

CITY OF
AMERICAN
CANYON



Citizens Academy Orientation

The Big Picture

Welcome



City Council Welcome



Housekeeping Items



Introductions

Your Name

How long you've lived in American Canyon?

What is one thing you hope to gain from this program?

Fall 2024 Citizens Academy Schedule

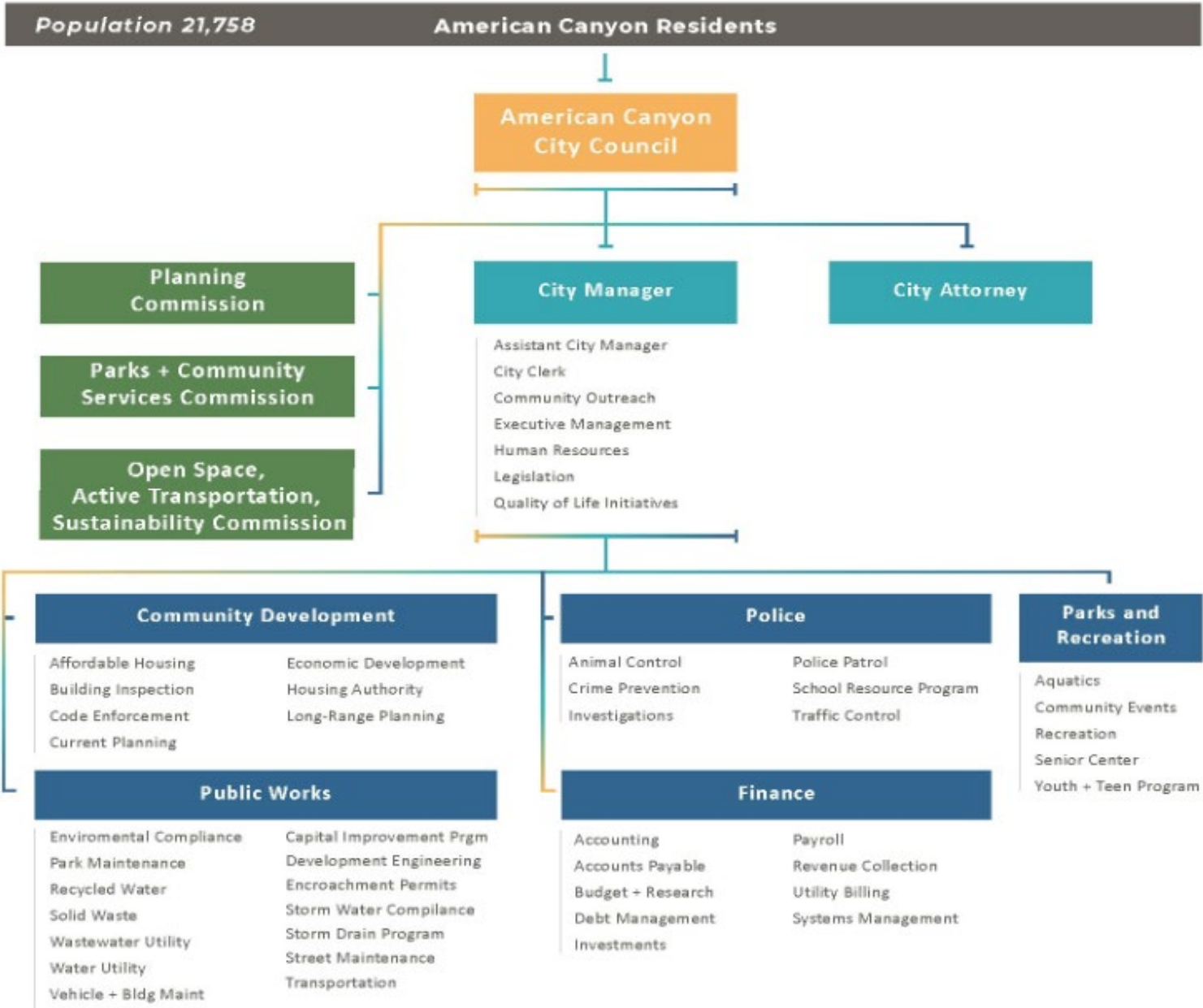
Date	Session	Location
Wednesday, September 25, 2024	The Big Picture – Orientation	Council Chambers, 4381 Broadway St.
Wednesday, October 2, 2024	Public Safety – Fire District	911 Donaldson Way East
Wednesday, October 9, 2024	Parks & Recreation	Council Chambers, 4381 Broadway St.
Wednesday, October 16, 2024	Public Works	Council Chambers, 4381 Broadway St.
Saturday, October 19, 2024	City Tour of Facilities – Bus departs at 9 AM	Meet in front of City Hall, 4381 Broadway Street between 8:30-9 AM
Wednesday, October 23, 2024	City Clerk, Human Resources and IT	Council Chambers, 4381 Broadway St.
Wednesday, October 30, 2024	Community Development	Council Chambers, 4381 Broadway St.
Wednesday, November 6, 2024	Public Safety – Police	Sheriff's Office 1535 Airport Blvd, Napa, CA 94558
Wednesday, November 13, 2024	Finance	Council Chambers, 4381 Broadway St.
Saturday, November 16, 2024	Volunteer project and Graduation Celebration	TBD

Class presentations, etc:

