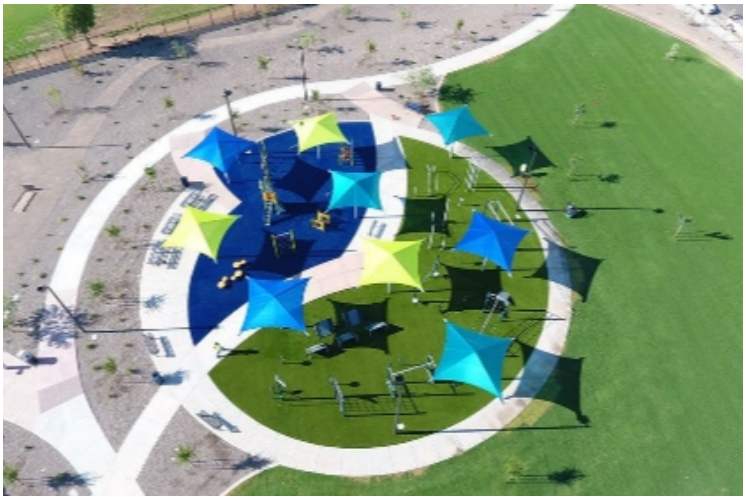
Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting

May 5, 2026 | 5 p.m.

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



Board Members

Chair John David
Board Member James Montgomery
Board Member Sarah Sharits
Board Member Lynette Bradley
Board Member Jegadesan Krishnamurthy
Board Member Sue McInturf
Board Member Julie Trujillo

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 Parks and Recreation Board and to the general public that the Parks and Recreation Board will hold a REGULAR MEETING open to the public on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., at City Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, AZ. One or more Board Members may be attending by telephone.

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

Parks and Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Agenda - May 5, 2026

Call to Order/Roll Call

Unscheduled Public Appearances
Members of the audience may address any item not on the agenda. State Statute prohibits the Board or Commission from discussing an item that is not on the agenda, but the Board or Commission does listen to your concerns and has staff follow up on any questions you raise.

Consent Agenda
Items listed on the Consent Agenda may be enacted by one motion and one vote. If a discussion is required by members of the Board or Commission, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and determination will be made if the item will be considered separately.

1. **April Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**
   Move Parks and Recreation Board approve the meeting minutes of the April 7 regular meeting.

Action Agenda

2. **Election of Chair for the Parks and Recreation Board**

3. **Election of Vice Chair for the Parks and Recreation Board**

Discussion

4. **Staff and Board Introductions**
   1. Julie Trujillo, new Board Member
   2. James Johnson, Recreation Coordinator | Centralized Programming

Briefing

5. **Chandler 2026 General Plan** - Lauren Schumann, Principal Planner

6. **Recreation and Library Master Plan Update** – John Sefton, Community Services Director

7. **Department Updates and Announcements -** John Sefton, Community Services Director

Member Comments/Announcements

Calendar

8. **Recreation and Library Master Plan Workshop** - Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. | Downtown Library Copper Room, 22 S. Delaware St.

9. The next Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be held Tuesday, August 4 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E.Chicago St.

Adjourn

ITEM 1

Parks and Recreation **Community Services** **Memo No.**

Date: 05/05/2026
To: Parks and Recreation Board
From: Luke Cerré, Management Analyst
Subject: **April Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**

Proposed Motion:

Move Parks and Recreation Board approve the meeting minutes of the April 7 regular meeting.

Attachments

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Meeting Minutes
Parks and Recreation Board
Regular Meeting

April 7, 2026 | 5:00 p.m.
Chandler City Council Chambers
88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair David at 5:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Chair John David
Vice Chair Melanie Dykstra
Board Member James Montgomery
Board Member Lynette Bradley
Board Member Jegadesan Krishnamurthy
Board Member Sue McInturf
Board Member Sarah Sharits

Absent

None

Staff Attendance

Erika Berry, Recreation Superintendent
Luke Cerré, Management Analyst
John Sefton, Community Services Director
Corey Povar, Comm. Svcs. Assistant Director
Rebecca Kuiper, Recreation Superintendent
Chris Smith, Recreation Superintendent
Brandon Putman, Parks Superintendent
Ryan McCartney, Urban Forester
Zane Perleberg, Recreation Coordinator
Kaitlyn Anders, Recreation Aide

Unscheduled Public Appearances

Recreation Superintendent Rebecca Kuiper introduced new staff members Zane Perleberg and Kaitlyn Anders to the Board.

Consent Agenda

1. **March Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**
   Move Parks and Recreation Board to approve the meeting minutes of the March 3, 2026 regular meeting.

Vice Chair Dykstra motioned to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Board Member Krishnamurthy. Motion carried 7-0.

Briefing

2. **Urban Forestry and Rights-of-Way Landscaping** – Brandon Putman, Ryan McCartney

Staff provided an overview of right-of-way landscaping and the City's Urban Forestry Program, including maintenance responsibilities, service level classifications, and a shift toward more sustainable landscape practices.

Staff also highlighted the City's urban forestry efforts, including management of approximately 25,000 trees, use of a GIS-based inventory system, and ongoing programs such as public education, community tree planting, and grant-funded canopy expansion in underserved areas.

Board questions included:

- Use of alternative landscaping (e.g., metal features) in areas where irrigation is not feasible or where site constraints exist
- Opportunities to expand public education, including making pruning guidance and best practices more accessible
- Methods for reporting maintenance concerns, including use of City tools and coordination with code enforcement when responsibility is unclear

3. **Recreation and Library Master Plan Update** – John Sefton, Community Services Director

Moved to the beginning of Briefing per Chair David

Mr. Sefton provided an update on the Recreation and Library Master Plan, including development of a comprehensive community engagement strategy and upcoming outreach efforts.

Planned engagement includes a statistically valid survey, stakeholder meetings, and use of an online tool to gather location-based feedback. Staff will also conduct internal engagement and utilize data tools to better understand facility usage and community needs.

The Master Plan is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2026 and will serve as an actionable guiding document for future planning and decision-making.

Board questions included:

- Survey design, including how to capture input from residents who do not currently use City facilities or programs
- Outreach approach and whether to assess alternative service providers used by residents
- Benchmarking against peer cities, including staffing and service levels
- How priorities will be identified and incorporated into the final plan

4. **Board Member Appreciation – Melanie Dykstra**

Staff recognized Vice Chair Melanie Dykstra for her 11 years of service on the Parks and Recreation Board.

Ms. Dykstra served multiple terms as both Chair and Vice Chair and contributed to a wide range of Board initiatives, including policy recommendations, park and facility planning, and community programs. Her leadership and engagement supported thoughtful discussion and informed decision-making on key Parks and Recreation matters.

Staff highlighted her involvement in major projects and community efforts, as well as her role in representing the Board at City events.

Board members and staff expressed their appreciation for Ms. Dykstra's dedication and contributions to the City of Chandler.

Member Comments/Announcements

None.

Calendar

5. The next Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be held May 5, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago St.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Community Services Memo No.

Date: 05/05/2026
To: Parks and Recreation Board
From: Luke Cerré, Management Analyst
Subject: **Chandler 2026 General Plan** - Lauren Schumann, Principal Planner

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Attachments

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Chandler General Plan Update

