

VISION STATEMENT TO THE GENERAL PLAN REGARDING SARANAP

(this is a draft intended to prompt discussion at the 3-19-19 community meeting)

Saranap Area Vision Statement--Preliminary Discussion Draft

Saranap traces its origins to 1911, when it became a stop on the Oakland, Antioch & Eastern Railroad line between Pittsburg and Oakland. The railroad ran along what is now Olympic Boulevard, with the station located at the current intersection with Tice Valley Boulevard. The community was named for the mother of one of the primary landowners in the area at the time. While bordered by the cities of Walnut Creek and Lafayette and located in the metropolitan Bay Area, Saranap, with its views of Mt. Diablo ~~and semi-rural atmosphere~~, has retained a unique identity long valued by its residents. Saranap today is a harmonious collaborative community, of diverse neighborhoods and people, including single-family dwellings, multiple-family dwellings, offices, and commercial properties.

Understanding that development pressure will exist throughout the Bay Area for the foreseeable future and can create great contention among neighbors, Saranap's residents have expressed a desire for thoughtfully-planned development that enhances their community without sacrificing its ambience. While maintaining the single-family neighborhoods as they are, there is an opportunity to revitalize the commercial area along Boulevard Way through development of mixed-use projects offering neighborhood-serving businesses and a wider variety of living options. Further community enhancements could include select infrastructure improvements such as expanded pedestrian and bicycle facilities to connect the residential and commercial areas, and development of a neighborhood park or community meeting space.

The following policies for the Saranap area, as depicted in Figure 3-4, reflect the long-term vision of its residents and are intended to guide future decision-making in the community.