<https://www.americancanyon.gov/citizensacademy>



Service Delivery Structure - City Organization Chart



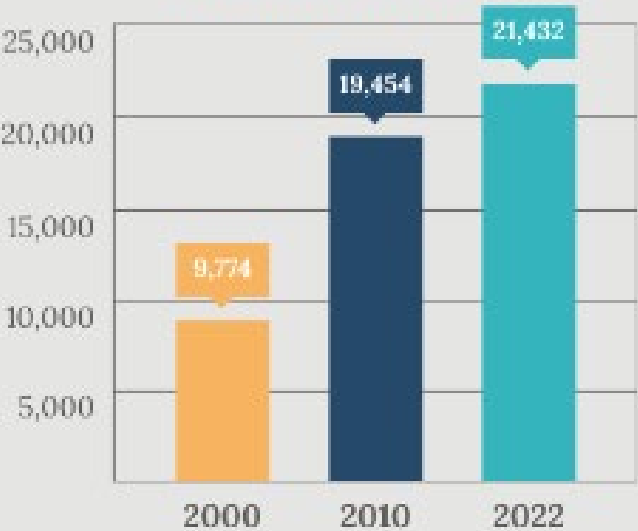
American Canyon History

- 1960** The American Canyon Water District formed with the ability to add, by vote, other necessities for the area. This District was able to expand sewer systems and Recreation District services for the benefit of the area. Under the Water District, the separate Boards were elected and formed the much needed services for the benefit of the area. American Canyon was still governed by the Napa County Board of Supervisors.
- 1963** The first attempt to incorporate American Canyon was in 1963 when the community felt the governing body was too far away, the area lacked an identity, and because Solano County and Vallejo began looking into annexing the area. A committee was formed to explore the options. 500 signatures were collected to place the question on the ballot, but it failed to pass. Napa County collected taxes as it was the governing body. Schools were governed by the Napa County School District. With addresses and telephone numbers coming from Vallejo, American Canyon felt like a no man's land.
- 1990** A committee formed to organize another attempt at incorporation. Additional residents moved to the area and more services were needed. The area also became exceedingly more diverse than the rest of the county and community identity was becoming more important. Incorporation was a complicated process, but the Board of Supervisors agreed to put it on the ballot and it was overwhelmingly approved.
- 1992** On January 1, 1992, American Canyon became a new City. The City Council, elected at the same time as the incorporation vote, held a City Council Meeting on January 1st in the multi-use room of Donaldson Way Elementary School. Napa County Supervisor, John "Mickey" Mikolojcik, opened the meeting at 2:12pm by welcoming the community and introducing honored guests. An invocation was presented by Pastor Morris Curry. The Honorable Municipal Court Judge, Richard A. Bennett, administered the Oath of Office to Benjamin Anderson, Joan Bennett, Richard Mahanay, Tom Orlando, and Keith Winters. The first order of business was to select Tom Orlando as the first Mayor of American Canyon.