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GENERAL PLAN 2026

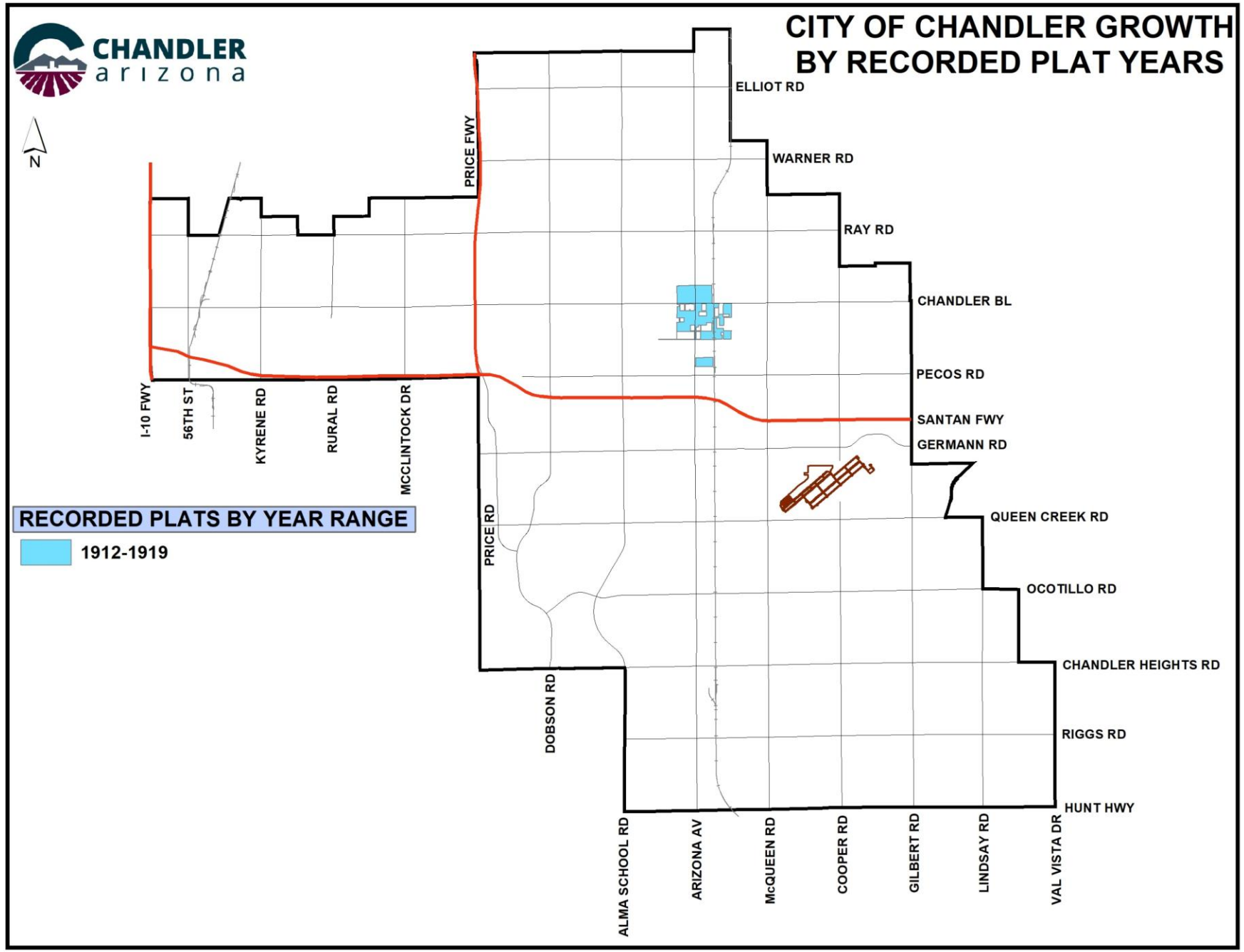
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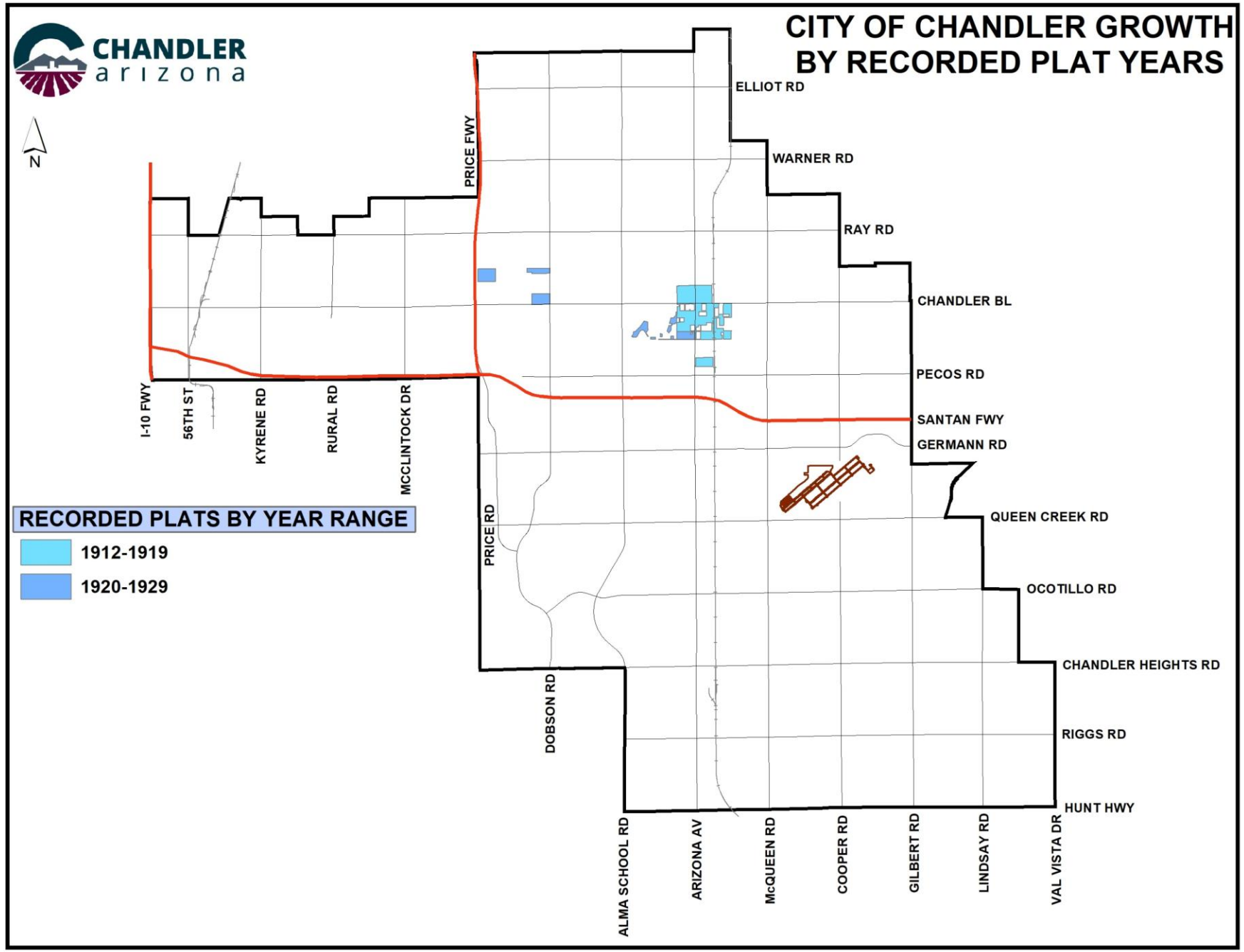


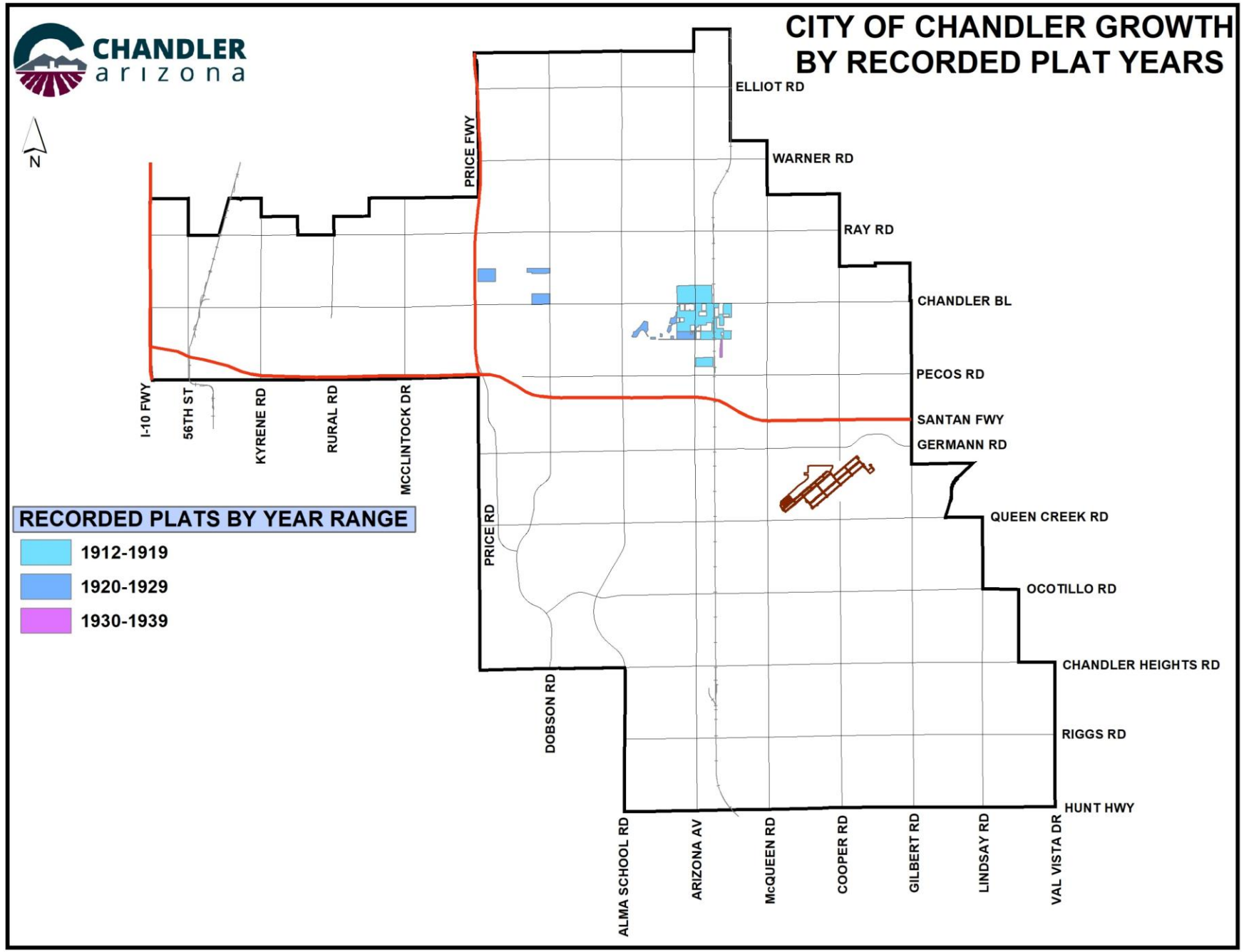
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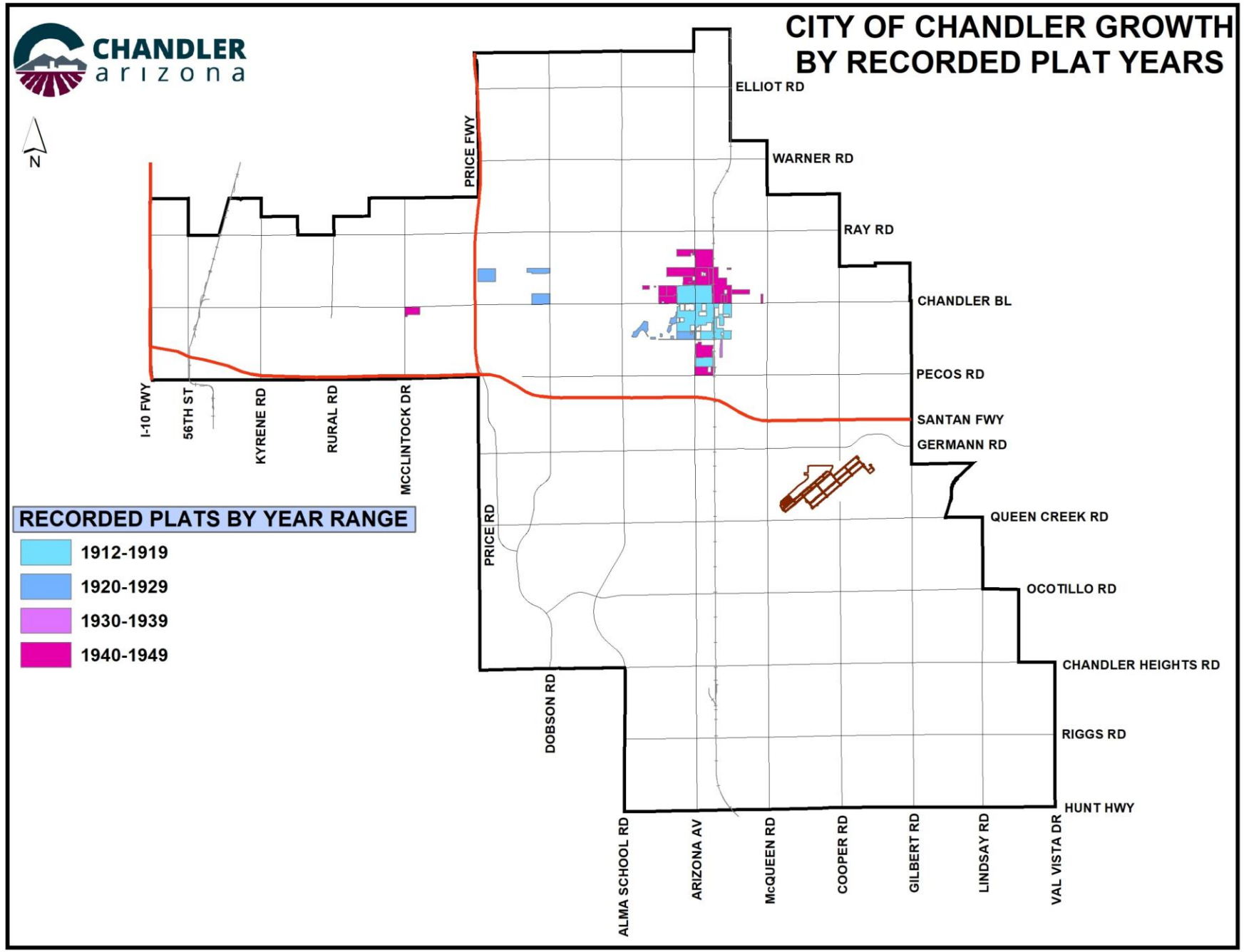
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- Process
- Innovative Public Participation
- Revisions

