

# City Council Study Session

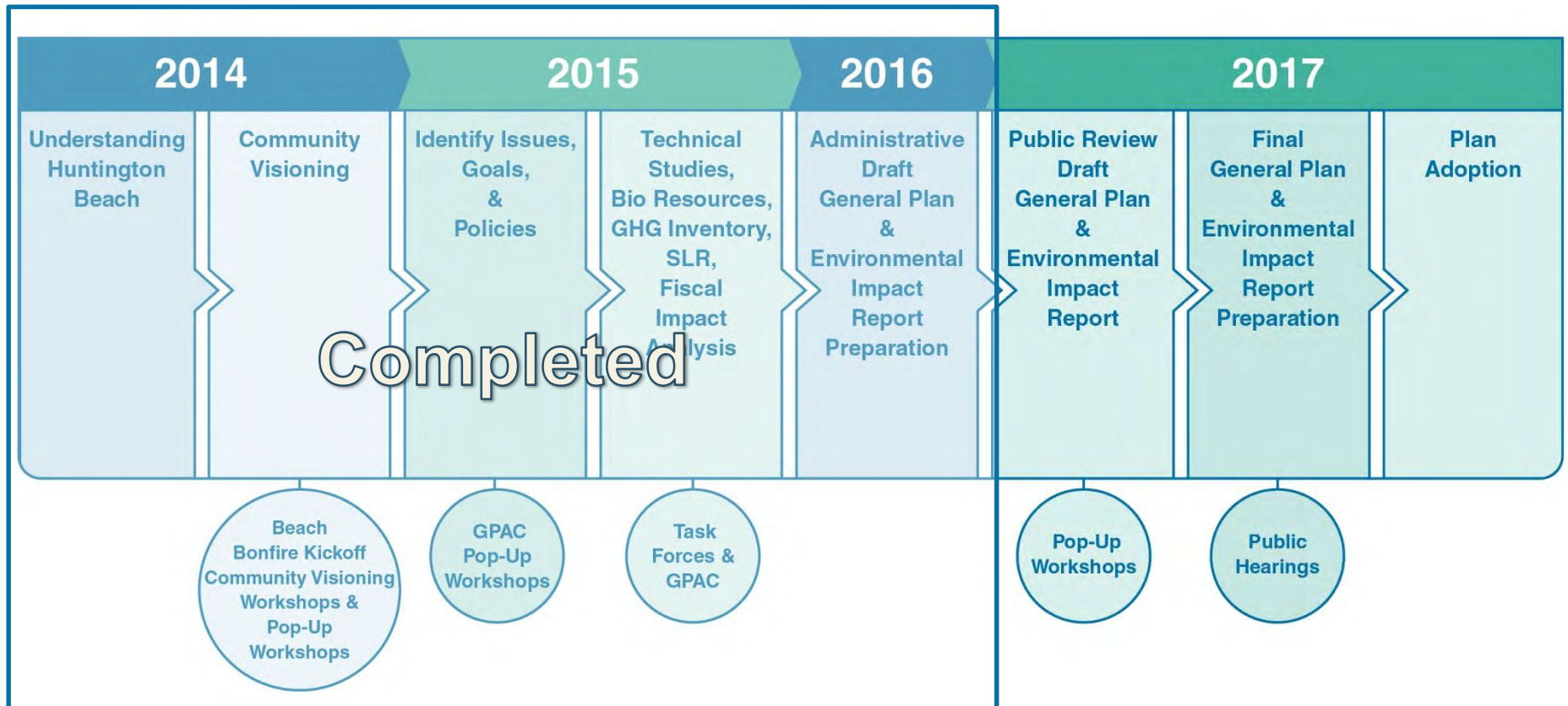
## January 17, 2017



# Agenda

- General Plan Status Update
- General Plan Approach
- Draft Plan and Supporting Programs
- Next Steps

# General Plan Status Update





# General Plan Approach

- Streamline the General Plan Structure to meet minimum legal requirements
- Condense the existing 16 elements into 9
- Technical analysis to address minimum state law and responsible agency requirements

# Huntington Beach General Plan Format

Land Use

Circulation

Public  
Services and  
Infrastructure

Environmental  
Resources and  
Conservation

Natural and  
Environmental  
Hazards  
(Safety)

Noise

Historic and  
Cultural

Coastal

Housing

# Proposed General Plan

- **Land Use Element**

- Includes a land use plan and policies to guide growth over the next 20 years
- New Economic Development Plan identifies goals and policies to support the City's economic development strategies
- New Research and Technology land use designation identifies policies to capitalize on burgeoning markets

# Proposed General Plan

- **Circulation Element**

- Provides for adequate circulation/transportation network to meet future development, population and employment needs
- Addresses Complete Streets legislation

- **Noise Element**

- Describes how the City considers noise control in the planning process
- Identifies existing noise conditions, noise sensitive land uses and sources of noise

# Proposed General Plan

- **Environmental Resources and Conservation**
  - Includes goals and policies relating to the preservation and maintenance of open space areas
  - Addresses air quality, water quality, greenhouse gas emissions, biological resources and mineral resources
- **Public Services and Infrastructure**
  - Includes policies that ensure adequate infrastructure and public services are in place to support anticipated growth
- **Natural and Environmental Hazards**
  - Addresses natural and man-made hazards
  - Also addresses coastal hazards, emergency preparedness and hazardous materials and waste
  - Addresses Local Hazard Mitigation Plan legislation





# CEQA Process

- Scoping Process
  - NOP comment period ended November 6, 2015
- Draft EIR (anticipated April 2017)
  - Public comments
- Final EIR
  - Responses to comments
- Planning Commission and City Council Hearings
  - Consider project approval

# Next Steps and Opportunities for Input

- **April 2017:** Release the Draft General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report
- **April-May 2017:** Public comment period
  - Study sessions to be scheduled with Planning Commission and City Council
  - Collect and respond to written public comments

# Next Steps and Opportunities for Input

- **June 2017:** Prepare Hearing Draft General Plan and supporting programs and Final EIR
  - Final EIR includes responses to comments
- **July/August 2017:** Anticipated Planning Commission and City Council Public Hearings
  - Certify Final EIR
  - Consider approval of updated General Plan and supporting programs

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