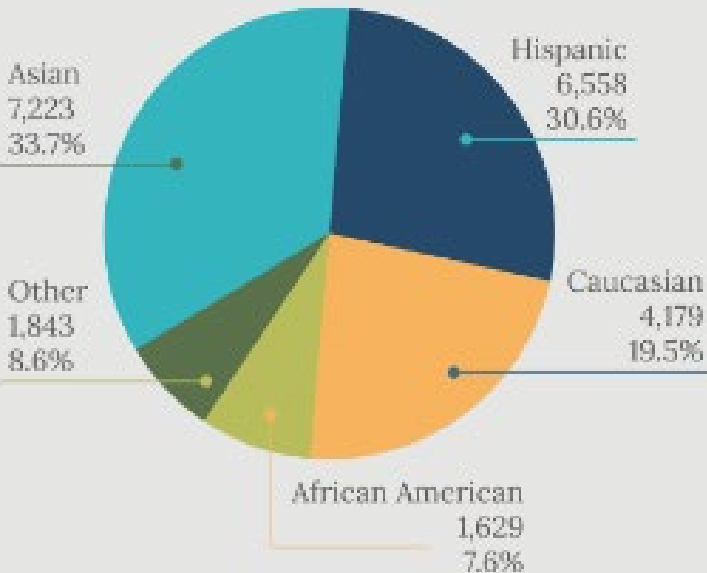


Population At A Glance

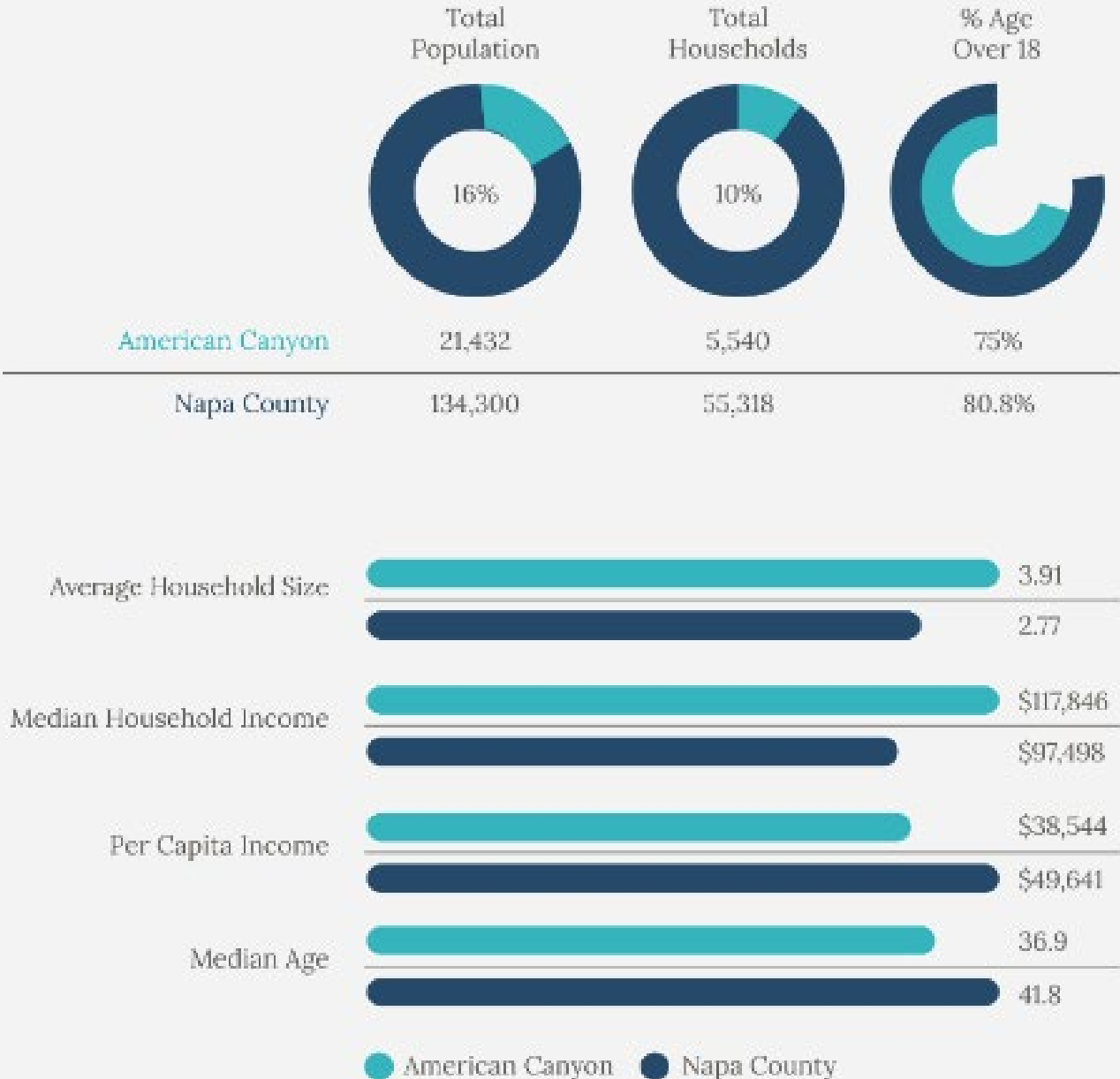
Growth Over Time



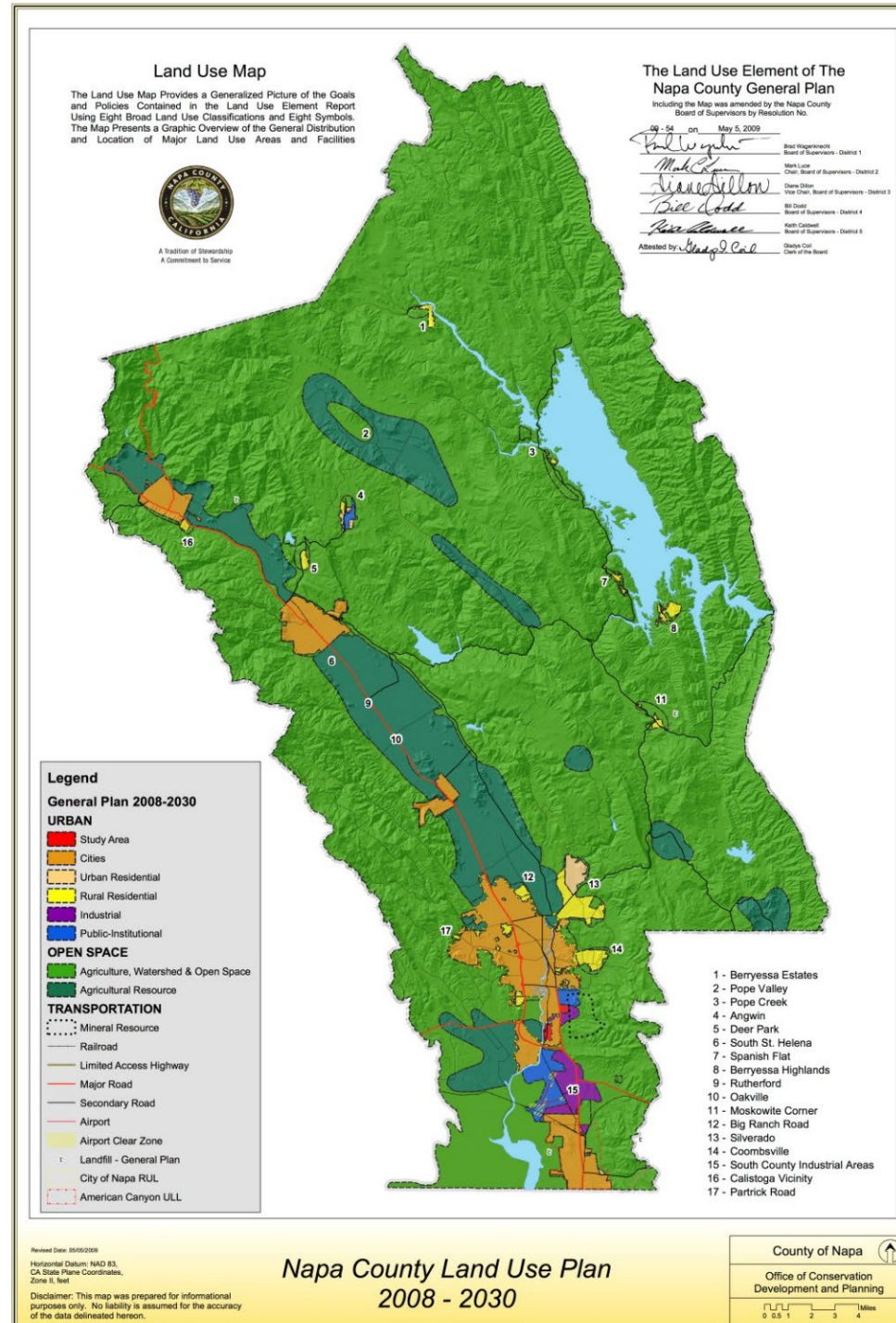
Ethnicity Breakdown



Comparison of American Canyon to Napa County