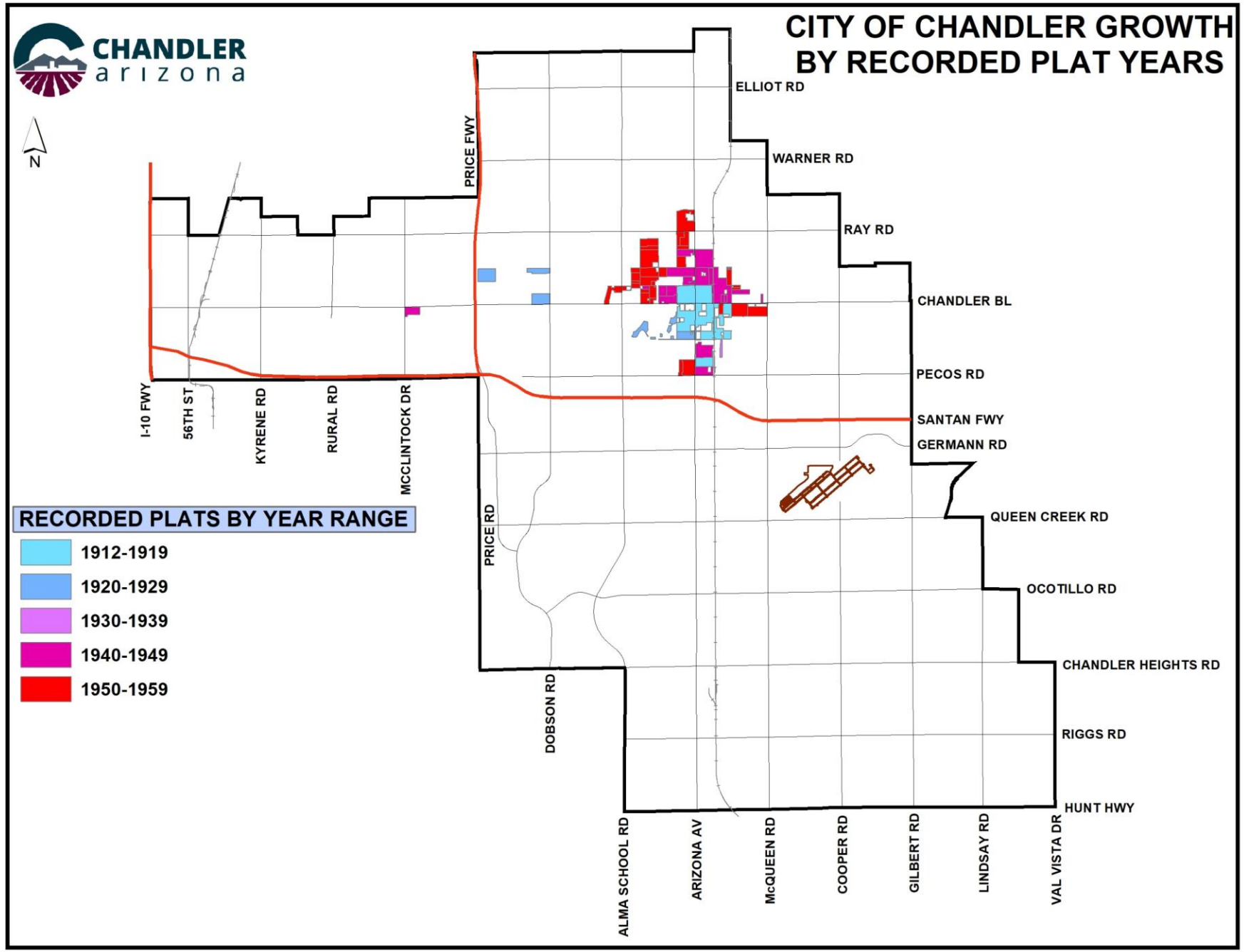


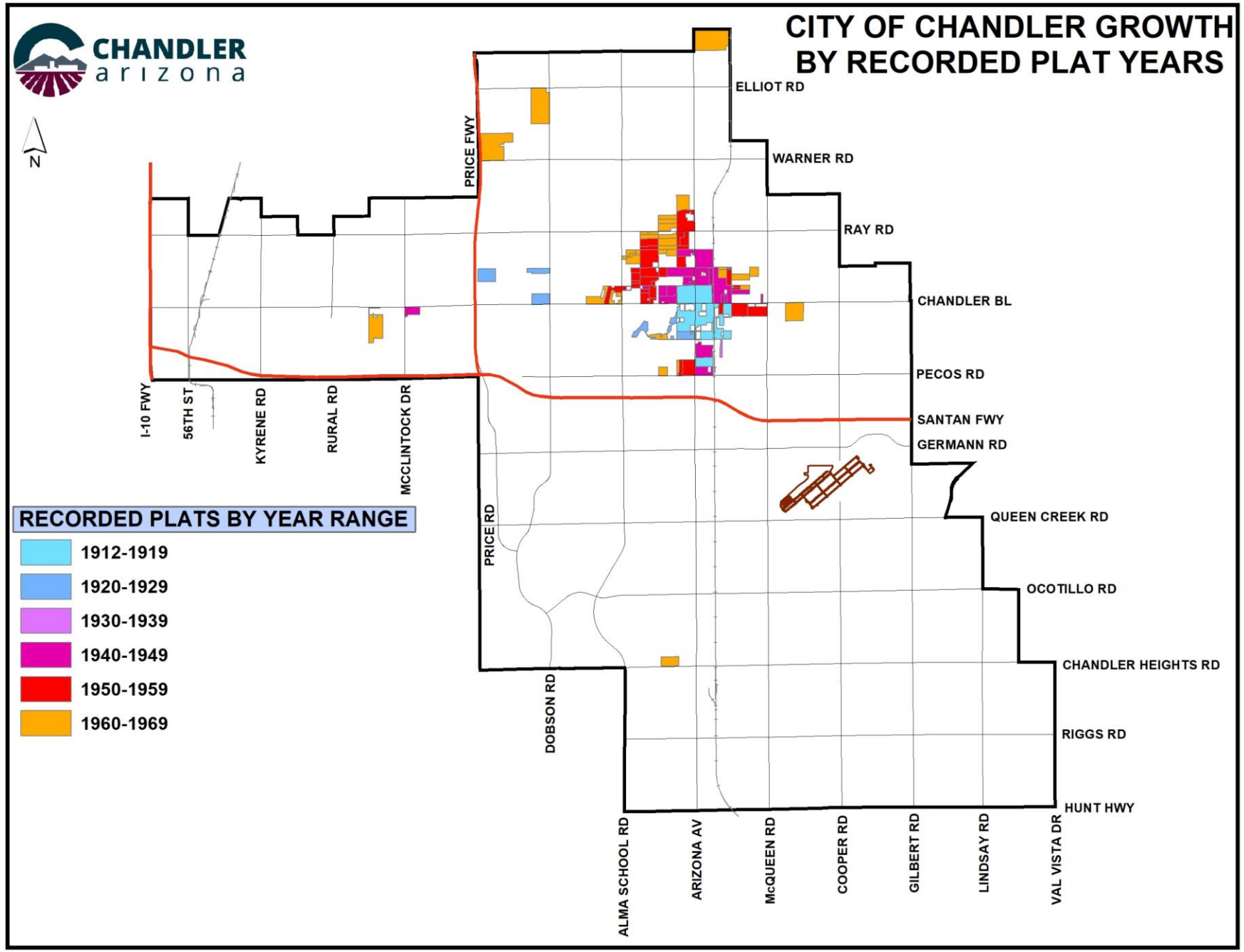

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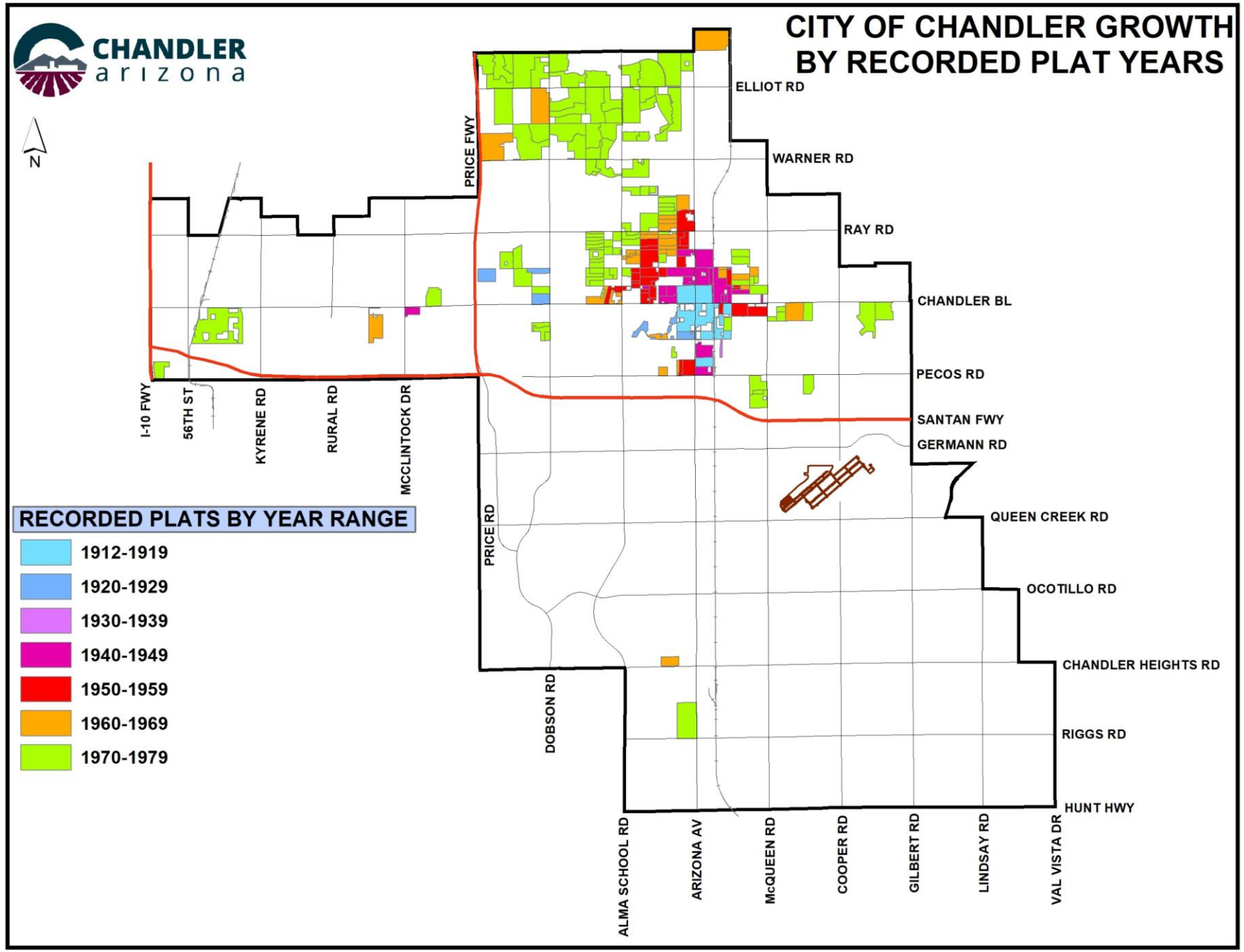

