

Kensington Talmadge Community Planning Group Participation & Representation Plan

Exhibit B

The Kensington Talmadge Community Planning Group (CPG) is committed to engaging a broad and diverse cross section of our community members in regular meetings and to electing CPG members who are interested in the development process and are representative of the community and community interests, including, but not limited to renters, youth, people with disabilities, and intergenerational households, business operators, property and home owners, elderly residents, families with and without children, unrelated adults sharing housing together, and single adults. Soliciting and obtaining broad input on projects and initiatives is critical to the success of our CPG to serve as a recognized advisory body to the City.

Through this community participation and representation plan the Kensington Talmadge Planning Group will establish the following goals which will be pursued using the means identified below to broaden community outreach.

1. Educate community members about the role of our CPG and opportunities for involvement and do so in simple easy-to-understand language. When requested, we will make meeting materials available by mail or in other languages as translated by the City.

We will educate the public on our role in the community development process by developing a CPG fact sheet that could be printed in several local business newsletters which have a broader distribution, as well as by being posted at several local businesses.

2. Establish relationships with local schools, community-oriented businesses and non-profits, and other community organizations to build relationships and trust within the community.

The Kensington Talmadge Planning Group will continue its ongoing relationships with the local city advisory bodies of the Adams Avenue Business Association, El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association, and Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District, as well as private community organizations such as the Kensington-Talmadge Community Association, and Talmadge Community Council. Others may join this list as they arise.

3. Increase and diversify participation in our regular CPG meetings and decision making.

To increase and diversify participation in our regular CPG meetings, the KTPG will have online events that are not meetings, but which instead are informal forums for discussion and education on the role of the CPG. By familiarizing the public with the planning group, these events may create more interest in its work. These will be held at least once a year. We will participate in in-person events held by other community groups at their request.

4. Obtain meaningful input from a broad range of community members, and be proactive in listening to community needs and communicate these to the City.

We will develop a planning group email list both to inform interested community members of our activities, and from time to time, to solicit responses from the community.

5. Success will be measured by the size of our email list, attendance at our online events, and responses to any surveys we may conduct. At this time, attendance at our meetings would not be a good measurement of success as we may be required to hold our meetings well outside our community.