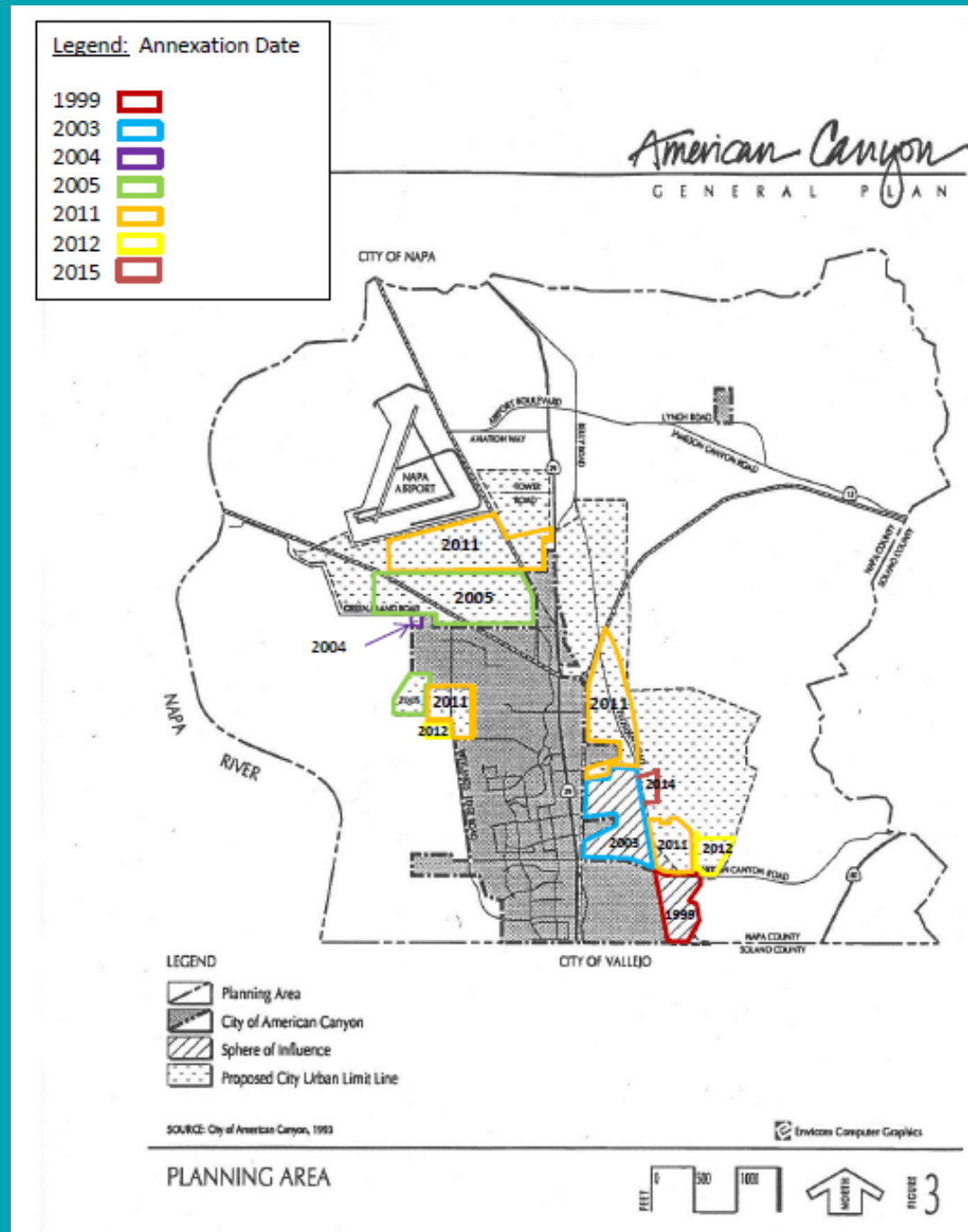
Land Use Plan



Annexation Map



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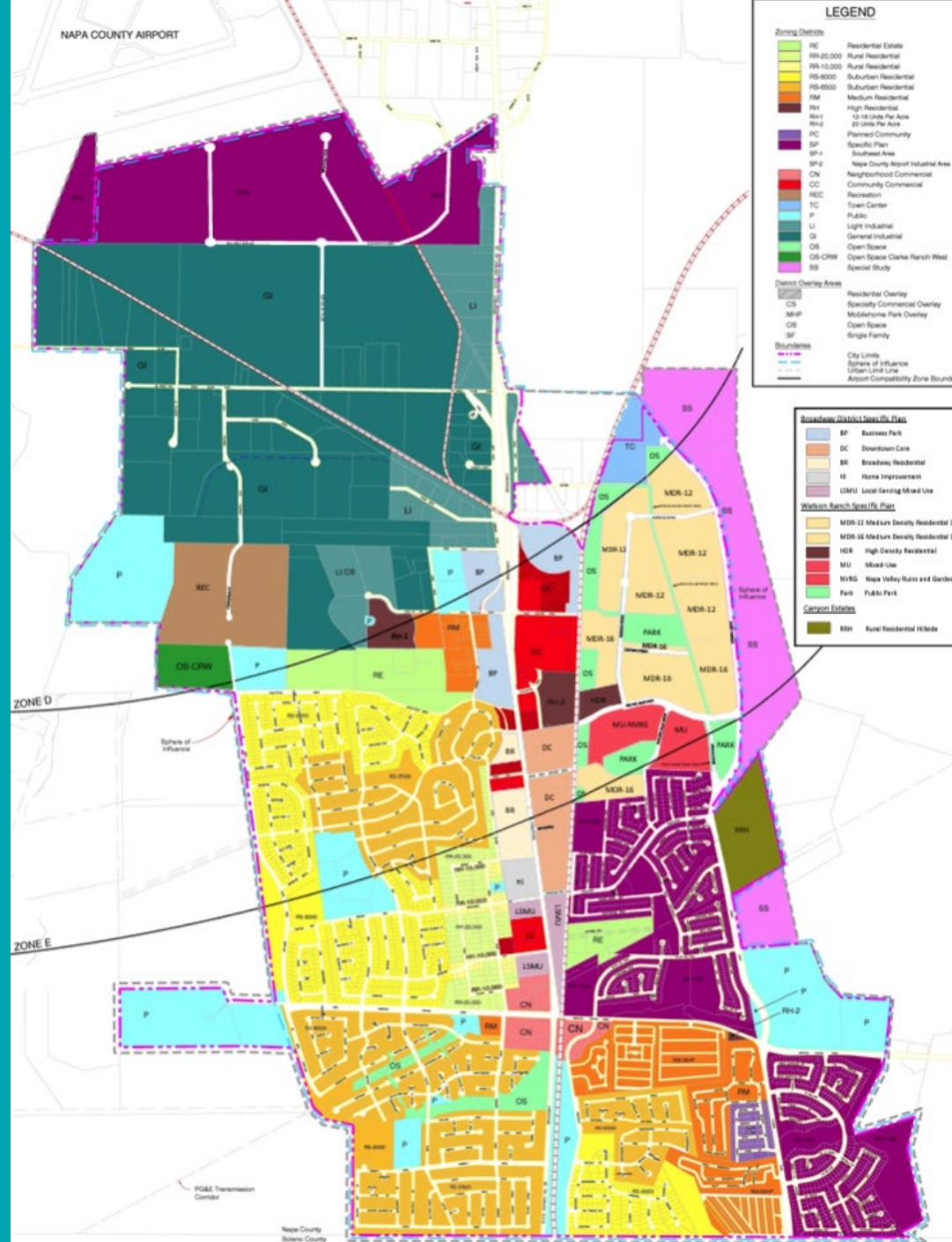


American Canyon Today

Zoning Map



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Local Government



General Law City - Organization, legal power and responsibilities prescribed by state law



Units of Government Statewide –
Over 6,500!