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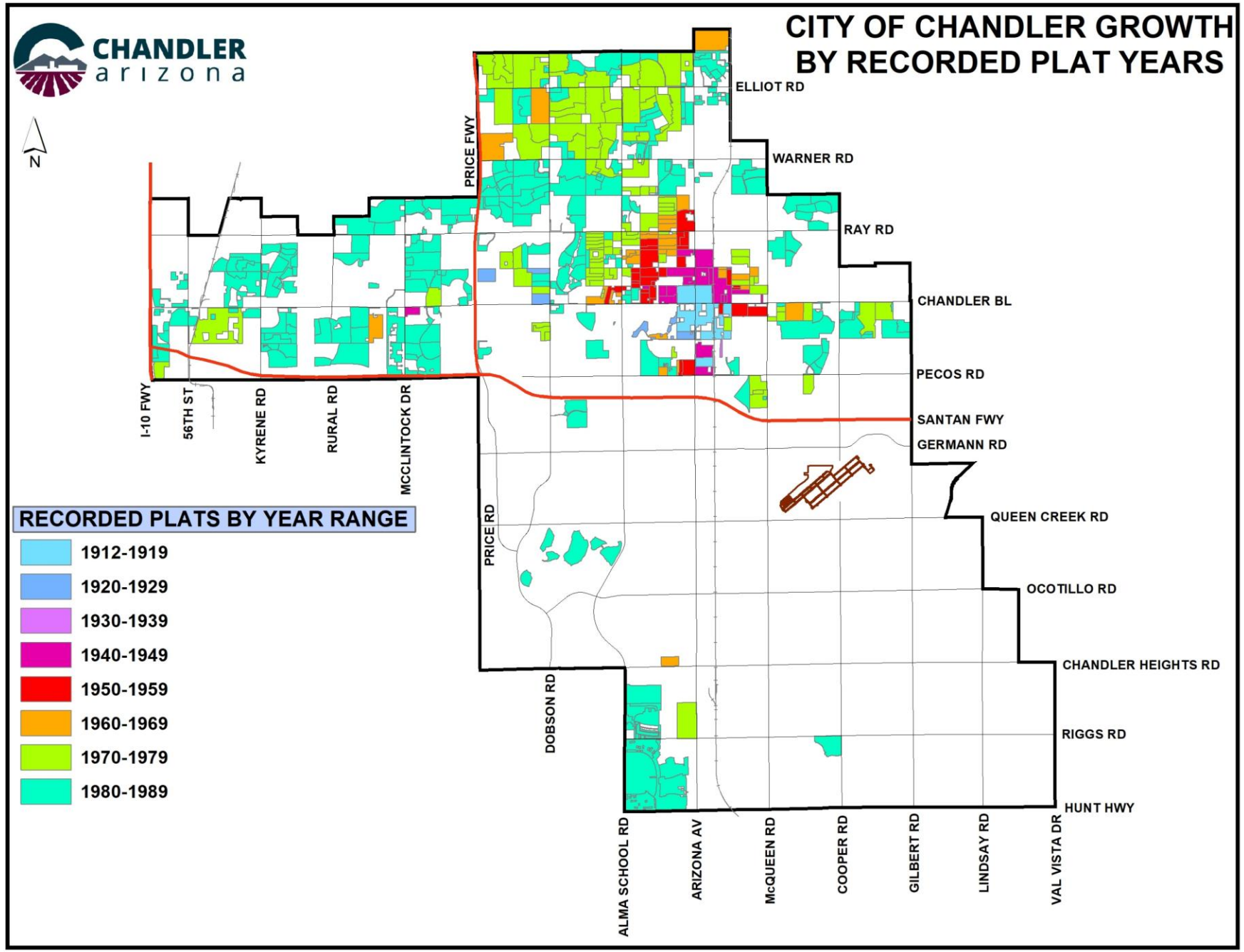

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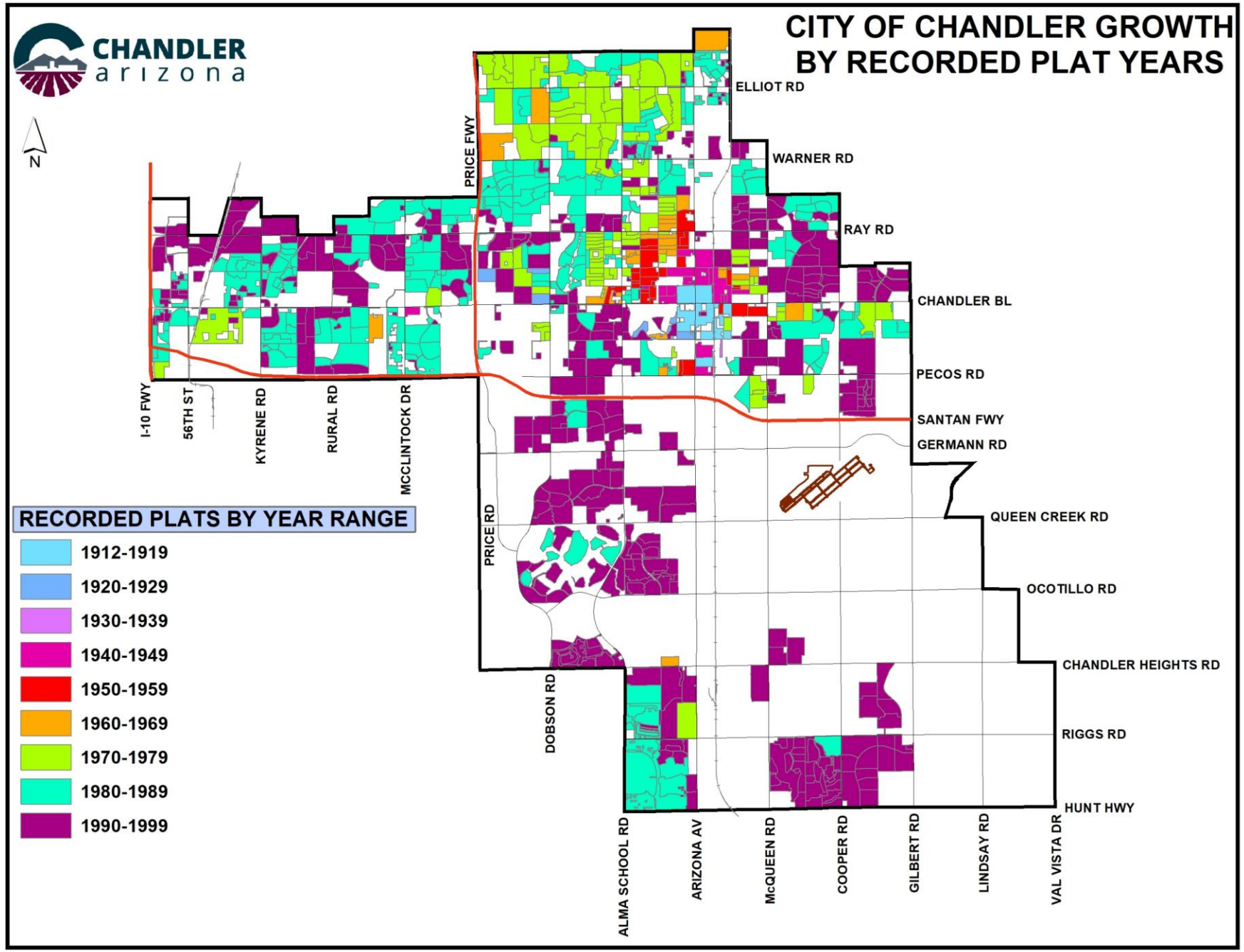

