



City Council Work Session

Monday, February 23, 2026
4:00 p.m.

Council Chambers Conference Room
88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ



Work Session



Pursuant to Resolution No. 4464 of the City of Chandler and to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Chandler City Council and to the general public that the Chandler City Council will hold a WORK SESSION open to the public on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, Arizona. One or more members of the Chandler City Council may attend this meeting by telephone.

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Agendas are available in the Office of the City Clerk, 175 S. Arizona Avenue.

Agenda

Call to Order

Discussion

1. **Discussion of the "Chandler 2026 General Plan: evolving the Chandler way" - An Update to the City's General Plan which Guides Future Development within the City of Chandler**

Public Comment

Public comments will be heard only for the item(s) on that published meeting agenda. Up to 15 minutes will be allotted for public comments on the agenda item(s) at the end of the agenda and each speaker will be allocated up to three minutes at the discretion of the Presiding Officer or designated parliamentarian.

Adjourn



City Council Memorandum Development Services Memo No.

Date: February 23, 2026
To: Mayor and Council
From: Lauren Schumann, Planning Senior Program Manager
Subject: Discussion of the "Chandler 2026 General Plan: evolving the Chandler way"
- An Update to the City's General Plan which Guides Future Development
within the City of Chandler

Attachments

2026 General Plan Presentation



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PLH25-0010 Chandler General Plan Update



CITY OF CHANDLER
**GENERAL
PLAN
2026**

evolving the Chandler way

What's Different?

MINOR HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES

- Changed the plan structure
- Updated policies
- Updated demographics
- Updated historic timeline
- Updated reference plans
- Updated glossary
- Updated graphics/photos
- Summarized public participation
- Vision Statement

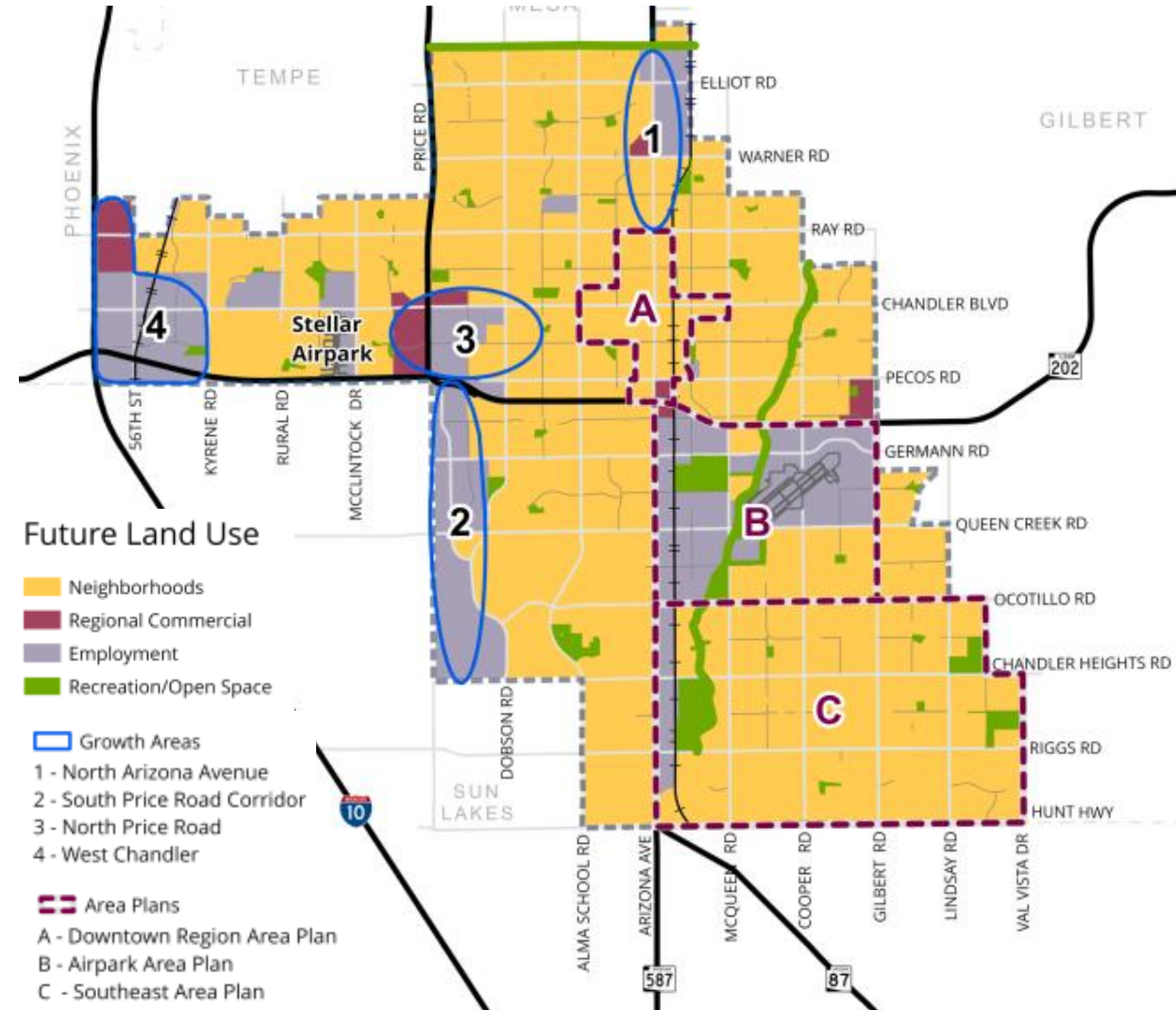
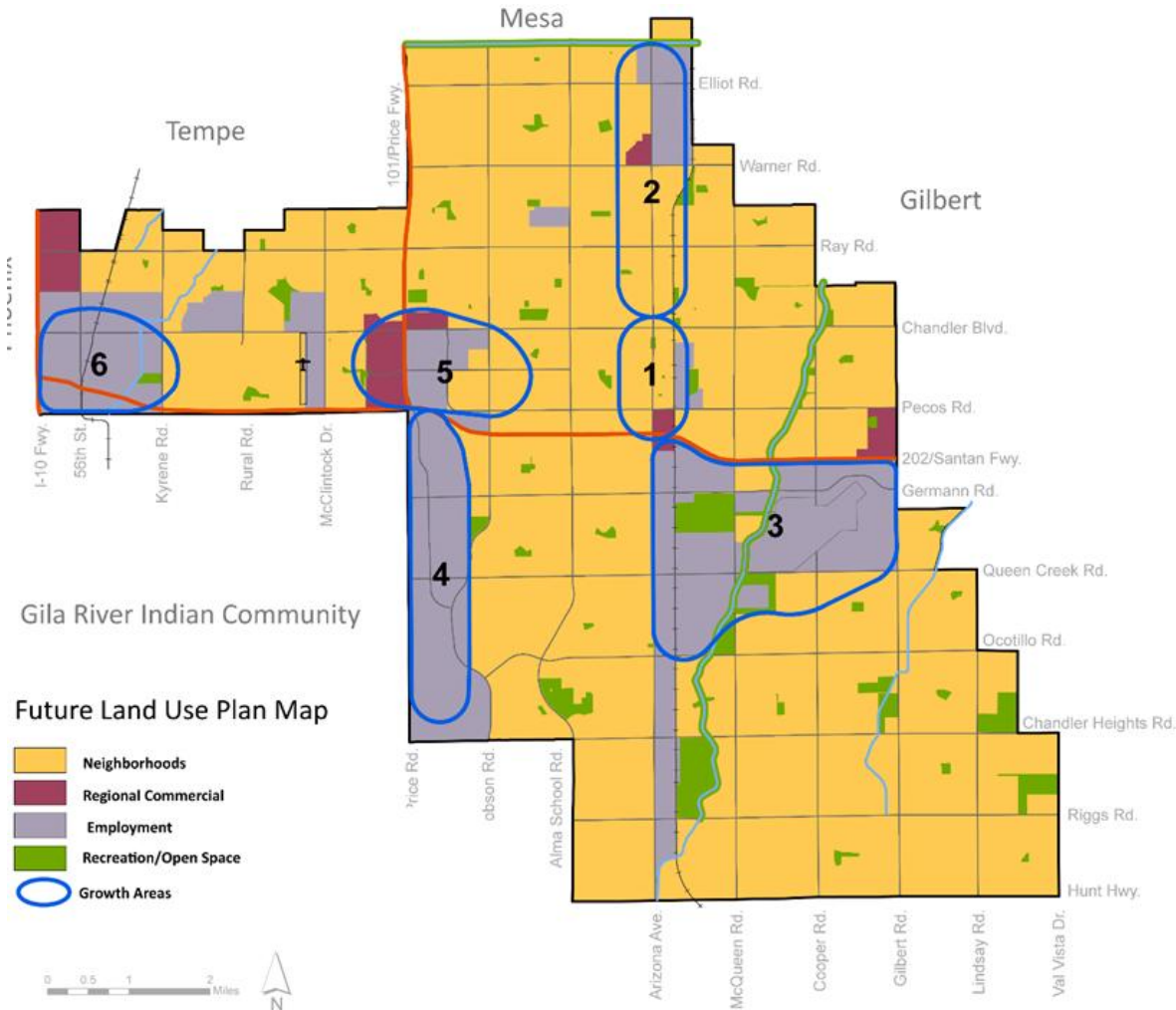
MORE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

