

# NEIGHBORHOODS ELEMENT

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## Neighborhoods

- The Neighborhood is the basic social and physical building block of any city – areas where people choose to live, raise families, interact, and work.
- Make Arlington a city where residents of all neighborhoods enjoy personal safety; decent housing; job opportunities; reliable services; access to shopping, recreational, and education amenities; and effective representation.



## Neighborhoods Element

- *Provide policies intended to build neighborhoods that provide access to a compatible balance of housing, employment, retail, education, and recreational resources, which will provide lasting value to the city and promote reinvestment.*
- Three main components:
  - ▣ People
  - ▣ Places
  - ▣ Services

## Neighborhoods Discussion

- In general...
  - ▣ What are your thoughts on the City's neighborhoods?  
What are our assets? What do we need to work on?



## Neighborhoods Discussion

### □ People

#### ▣ Engagement/Accountability

- How can citizen engagement be increased?
- What is the role of the City versus the role of the resident in accountability for what goes on in someone's neighborhood?



## Neighborhoods Discussion

### □ Places

#### ▣ Housing

- What types of housing do we need?
- What do we have too much of?
- What type of housing allows for mixed-income neighborhoods?



#### ▣ Historic and/or locally significant districts/areas

- Would you want to see what exists today in 2030? (e.g., Fielder House – 1914, Vandergriff Building – 1928, GM plant – 1953, City Hall – 1984, Ballpark – 1994, Stadium – 2009, UTA Engineering Building – 2013)

## Neighborhoods Discussion

- Services

- ▣ Public Safety

- A community “where people feel safe anywhere, all the time” – what does that mean?

- ▣ Impact on Services

- Population numbers increasing, household size increasing: should we be concerned? What is the impact on services – streets, water, schools?



## Neighborhoods Discussion

- Services (cont'd)

- ▣ Education

- What is the role of city government, if any, in addressing the anticipated growth in school age kids?

- ▣ Health and Human Services

- Increased poverty rate, increased number in seniors: can and will we be able to meet the basic needs of one wishing to stay in Arlington all their life – from youth to senior?