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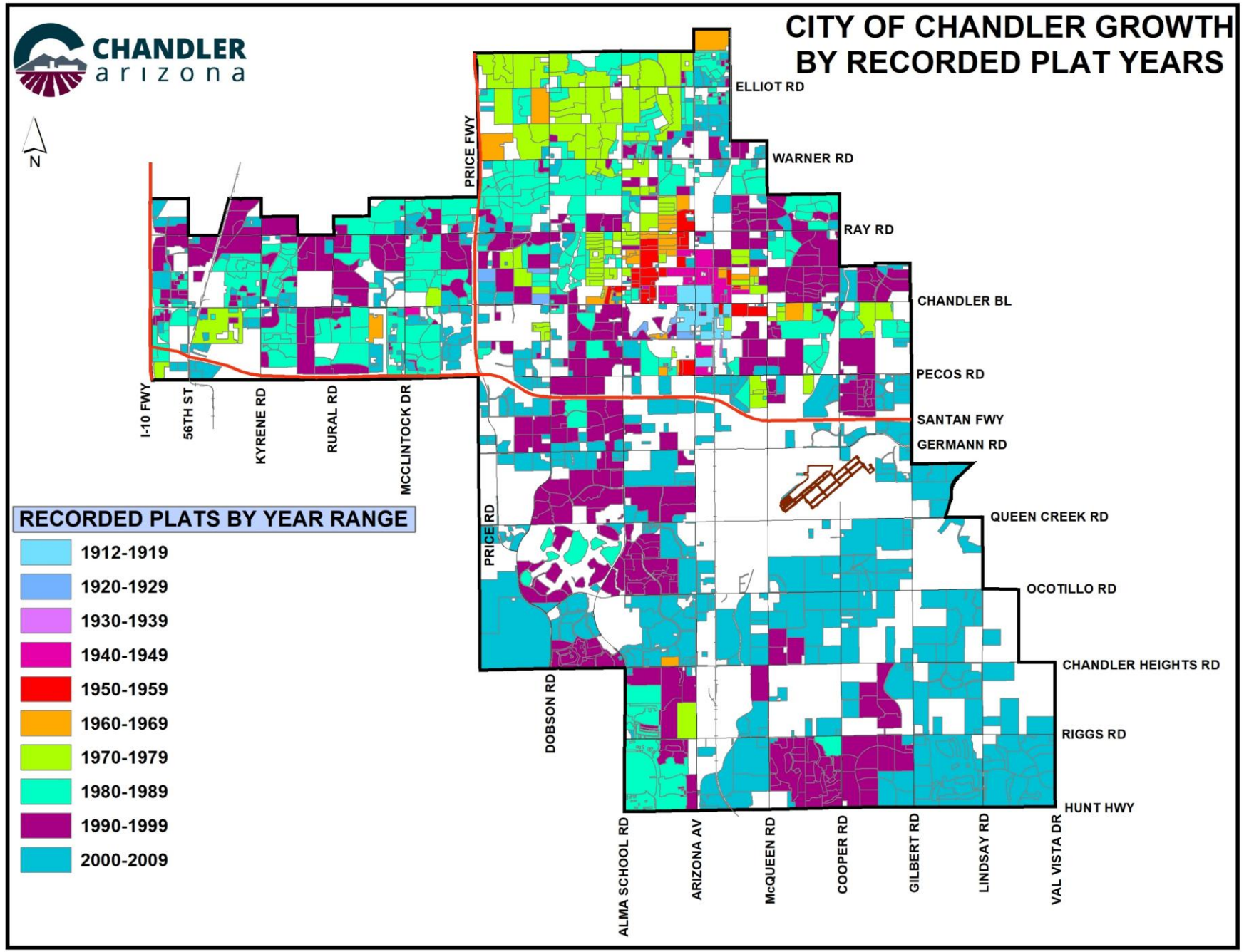

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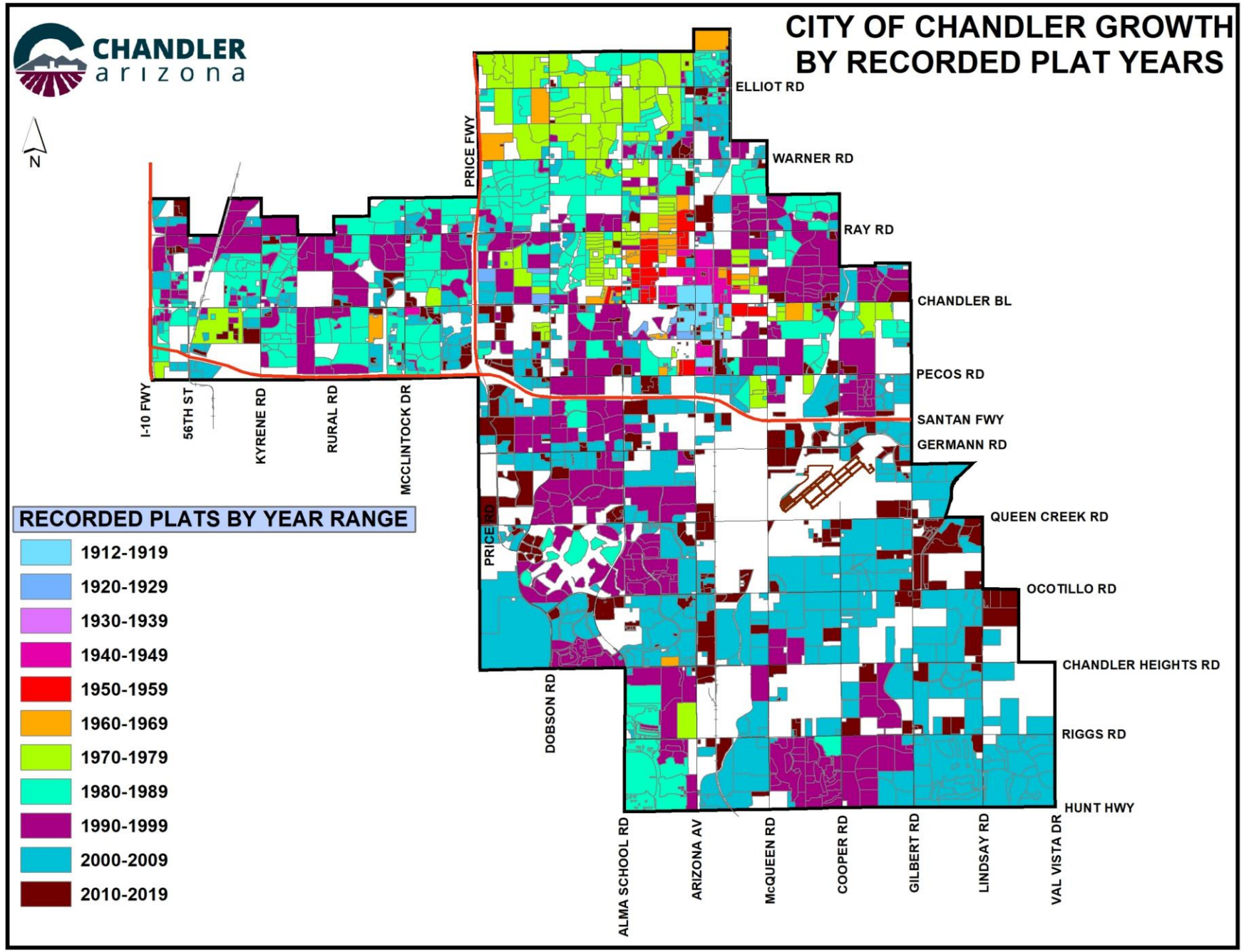

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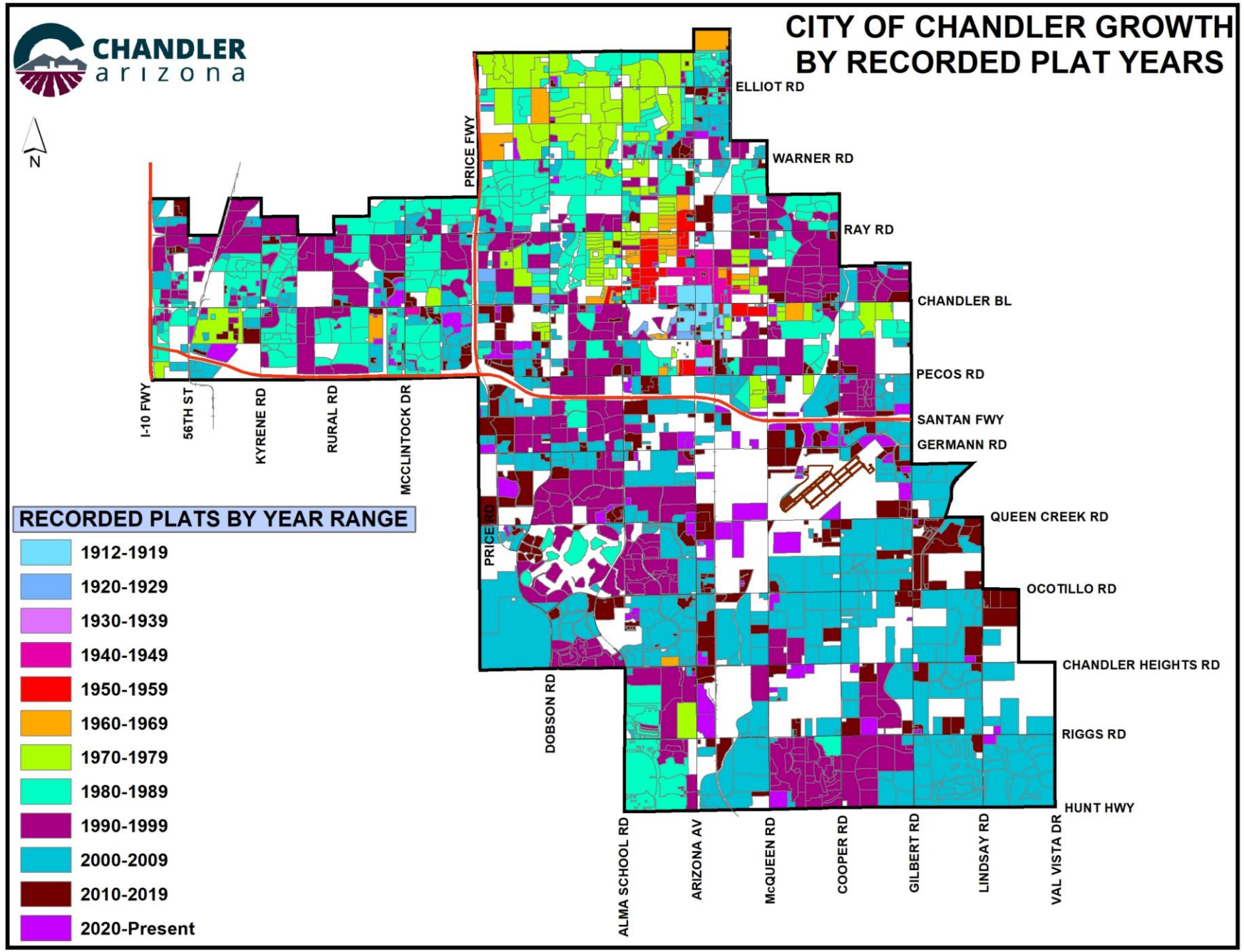