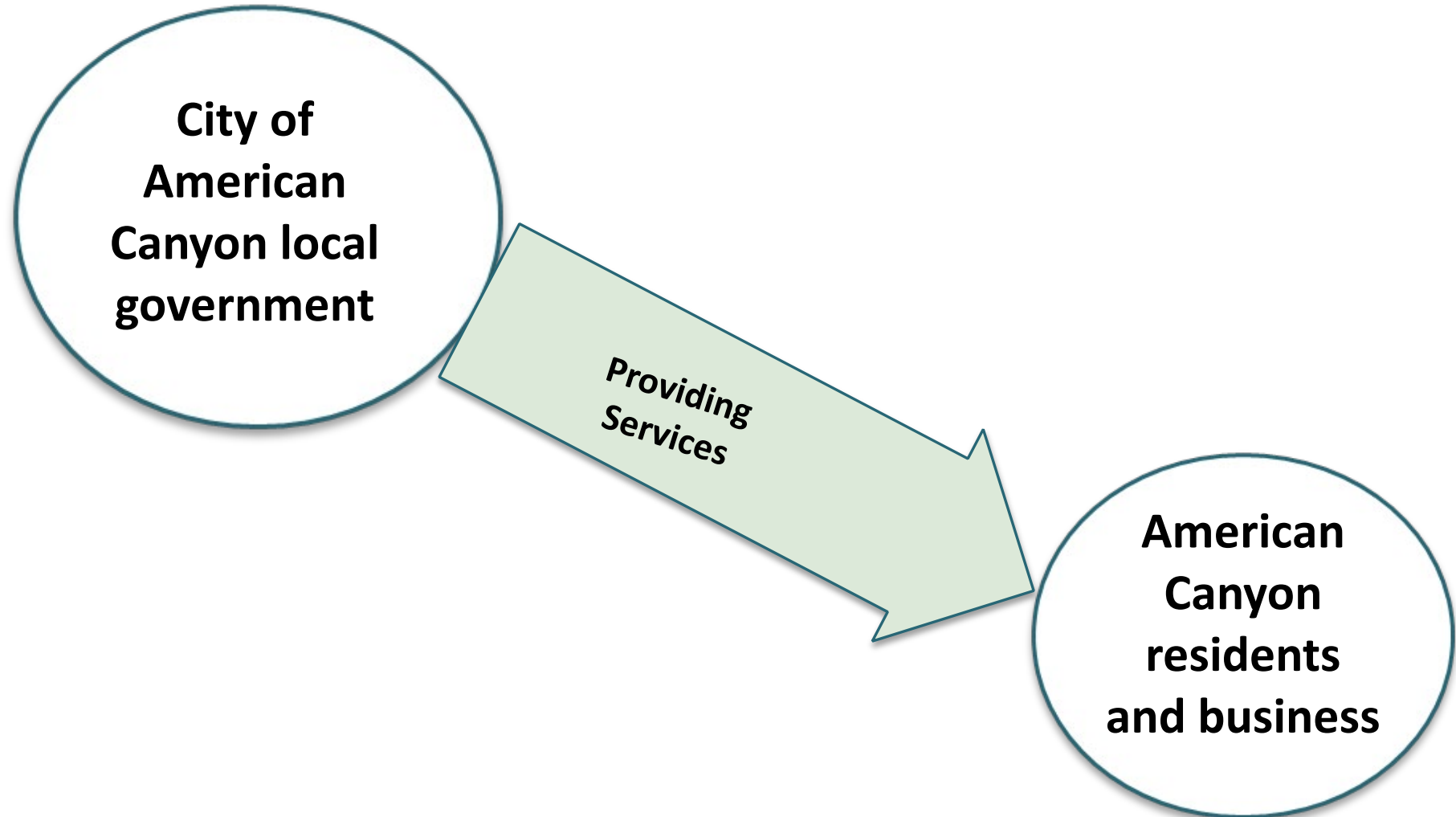
Counties	58
Cities	483
School Districts	>1,000
Special Districts	>5,000



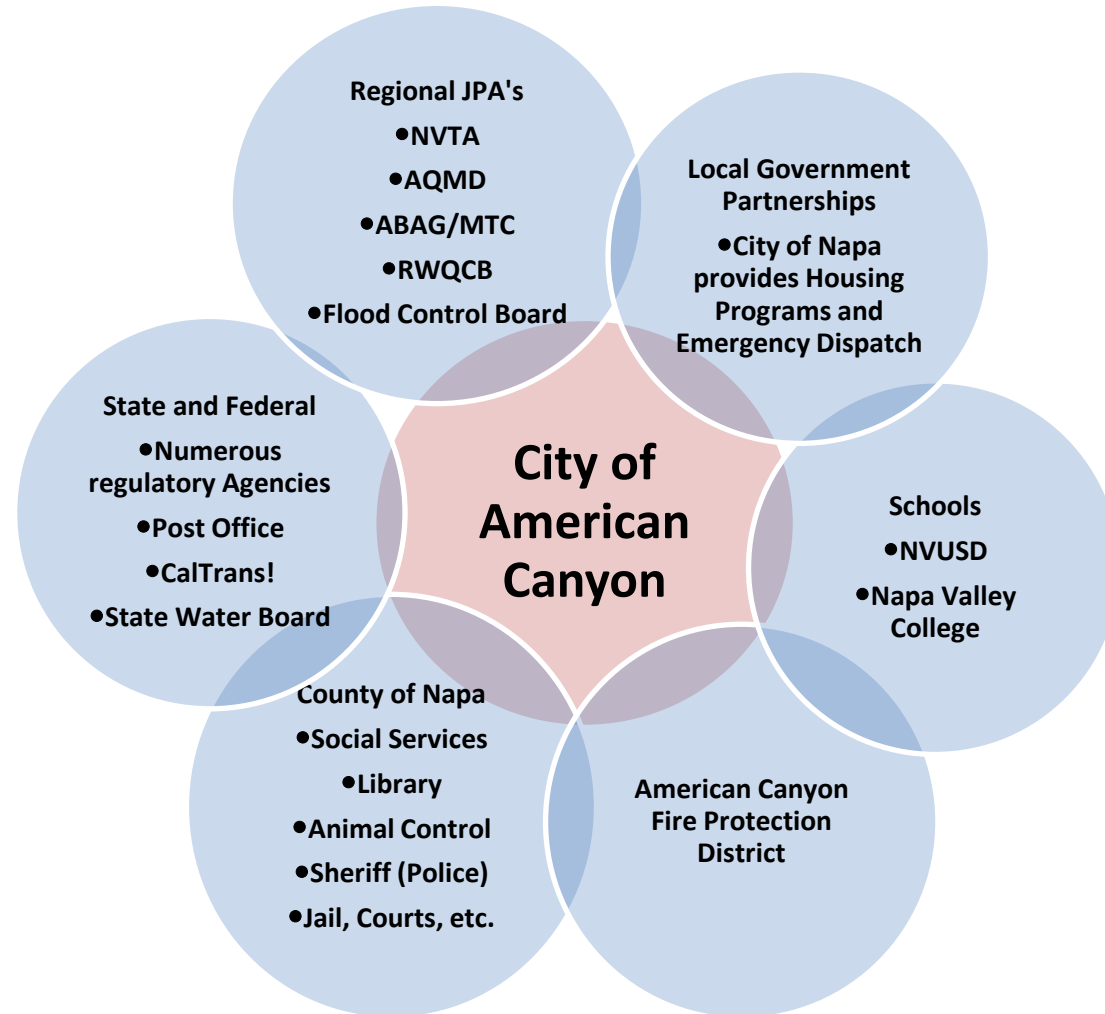
Unincorporated areas served by County only, no City services