- Future Land Use Map
 - Growth Area revisions
 - Illustration of Area Plans
 - Category mapping revisions
- Future Land Use Categories
 - Revisions and refinements
- Implementation Action Table

Future Land Use Map (FLUM)

2016

2026



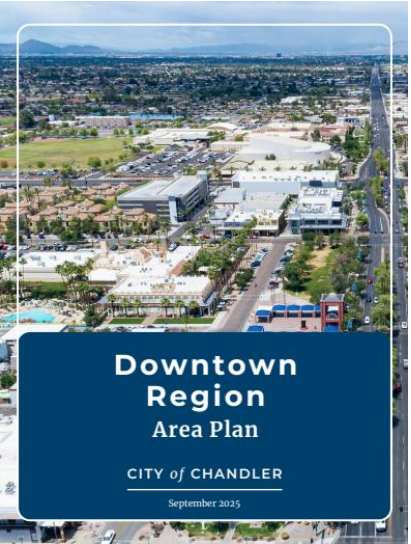
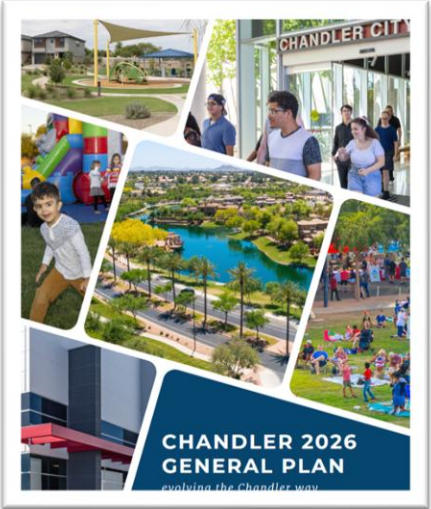
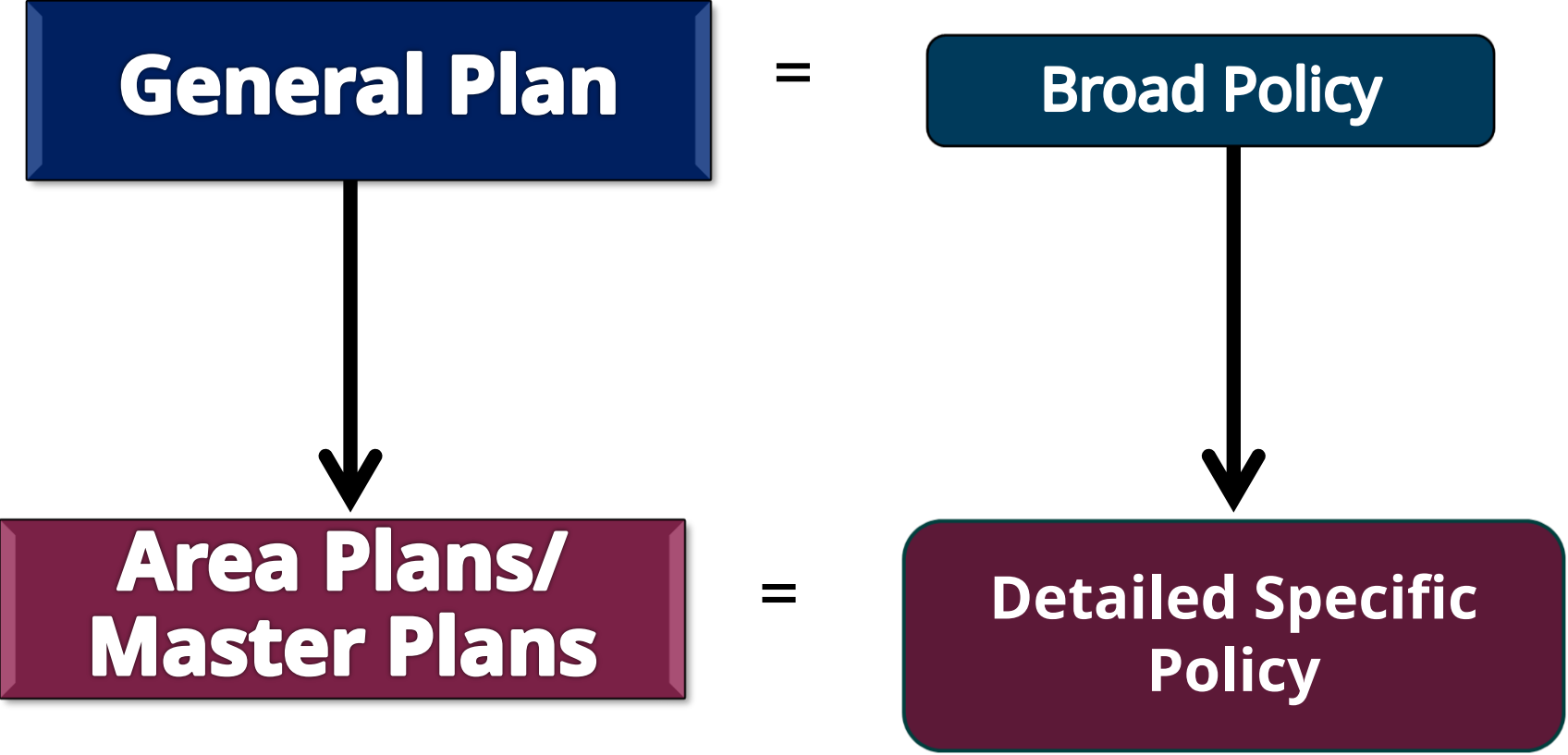