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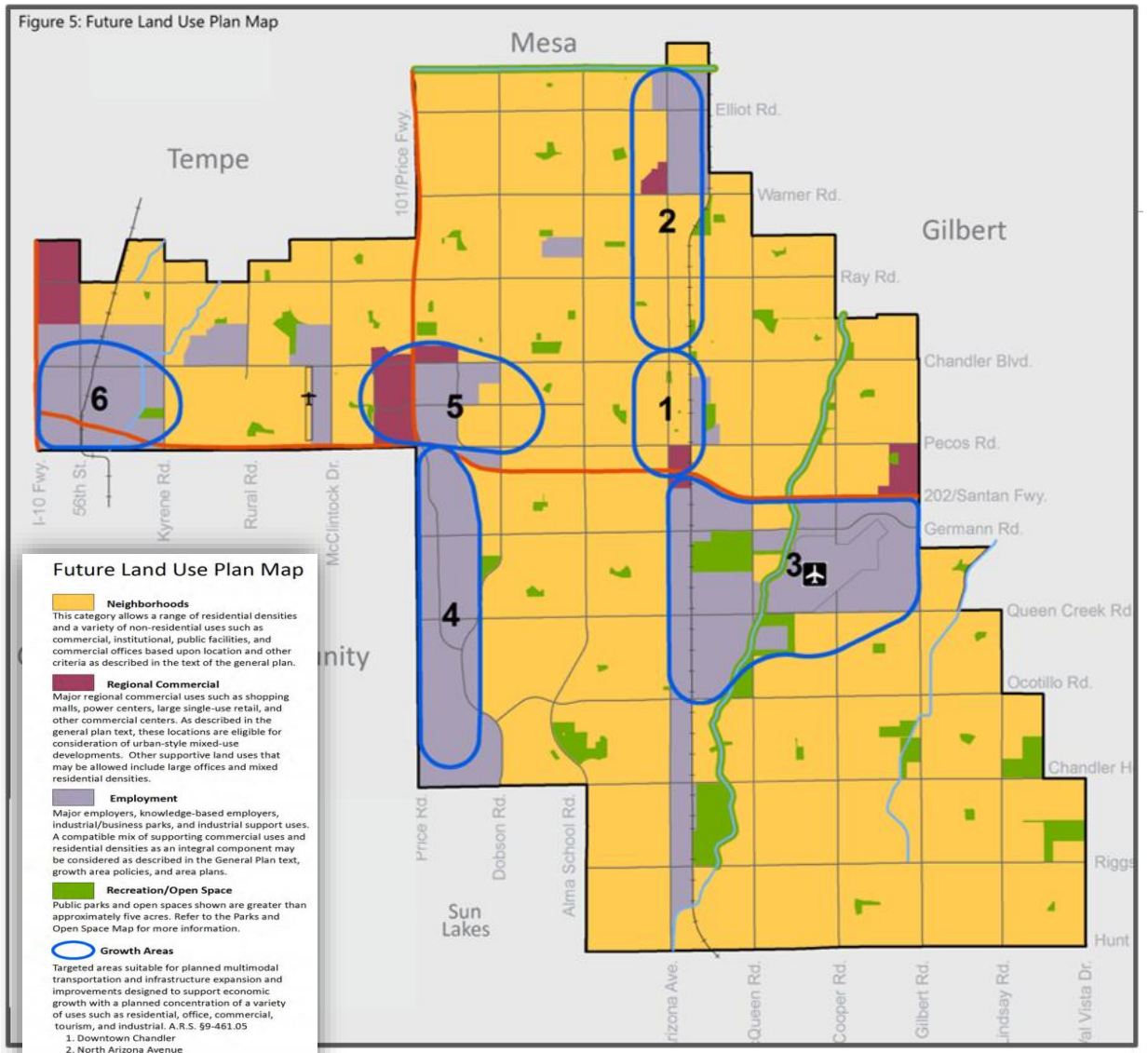

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What's a General Plan

- Comprehensive set of broad policies used to guide development
- Vision for city's ultimate build-out
- Strategic plan; not parcel specific
- Community Goals
- 2016 approved by voters 85.8%; no amendments

Approved 2016 General Plan



What's a General Plan

REQUIRED FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES:	
Land Use **Circulation**	
Required for populations over 10,000:	Required for populations over 50,000:
-Open Space **-Growth Area** **-Environmental Planning** **-Cost of Development** **-Water Resources**	-Conservation -Recreation -Public Services and Facilities -Public Buildings -Housing -Conservation, Rehabilitation, and Redevelopment -Safety -Bicycling -Energy -Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization
ELECTED ELEMENT:	
Economic Growth	

Why Update the General Plan?

- State statutes requires update every 10 years
- Any rezonings must be consistent with the General Plan
- Address new development trends/ factors facing Chandler
- Community vision & values remain relevant
- Approaching build-out

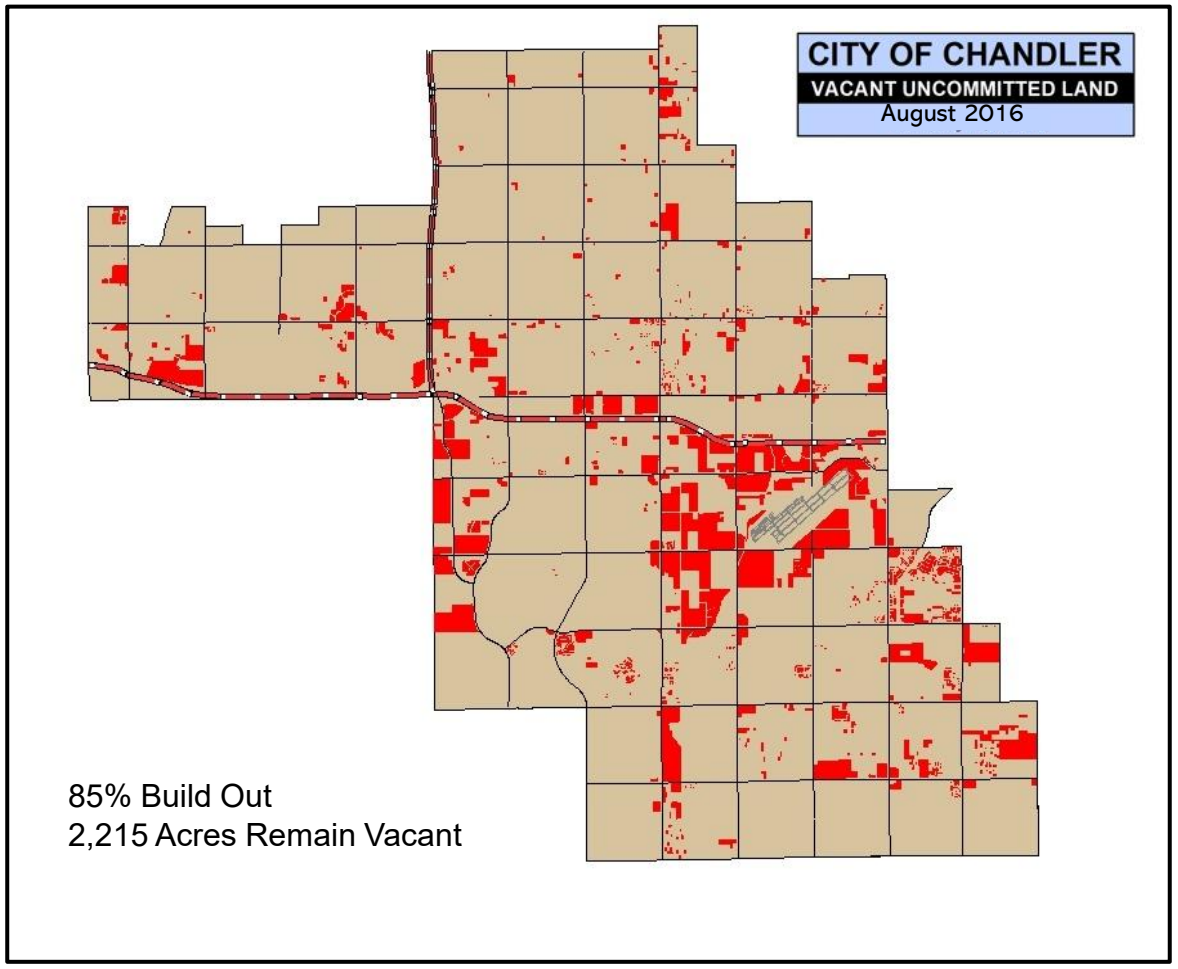


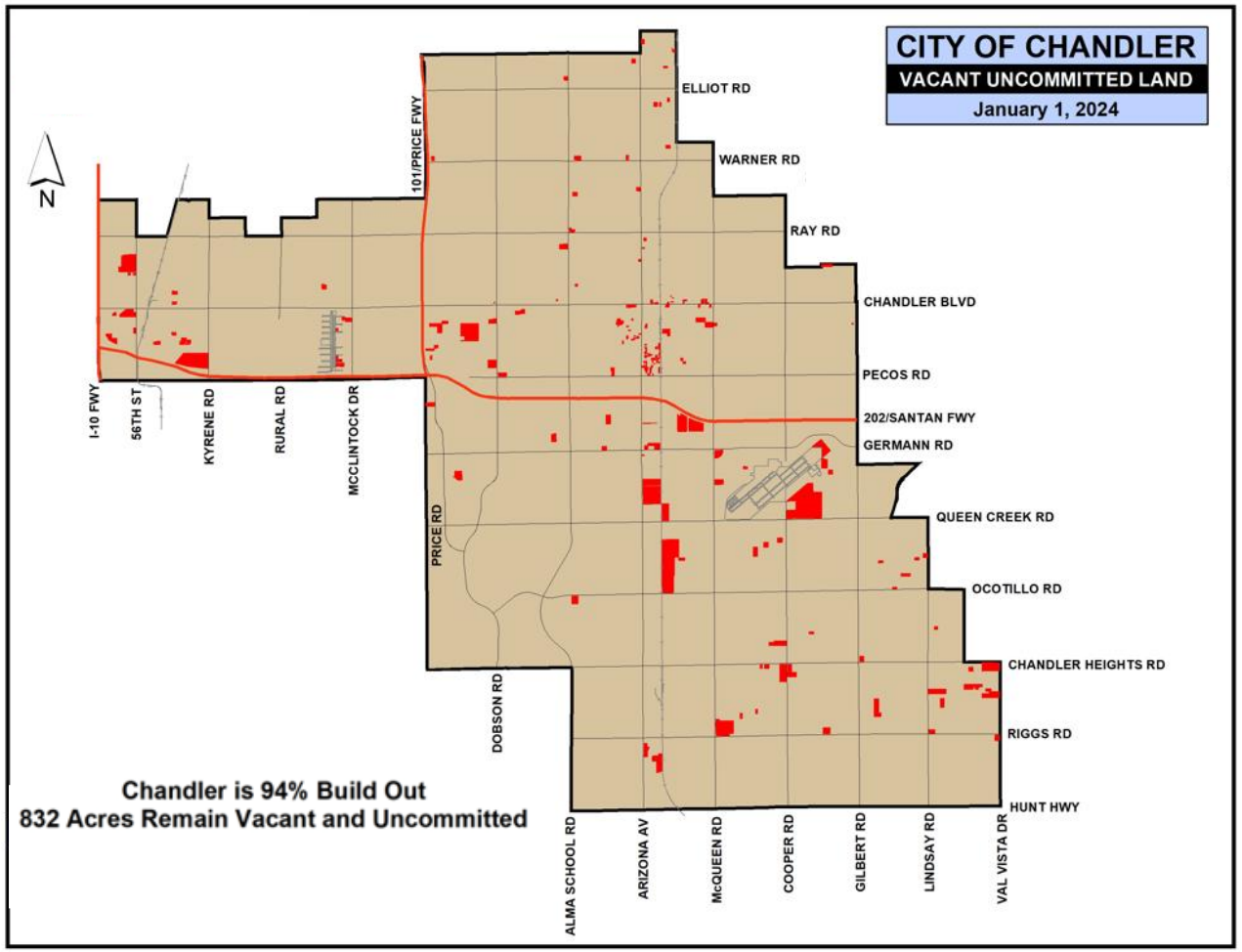






Changes since 2016





Approaching Build Out

General Plan Process and Timeline

Launch

- Project Website
- Kickoff Meetings
- Online Questionnaire 1
- Informational Brochures
- Community Conversations