Layers of Government in American Canyon

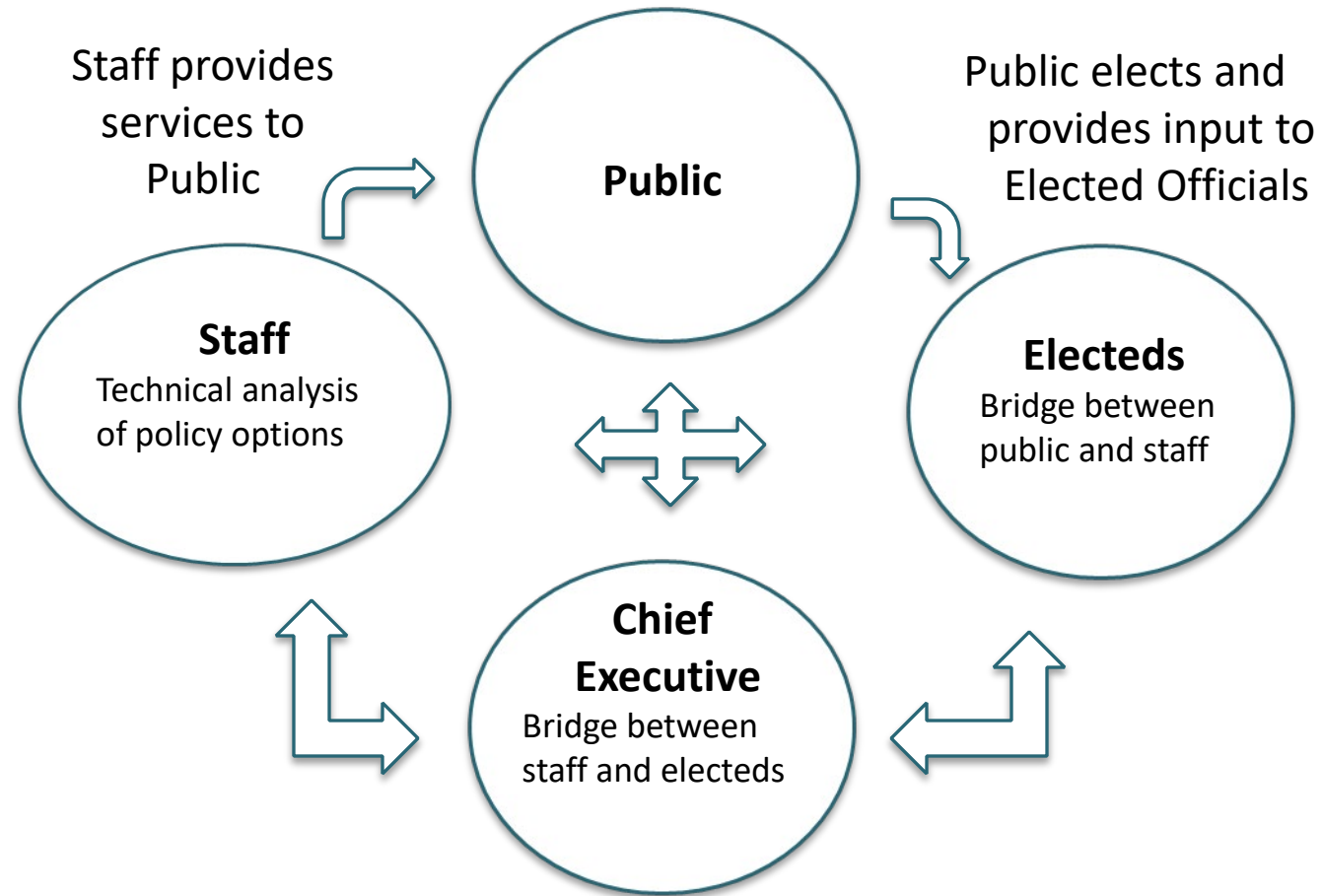
If only it were this easy...



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City Council / Manager Form of Government



City Council

The powers and duties of the Mayor and City Council are contained in state law and City ordinances, resolutions and regulations. In carrying out their statutory duties, the City's elected officials do the following:

- Legislative Authority
- Establish Policy
- Determine Priorities
- Adopt and Monitor City Budget
- Constituent and Ceremonial Representation
- Regional Representation

City Council



Pictured left to right: Vice Mayor David Oro, Council Member Mariam Aboudamous, Mayor Leon Garcia, Council Member Pierre Washington, Council Member Mark Joseph



WHERE We Want To Go

VISION
American Canyon ...
HOME TO AN ENGAGED, DIVERSE COMMUNITY
DESTINATION FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION and NATURAL BEAUTY
HUB OF OPPORTUNITY and ECONOMIC VITALITY

WHY We Exist

our MISSION
OUR MISSION IS TO DELIVER EXEMPLARY SERVICES THAT ARE RESPONSIVE TO COMMUNITY PRIORITIES, ENSURE A HEALTHY and SUSTAINABLE ORGANIZATION, AND DRIVE US TOWARD OUR SHARED VISION FOR THE FUTURE.