Concerns Heard

- **South Price Corridor Growth Area- New residential policy**
- **Use of the word “Urban”**
- **Addressing Architecture**



Architecture

Hierarchy of Plans



Urban Residential

2016

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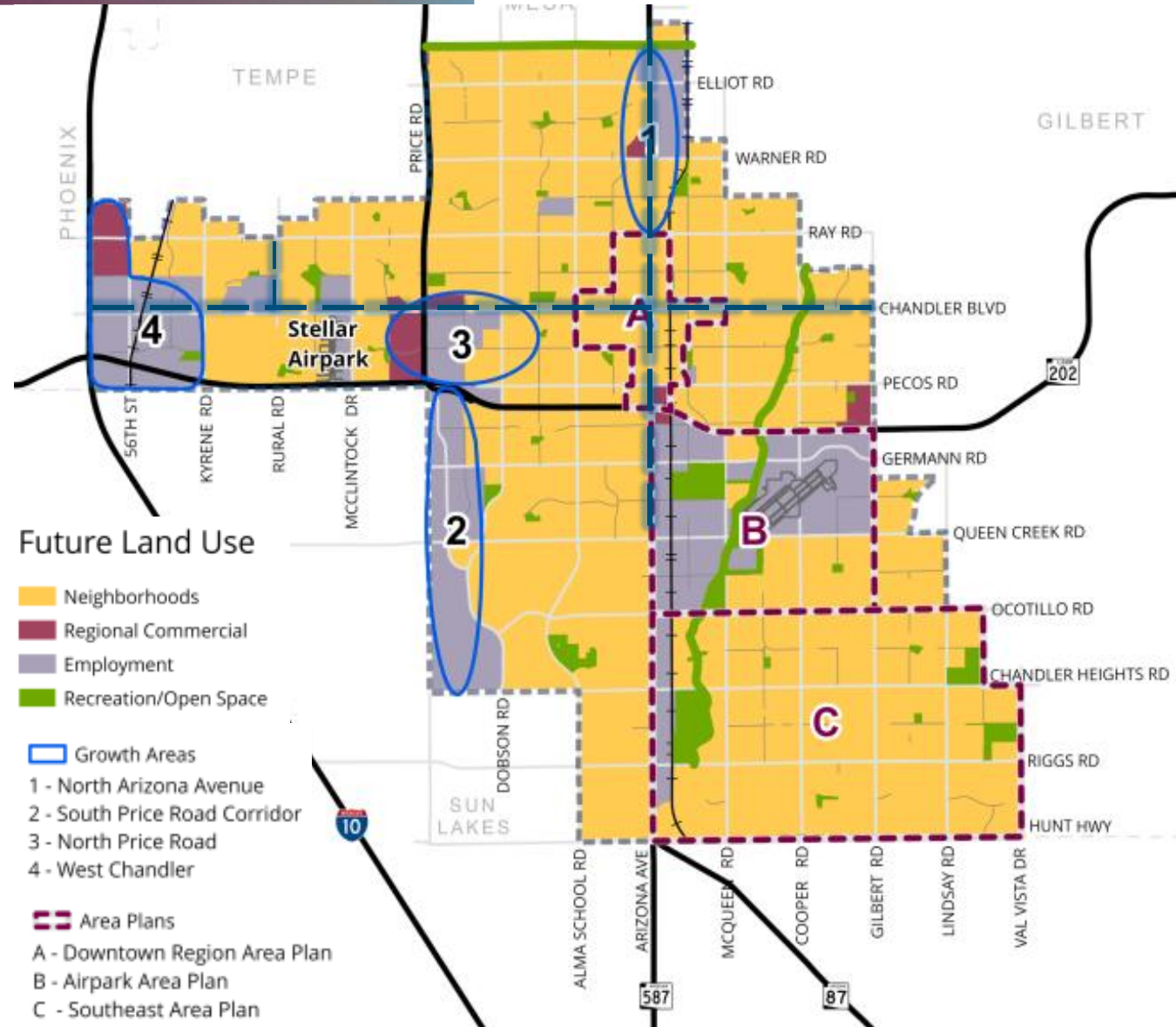
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Urban Residential