Oct – Feb
2024 2025

Vision

- RAC Meetings
- Online Questionnaire 2 & 3
- Speaker Panel Event
- Drop-In Events
- Visioning & Scenario Workshops
- Immersion Lab
- Boards/Commissions Sessions

Jan – Sep
2025 2025

Draft

- TAC Meetings
- Boards/Commissions Sessions
- 60-Day Public Review
- ❖ **CHP Completed**

Feb – Oct
2025 2025

Adopt

- P&Z Commission Hearings
- City Council Hearing
- Ratification

Jan – Aug
2026 2026







Public Engagement Overview





Nearly 4,500 Community Members Engaged





7 Drop In Events
12 Public Meetings
581 Engaged

Residential Advisory Committee
21 Members 7 Meetings

54 (1 on 1 Interviews) Community Listening Sessions

2,845 Webpage Views
190 Web Subscribers

4 ChandlerListens Workshop Sessions
105 Engaged

21 Technical Advisory Committee Members

3 Questionnaires
673 Responses

2 ChandlerTalks Community Conversations
135 Attendees

Mobile Immersion Lab
OPEN HOUSE | 200 Attendees

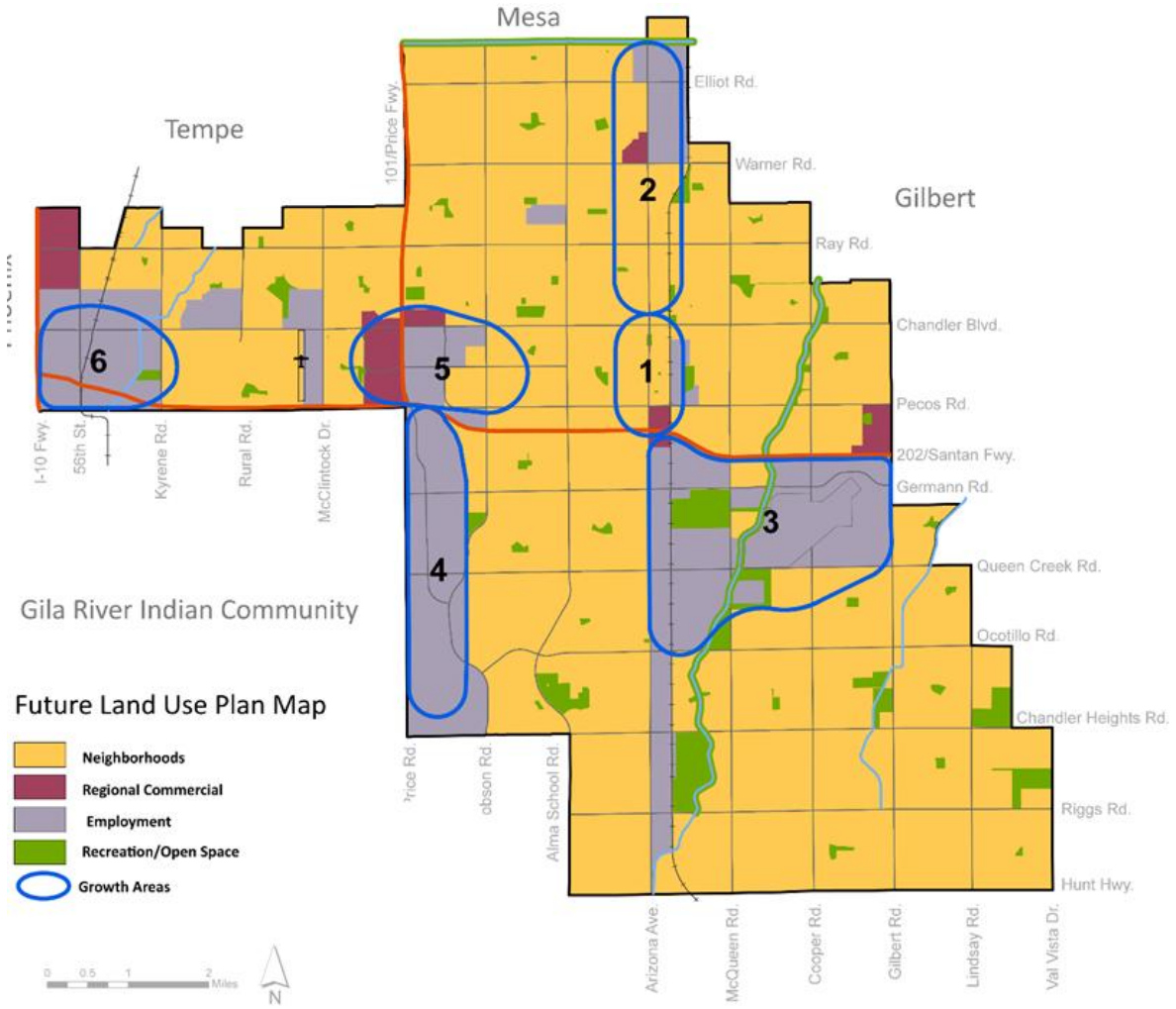
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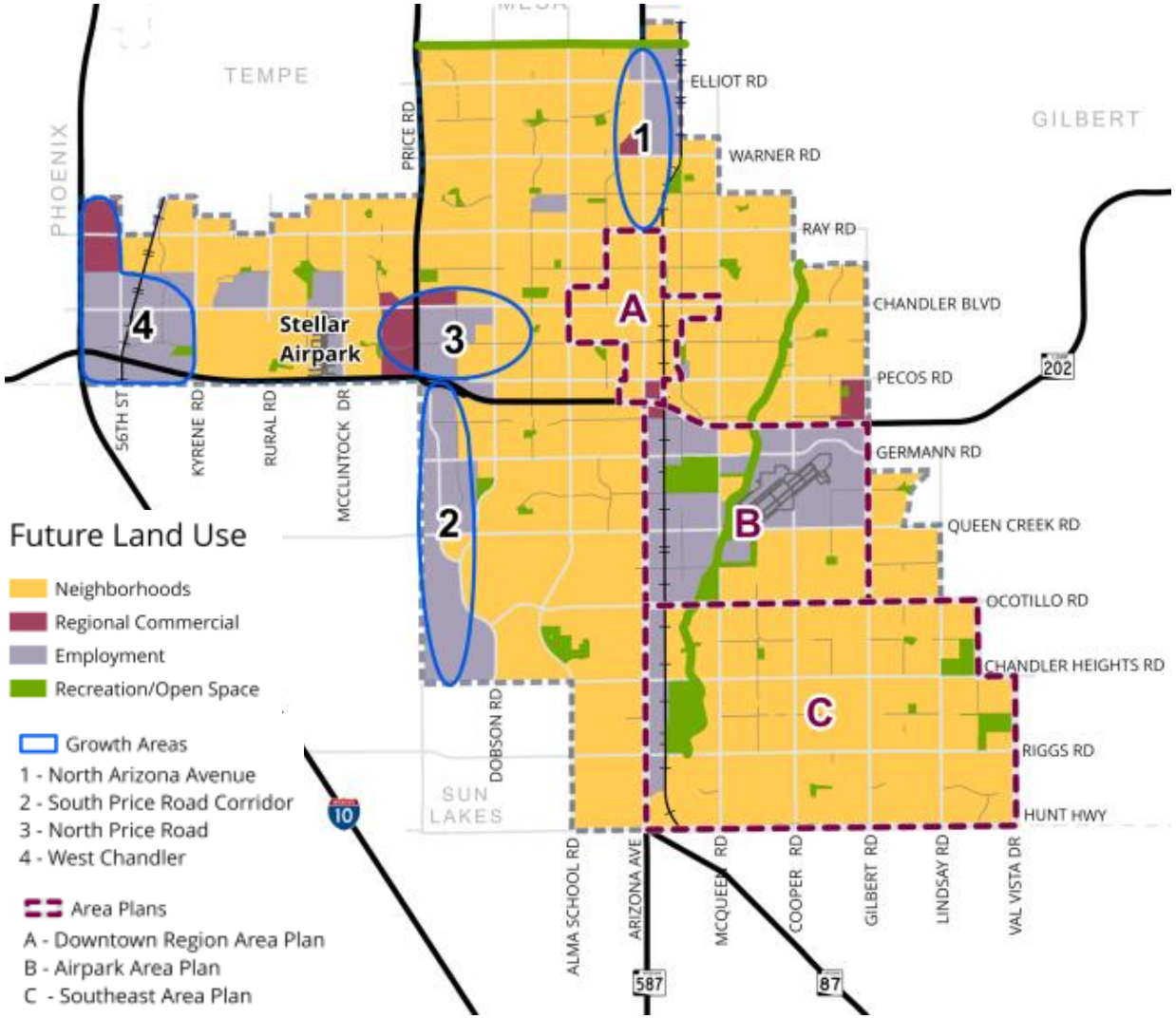
• Changed the plan structure
• Updated policies
• Updated demographics
• Updated historic timeline
• Updated reference plans
• Updated glossary
• Updated graphics/photos
• Summarized public participation
• Vision Statement
	• Future Land Use Map
	  • Category mapping revisions
	  • Growth Area revisions
	  • Illustration of Area Plans
	• Future Land Use Categories
	  • Revisions and refinements
	• Added Arts
	• Added Urban Forestry
	• Implementation Action Table

Future Land Use Map (FLUM)

2016



2026



2026 Neighborhood Category

2016

The predominant land use in this category is residential, however; a variety of other uses are allowed based on location and other compatibility criteria described below. The following residential densities and non-residential land use are allowed in the Neighborhoods category subject to the following criteria:

- *High-density residential* (12-18 dwelling units per acre) …
- *Urban residential* (densities exceeding 18 dwelling units per acre) …

2026

The predominant land use in this category is residential; however, a variety of other uses are allowed based on location and other compatibility criteria described below. The following residential densities and non-residential land use are allowed in the Neighborhoods category, subject to the following criteria:

- *High-density residential* **(13-25 dwelling units per acre)** …
- *Urban residential* **(26+ dwelling units per acre)** …

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.