HOW We Serve

STRATEGIC VALUES—HOW WE ACCOMPLISH THE CORE VALUES...

- leadership
- creativity and innovation
- results oriented
- collaboration and teamwork
- community engagement

Our Goals



Community and Sense of Place

Build on the strength of our local community to develop a clear 'sense of place' and establish our unique identity.



Economic Development & Vitality

Attract and expand diverse business and employment opportunities.



Infrastructure

Develop and maintain infrastructure resources to support sustainable growth.



Organizational Effectiveness

Deliver exemplary government services.



Outdoors and Recreation

Expand opportunities for use of outdoor recreation and an active and healthy lifestyle.



Public Safety

Ensure American Canyon remains a safe community.



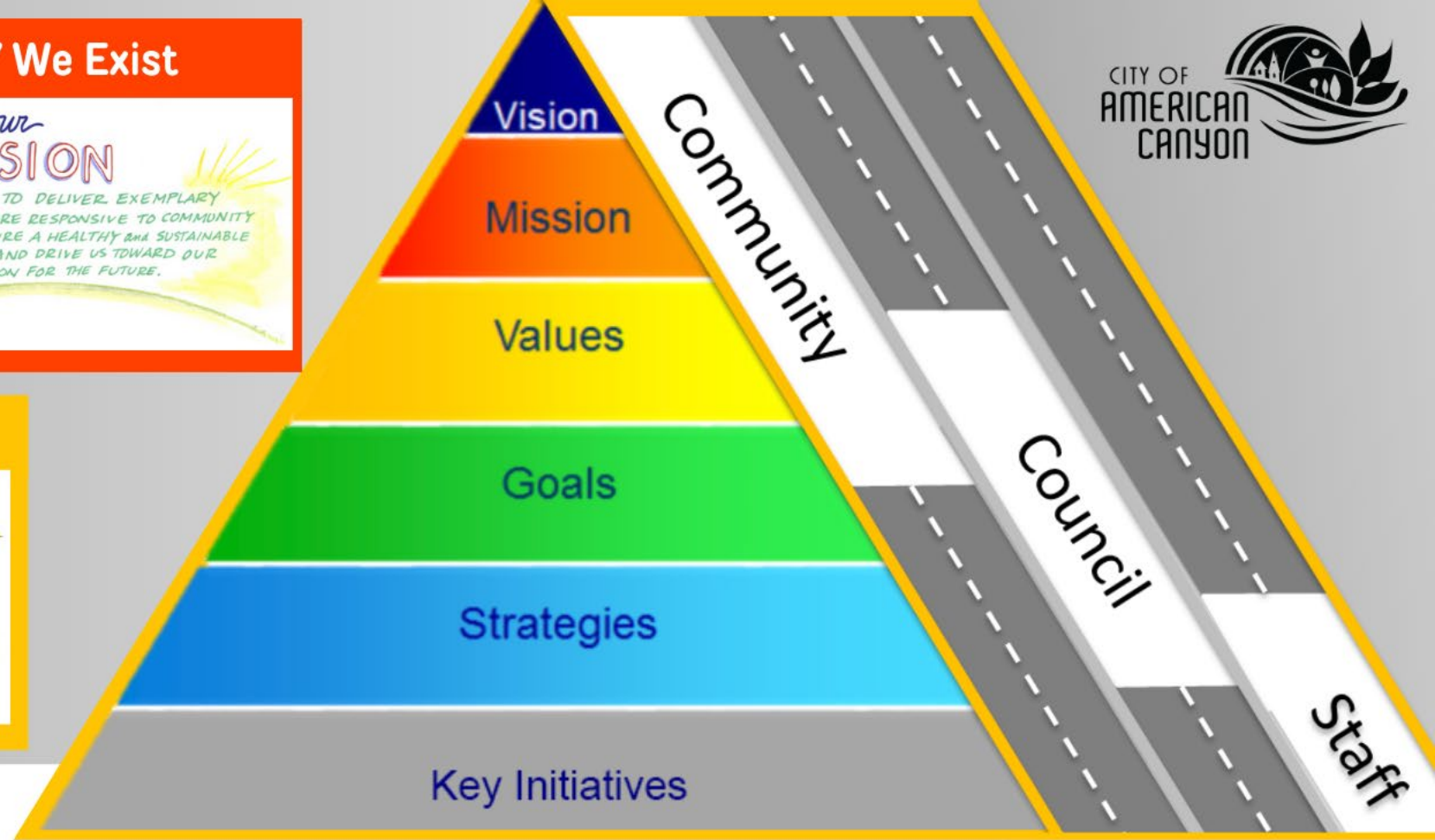
Sustainability

Demonstrate leadership in environmental sustainability.



Transportation

Improve the transportation network within the City to alleviate congestion and enhance the quality of life for the community.



City Manager

The City Manager is appointed by the City Council.

Provides overall administration and direction for all areas of City government.

Ensures that all goals, policies and priorities established by the City Council are met.

Supports the City Council by presenting information and recommendations that facilitate informed policy making.

Oversees community and intergovernmental relations.

Provides direction and leadership to City staff.



Jason B. Holley

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In Closing

Q & A