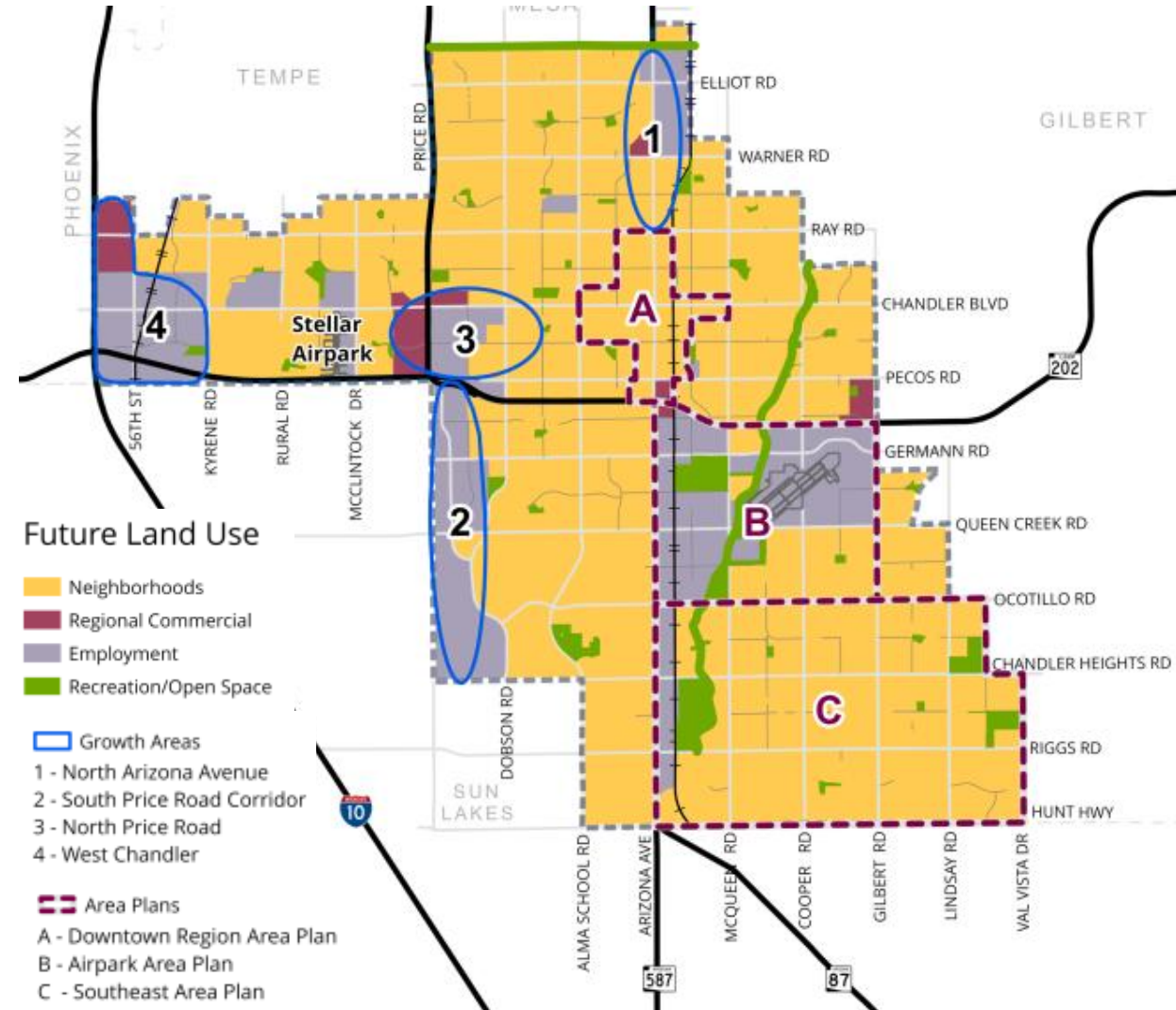
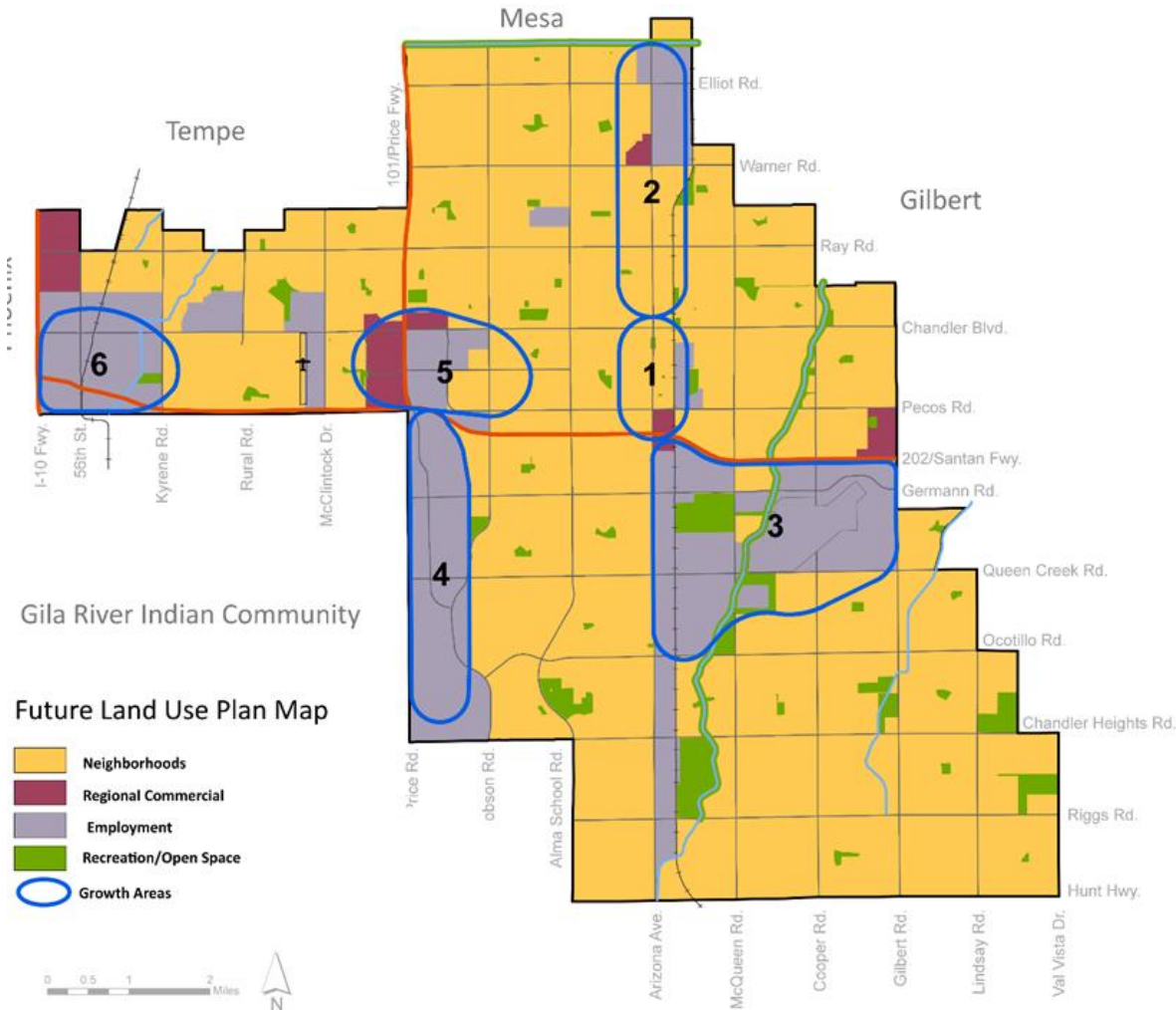
- 1st used 2008 General plan
- Used for densities exceeding 18 units per acre
- Limited to areas within the downtown region, designated high-capacity transit corridor, growth areas, and as an incentive to redevelop underutilized commercial properties within the Infill Incentive District