2026

- 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.**

South Price Road Corridor Growth Area

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.

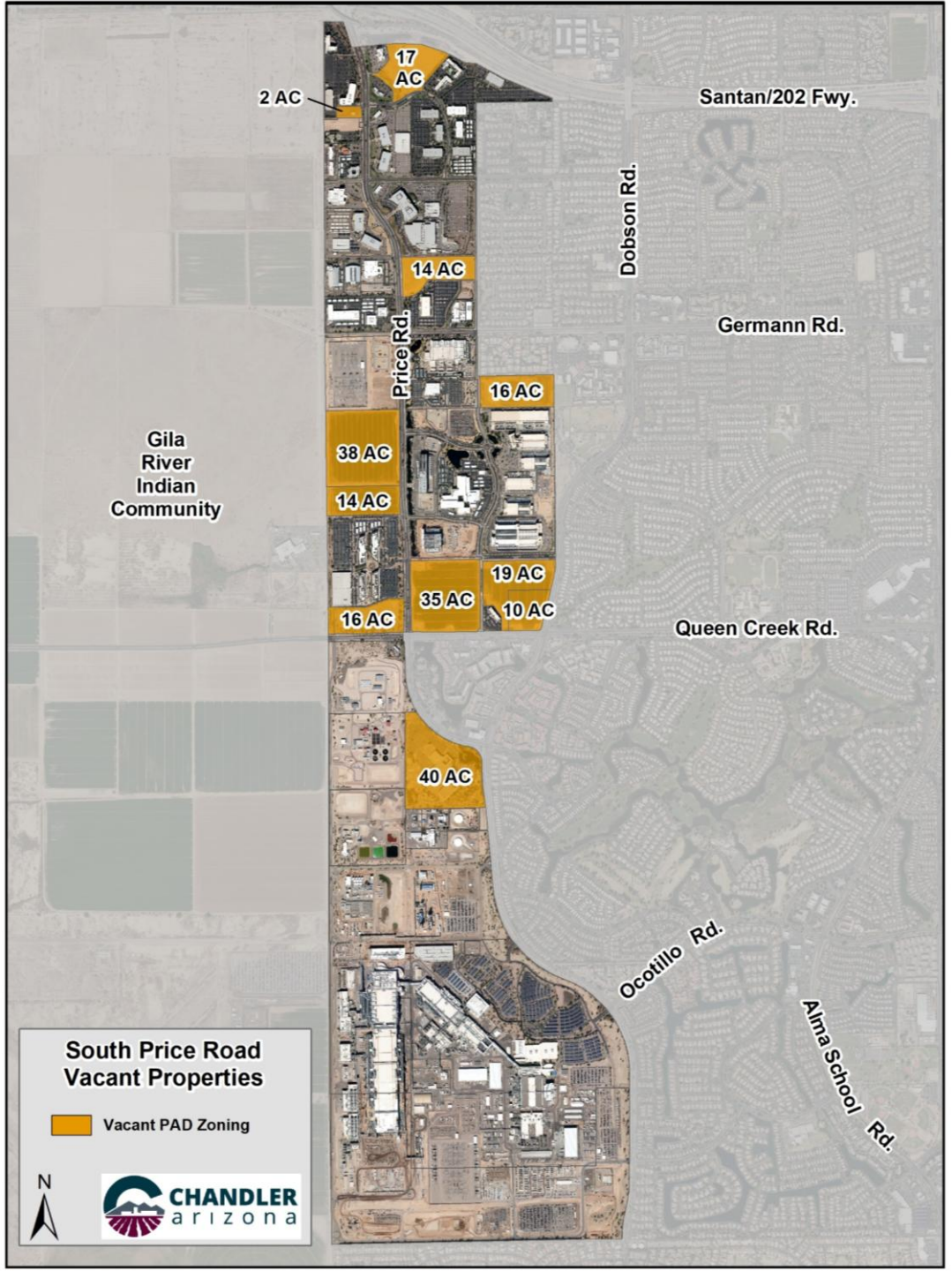
SPRCGA 9. Provide pedestrian, bicycle, vehicle, and transit connections to adjacent residential and commercial uses and regional transit to support businesses and employees in the corridor.

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 **ancillary** residential uses **which are subordinate to the primary employment use,** 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 **employees and residents** (e.g., retail, restaurants, coworking space, or business services) and **it is ancillary to and a subordinate part of a larger employment campus** that offers shared amenities and enhanced pedestrian connections.



Arts and Culture

ARTS, PARKS, & RECREATION POLICIES

APR 1. Chandler will prioritize arts and culture as core components of quality of life, alongside parks and recreation, by supporting facilities and programs that strengthen economic prosperity, workforce development, education, and community vitality.

APR 2. Improve athletic field conditions within parks through sound management sustainable landscape practices, while expanding the number of lighted fields.

APR 3. Enhance and expand the existing system of linked open space and trails connecting activity centers and recreational amenities/ facilities within Chandler and to regional open space through rights of way.

APR 4. Maximize and promote the recreational, environmental, and connectivity potential of the canal system.

APR 5. Focus on renovation and redevelopment of parks, recreation, and library facilities.

APR 6. Expand recreation facilities and wellness programs (both active and passive) and unique local offerings that address amenity gaps and changing demographics.

APR 7. Continue to partner with school districts to provide recreational services, facilities, and space for other neighborhood activities.

APR 8. Pursue partnerships/ collaborations with private recreational facilities and/or public/private partnerships.

APR 9. Encourage partnerships with hospitals and medical providers to serve and educate residents and promote health and wellness.

APR 10. Implement shade amenities, a higher density of urban forestry, maintain urban forest tree inventories, mile markers, wayfinding, health tips, and other amenities to recreational areas, trails, canals, and pathways to encourage walking and outdoor activities.

APR 11. Prioritize urban tree canopy expansion as a natural cooling strategy alongside built shade, coordinating with public and private partners to achieve continuous shade corridors

APR 12. Continue public education on water safety, learn-to-swim programs, water-based fitness and athletics.



ARTS, PARKS, & RECREATION

This section covers the elective element of arts and the required elements of recreation and open space. Figures 25 and *26* illustrate parks and recreation in Chandler.

Chandler has prioritized quality of life for its residents through the development and maintenance of an exceptional parks and recreation network and by prioritizing art in the community. Chandler prioritizes arts and culture as core components of quality of life, alongside parks and recreation, by supporting facilities and programs that strengthen economic prosperity, workforce development, education, and community vitality. The city's investment in community art, parks, trails, and recreational amenities holistically supports community well-being, fosters a sense of place, and bolsters the local economy. Chandler's park system includes 70 sites which range from neighborhood and community parks to large regional parks. Together, these locations contribute over 1,300 acres of parkland for residents to enjoy.

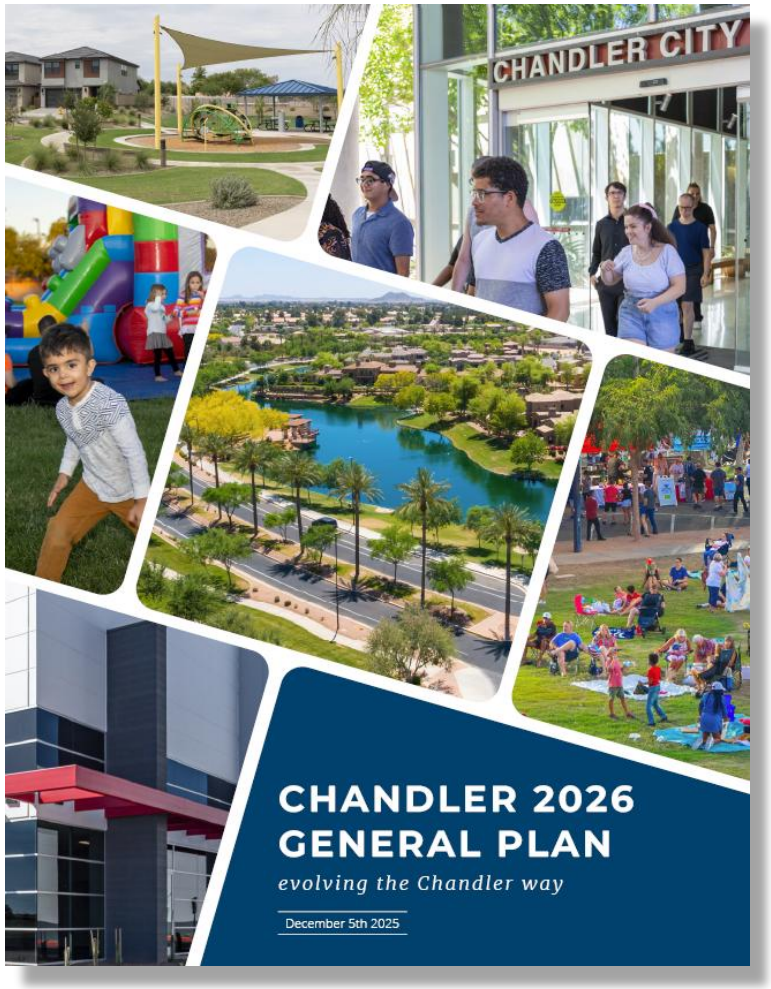
Implementation Action Plan

ACTION NUMBER	IMPLEMENTATION ACTION DESCRIPTION	TIMEFRAME (SHORT, MID, LONG, ONGOING)	COMPLETION
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 *Residential Conversion Policy*.	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.

60 Day Public Review Period



October 1, 2025 – December 1, 2025

Type of Comment	Comment Count	Unique Participants	Revisions
Konveio Comments	88	19	50
Staff Comments	33	1	33
Consultant Comments	6	1	6
Total	**127**	**21**	**89**



- **Resident Advisory Committee Recommend approval**
- **Planning and Zoning Commission meetings**

  January 7, 2026 Informal Meeting

  January 21, 2026 Recommend approval to City Council 7-0
- **February 23, 2026 Public Hearing & City Council Vote**

Next Steps:

- Primary Ballot for Ratification

  July 21, 2026

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