public enjoyment

**Create a Walkable District.**

- ◆ Promote livable neighborhoods for pedestrians and bicycles
- ◆ Ensure public transportation connects with the District and the region
- ◆ Provide smaller block sizes and remove barriers to pedestrians and bicyclists