

Livable Sunnyvale Presents

URBANISM AFTER THE PANDEMIC Alternative Scenarios for Santa Clara County



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6:30 - 8:30 PM

Our Urban Evolution Has Been Interrupted – Temporarily

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, Santa Clara County was on a seemingly inevitable course toward becoming a more urban place – an urban/suburban hybrid. Areas of taller, denser development were emerging within the Valley’s predominantly suburban, lower density, automobile-dependent landscape.

We were on a trajectory toward a much larger population, with people living and working in closer proximity to one another and relying more on shared public and private transportation systems to meet their mobility needs.

But, social distancing, mandated by efforts to prevent the spread of the virus, brought some of that momentum toward urbanism to an abrupt halt and/or raised questions about its future.

What Future(s) Should We Be Preparing For?

As we work to bring the virus under control and rebuild damaged parts of our economy, we should be asking ourselves questions such as:

“What should our cities be like in the future, once the pandemic has passed and our economy has rebounded?”

While it is difficult to predict specific outcomes, we can use scenario-based planning to begin thinking about a range of possible futures and their potential impacts and implications for our county and its cities – and begin asking questions, such as:.

- What are the major factors and forces that may shape our post-pandemic future?
- What are some alternative scenarios of what our county could be like?
- What are some things we can do to prepare for – or prevent – each of these scenarios?

Join us for the first presentation of Don Weden’s latest PowerPoint.

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