Future Land Use Map (FLUM)

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South Price Road Corridor Growth Area

Growth Area Policies

South Price Road Corridor: Strategic infrastructure investment and proactive planning have resulted in a significant regional employment corridor along Price Road south of the SanTan 202 Freeway. The corridor has become a first-class, high-technology area attracting employers and industry leaders. Advanced business services, aerospace, high-technology, and research and development/manufacturing are some of the industries along the corridor. The *South Price Road Corridor* will continue to be reserved for high-wage jobs in knowledge-based industries and advanced business services.



SOUTH PRICE ROAD CORRIDOR GROWTH AREA POLICIES (SPRCGA)

SPRCGA 1. Actively preserve and enhance the high-value employment reputation of the corridor by giving priority to single users in campus-like settings.

SPRCGA 2. Reserve the corridor for knowledge-based employers and ancillary support nonresidential uses, except that urban residential may be considered as identified within the policies of this growth area.

SPRCGA 3. Maintain and expand the campus environment on South Price Road.

SPRCGA 4. Encourage more diverse knowledge-based industries.

SPRCGA 5. Develop the corridor with mid-rise developments, concentrating building intensities along Price Road and transitioning down to existing neighborhoods on the east side of Price Road to further the intensive utilization of properties with high-value employment.

SPRCGA 6. Preserve and enhance corridor aesthetics with high-quality building architecture and landscaping.

SPRCGA 7. Enhance the campus-like environment by supporting development that includes true vertical mixed uses, allowing for employee and residential uses centered on a common design theme. Urban residential (26+ dwelling units per acre) with vertically integrated uses may be considered when ground floor uses include non-residential uses that directly support residents and employees (e.g., retail, restaurants, co-working space, or business services) and it is part of a larger employment campus that offers shared amenities and enhanced pedestrian connections.

SPRCGA 8. Provide flexibility for remnant parcels, remnant portions of completed projects, or vacated parcels, provided the tenants reflect the types of business use appropriate for the corridor.

