

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3920

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAKE HAVASU CITY, MOHAVE COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING AND SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF LAKE HAVASU CITY FOR RATIFICATION AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, ELECTION “THE 2026 LAKE HAVASU CITY GENERAL PLAN: SHAPING OUR FUTURE”

WHEREAS, Arizona law requires municipalities to prepare and adopt a comprehensive, long-range general plan for the development of the municipality and requires the general plan to contain specific elements and content.

WHEREAS, prior to the expiration of its current general plan, Lake Havasu City (“City”) must either readopt its existing general plan or adopt a new general plan.

WHEREAS, the City prepared a new general plan, “The 2026 Lake Havasu City General Plan: Shaping Our Future” (“2026 General Plan”), that contains the elements and content required by municipal planning laws contained in Arizona Revised Statutes (“A.R.S.”) §§ 9-461, et al.

WHEREAS, the Planning Division of the Development Services Department prepared the 2026 General Plan alongside the expert, professional, consultant planning team from Logan Simpson Design, Inc., that was retained by the City Council specifically for this purpose.

WHEREAS, the preparation of the 2026 General Plan was coordinated with a Steering Committee of citizens appointed by the City Council to provide general guidance for the process, a Technical Advisory Committee containing various City Department experts in their fields of work, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Mayor and City Council, and the citizens of Lake Havasu that chose to permit their voices to be heard throughout the process.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a written Public Participation Plan providing for effective, early, and continuous public participation in the development of the 2026 General Plan, which resulted in expansive public outreach, totaling approximately 27,000 community engagements, including website views, community surveys, workshops, booths at community events, and presentations to various groups and organizations across the City.

WHEREAS, the City provided an opportunity for official comment from all state, county, and local agencies mandated by A.R.S. §§ 9-461, et al.

WHEREAS, at least 60 days prior to noticing the 2026 General Plan for public hearings before the Planning and Zoning Commission, a draft of the 2026 General Plan was transmitted to all entities mandated by A.R.S. §§ 9-461, et al.

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission held two properly noticed public hearings on the 2026 General Plan, on May 6, 2026, and May 20, 2026, at two separate locations in Lake Havasu City to promote citizen participation, with the City Council holding a third properly noticed public hearing on June 9, 2026.

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2026, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended adoption of the 2026 General Plan.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt the 2026 General Plan to be the City's new general plan, subject to ratification by the voters.

IT IS RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1: "The 2026 Lake Havasu City General Plan: Shaping Our Future" ("2026 General Plan"), attached as Exhibit A¹, is hereby adopted by reference to be Lake Havasu City's new general plan, subject to ratification by the voters.

Section 2: The 2026 General Plan is hereby declared a public record, copies of which will be available for public use and inspection at the City Clerk's Office in Lake Havasu City Hall, the Mohave County Library, and on the City's website.

Section 3: The 2026 General Plan shall be placed on the ballot for ratification by the voters at the November 3, 2026, General Election.

Section 4: The City Clerk is directed to provide to the Mohave County Recorder's Office, in substantially the form set forth in this Section 4, the official title, descriptive title and questions for the 2026 General Plan proposed by this Resolution to be placed on the ballot at the November 3, 2026, General Election. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City Council acknowledges that the language may need to be modified for election or legal purposes, including spacing availability on a ballot. Therefore, the City Clerk is authorized to modify the language set forth within this Section 4 at her discretion, for any reasonable purpose.

OFFICIAL TITLE: Proposed ratification of the 2026 Lake Havasu City General Plan: Shaping Our Future.

DESCRIPTIVE TITLE: Proposal to ratify the 2026 Lake Havasu City General Plan adopted by the City Council on June 9, 2026, as Lake Havasu City's new general plan setting forth the comprehensive, long-range plans and objectives to guide Lake Havasu City's future growth and development. The 2026 Lake Havasu City General Plan will not change current zoning.

¹ Exhibit on file at the City Clerk's Office, 2330 McCulloch Boulevard N., Lake Havasu City, AZ, and online at www.lhcaz.gov.

Shall the 2026 Lake Havasu City General Plan: Shaping Our Future adopted by the City Council on June 9, 2026, be approved as Lake Havasu City's general plan setting forth the comprehensive, long-range plans and objectives to guide Lake Havasu City's future growth and development?

A "YES" vote shall have the effect of approving the 2026 Lake Havasu City General Plan.

A "NO" vote shall have the effect of not approving the 2026 Lake Havasu City General Plan and the City retaining the General Plan approved in 2016.

Section 5: Upon ratification of the voters of the 2026 Lake Havasu General Plan, the 2016 Lake Havasu City General Plan, and all amendments thereto, are repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, on June 9, 2026.

APPROVED:

Cal Sheehy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Williams, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

REVIEWED BY:

Kelly Garry, City Attorney

Jess Knudson, City Manager