SPRCGA 9. Provide pedestrian, bicycle, vehicle, and transit connections to adjacent residential and commercial uses and regional transit to support businesses and employees in the corridor.

NAVIGATE



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ENVISIONS



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REIMAGINES



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CONNECTS



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SUSTAINS



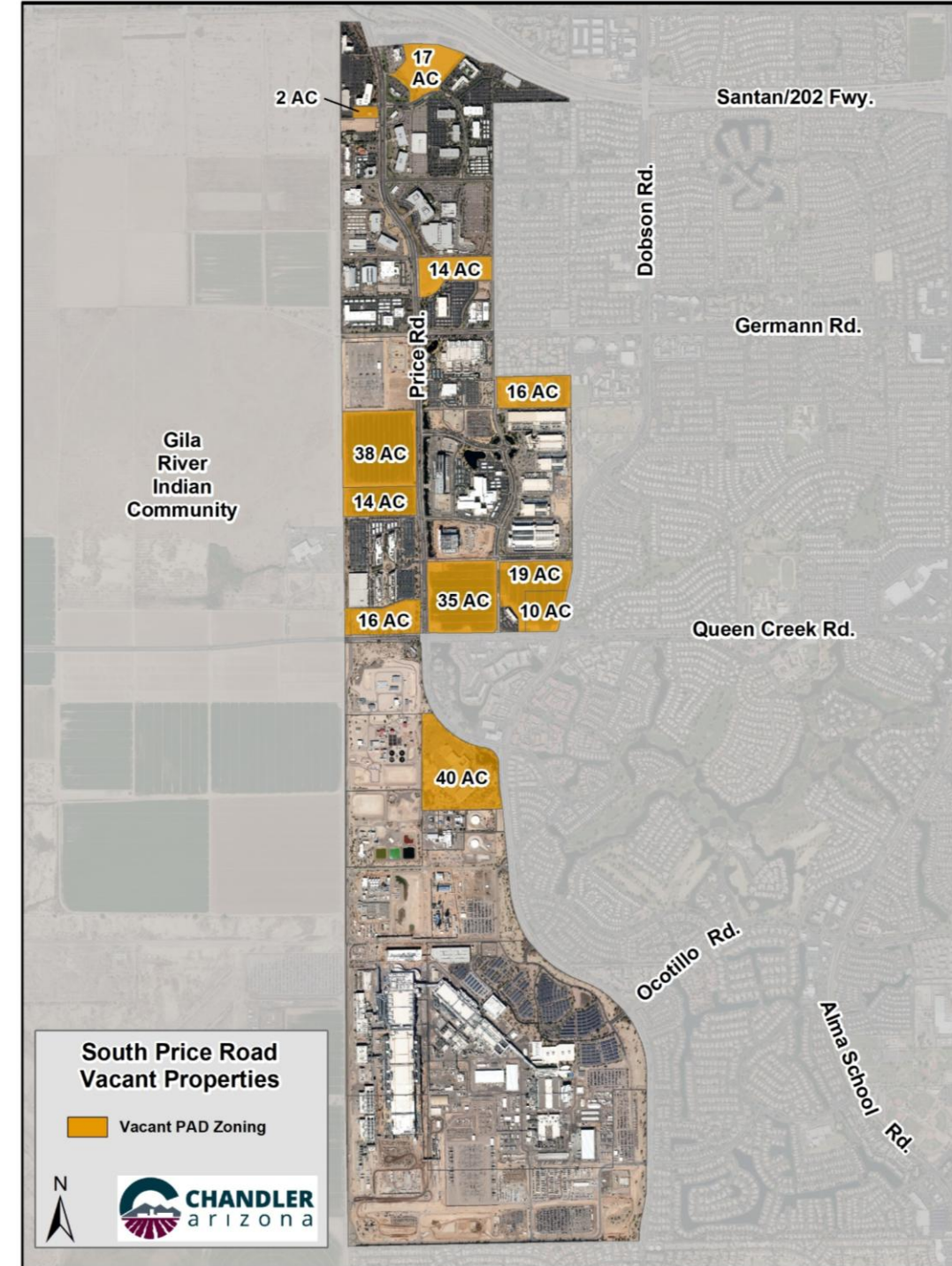
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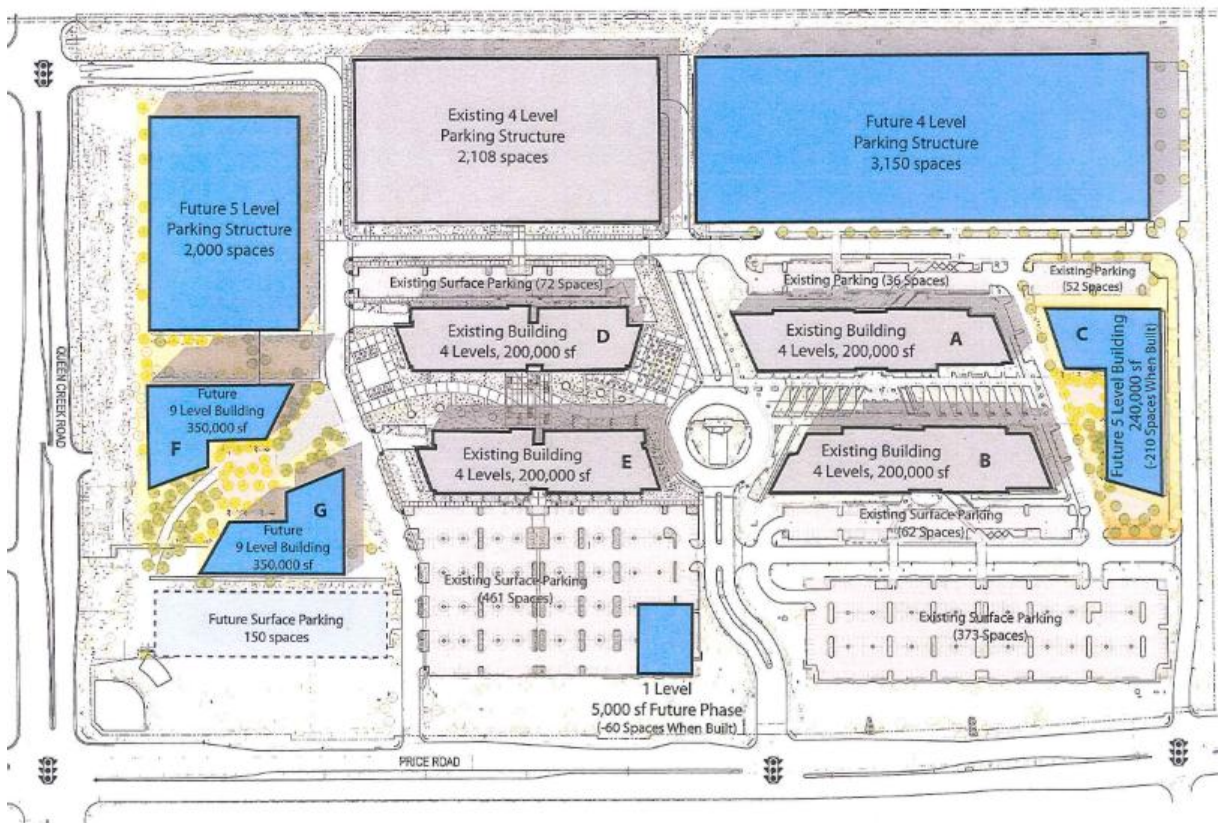
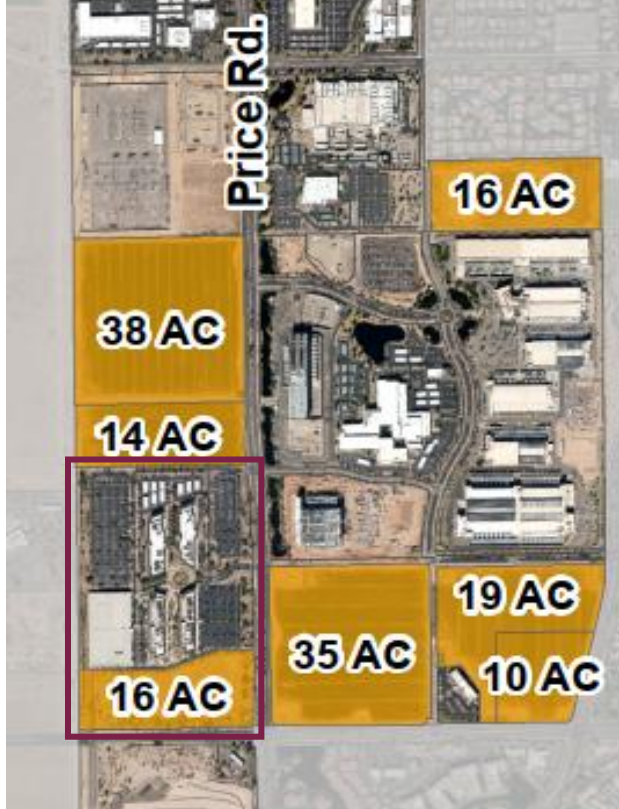
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APPENDICES

South Price Road Corridor Growth Area

- 1982-Identified as Employment Corridor
- 1998- Introduced campus-like settings
- 2001- Promote & protect corridor for “large high-tech corporations in a single-use, campus-like environment”; 15 acre minimum
- 2016- Eliminated 15-acre minimum



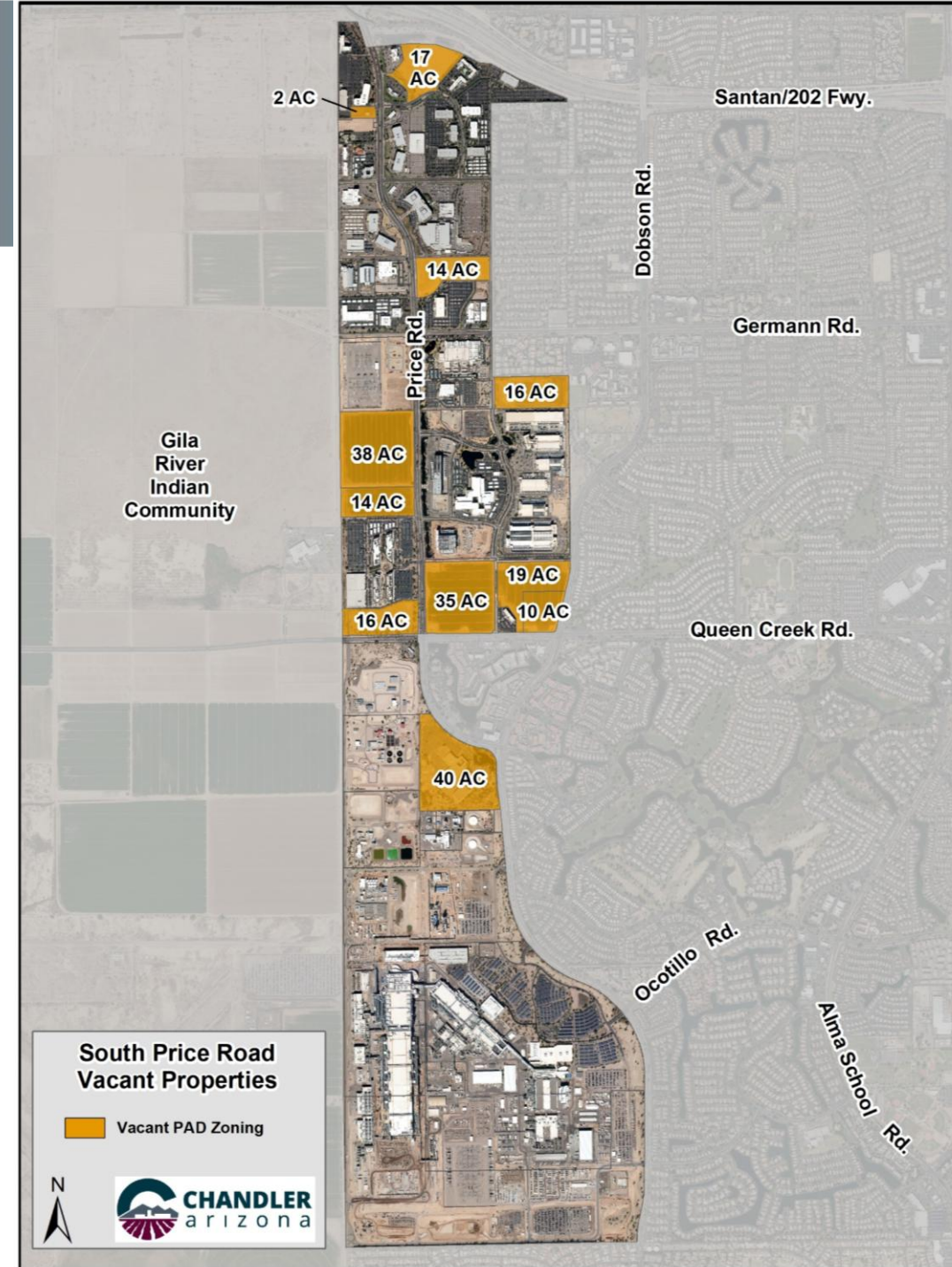




South Price Road Corridor Growth Area

New Policy:

Enhance the campus-like environment by supporting development that includes **true vertical mixed uses, allowing for employee and residential uses centered on a common design theme**. Urban residential (26+ dwelling units per acre) with vertically integrated uses may be considered when ground floor uses include non-residential uses that directly support residents and employees (e.g., retail, restaurants, coworking space, or business services) and it is part of a larger employment campus that offers shared amenities and enhanced pedestrian connections.



2026 Neighborhood Category

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2026 Regional Commercial Category

2016

- This category includes major regional commercial developments such as malls, power centers, large single-use retail, and other major commercial centers. Regional commercial locations are shown on the Future Land Use Plan Map and are also eligible for consideration of urban-style mixed-use developments, large office users, and a compatible mix of residential densities.

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- **The maximum allowable density for urban residential (26+ dwelling units per acre) will be determined at the time of development plan approval by the city and based on such considerations as existing and planned capacities for water and sewer infrastructure, adequate transportation facilities, compatibility with adjoining land uses, ability to transition to adjacent existing lower-density residential if applicable, and other factors.**

2026 Employment Category

2016

- The Future Land Use Plan Map focuses attention on strengthening the community's economic base by expanding the growth areas and identifying a variety of employment areas for future growth. Major employers, knowledge-based industries, and industrial/business parks are allowed within Employment. A compatible mix of industrial support uses and residential densities as an integral component may be considered.
- Light industrial business parks may be considered in campus-like settings containing knowledge-based employers, corporate offices, manufacturing, and warehouse and distribution. A compatible mix of industrial support uses and residential densities may also be considered as an integral component of a planned mixed-use development.

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- The FLUM focuses attention on strengthening the community's economic base by identifying a variety of employment areas for future growth. **As Chandler approaches build-out, most of the available land is designated for employment; therefore, it is imperative to target key industries for healthy growth of the city. For more than 50 years, Chandler has welcomed high-tech manufacturing, pioneering research, and emerging technologies that have shaped our community. We will continue to prioritize employment uses of advanced manufacturing, knowledge-based industries, advanced business services, next-generation software engineering, and healthcare services.**
- **Light industrial business parks are also permitted, prioritizing manufacturing, research and development, and emerging technologies. Corporate and large office developments are allowed uses within employment designation.**
- **Residential can be considered with employment if designed as part of an integral component to the campus, see growth area polices and area plans for additional criteria. The maximum allowable density for urban residential (26+ dwelling units per acre) will be determined at the time of development plan approval by the city and based on such considerations as existing and planned capacities for water and sewer infrastructure, adequate transportation facilities, compatibility with adjoining land uses, ability to transition to adjacent existing lower-density residential if applicable, and other factors.**

Implementation Action Plan

ACTION NUMBER	IMPLEMENTATION ACTION DESCRIPTION	TIMEFRAME (SHORT, MID, LONG, ONGOING)	COMPLETION
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CHANDLER REIMAGINES

Land Use and Growth Areas			
R1	Explore other incentives for projects to promote infill and residential developments with integrated uses in appropriate growth or targeted areas of the city.	Short	
R2	Develop and apply a compatibility review checklist for infill development, including criteria for land use, scale, design, and infrastructure adequacy.	Short	
R3	Review site design checklists to ensure residential, commercial, and employment buildings are encouraged to orient towards and promote alternatives modes of travel.	Short	
R4	Revise the <i>Residential Conversion Policy</i> .	Short	

CHAPTER 5 – CHANDLER HONORS

The purpose of this chapter is to honor the community's vision for Chandler by articulating a systematic action plan. The 73 actions below are organized by chapter theme and topic areas and are meant to be implemented within short- (1–5 years), mid- (5–10 years), or long- (10 or more years) term timeframes and on an ongoing basis. These actions and timeframes will assist the city in complying with the statutory general plan reporting requirements detailed in ARS §9-461.07. More importantly, these actions are a guide and roadmap forward to help the city realize the community's vision; however, they remain flexible and subject to staffing and financial resources.

Next Steps:

- City Council
February 23, 2026- Public Hearing
- Primary Ballot for Ratification
July 21, 2026

Questions?

chandleraz.gov/generalplan



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