Rancho Cordova
Visioning Session - Kickoff Meeting
AGENDA

PURPOSE

Shared Values
Imagine if...

PRECEDENT

Research Overview
Qualities of Great Civic Centers?
Typologies + Case Studies
  Campus Retreat, Destination, Main Street

ROAD MAP
Which of Rancho Cordova's **Shared Values** will the Civic Center most reflect?

What are the potential **Programs + Site Characteristics** for the Ranch Cordova Civic Center?
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Rancho Cordova Shared Values

Partnership  Diversity  Fun  Children + Youth

Shared Concerns / Project Touchstones

Health  Economy  Society  Infrastructure  Security  Environment  Education
Integrated Wellness  Inclusive Growth  Social Solidarity  Engaged Ownership  Public Safety  Sustainable Practices  Open Opportunity
What if...the civic center could be a catalyst for local business?
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- A place to connect and linger
- Pedestrian - scaled, walkable streets
- Easy Access - Close to public transit
- Densely populated context near housing / hotels
- Smaller retail store-fronts to encourage local business
- Urban Infill - Designed for future growth
- A dynamic public space
What if...the civic center could support community health, wellness, and fun?
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- A place for discovery, exploration, leisure
- The go-to spot for a picnic or after school hang-out
- Connects to nature and highlights RC natural resources
- Connect to community partners - urban farming and recreation
- Potential Anchors like a Natural Science Museum / Library
- A context rich with Natural Beauty
- A destination

Infrastructure of Experience
What if...the civic center could be a destination for arts and culture?
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- The cultural gathering place in town
- Catch a performance or exhibition
- Backdrop to a Public Square for events
- Exhibition, Creation and Education
- Hub of a new Culture District
- Dense/diverse context
- Potential Anchors like a Museums or Performing Arts Theater alongside a Facility for Local Artists
- Cultural Destination connected to the Public Realm
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**Infrastructure of Experience**

- The Community Hub
- Brings a variety of services together
- Accessible/Inclusive for all ages
- A Place for the Everyday
- Potential Anchors like Convention / Community Center, Veterans Center, or Youth Center
Imagine If...

catalyst for local business?

citizen-focused service center

destination for arts and culture?

community health, wellness, and fun?
Civic Center Case Studies

1. Aarhus City Hall, Denmark
2. Altenessen Community Center, Essen, Germany
3. Buenos Aires City Hall, Argentina
4. Calabasas City Hall, California
5. Deventer Town Hall, The Netherlands
6. Elk Grove Civic Center, California
7. Escatron Town Hall, Zaragoza, Aragon, Spain
8. Fremont Civic Center, California
9. Freiburg Town Hall, Germany
10. Joan Oliver Civic Center, Barcelona, Spain
11. Keynsham Civic Center, United Kingdom
12. LA Civic Park, California
13. Long Beach Civic Center, California
14. Los Altos, California
15. Malibu Civic Center, California
16. Marin Civic Center, California
17. Montingny Le Tilleul City Hall, Belgium
18. Napa Civic Center, California
19. New Fureso City Hall, Denmark
20. Newark Community Center, New Jersey
21. **Newport Beach Civic Center, California**
22. Oakland City Hall, California
23. Palo Verde Community Center, Phoenix, Arizona
24. Parliament House, Malta
25. Petaluma Civic Center, California
26. Pioneer Courthouse Square, Portland, Oregon
27. **Portola Valley Town Center, California**
28. Progetts Civic Center, Sardinia
29. Rancho Cordova Existing City Hall, California
30. Richmond Civic Center, California
31. Sacramento State Capital, California
32. San Jose City Hall, California
33. Santa Barbara City Hall, California
34. Santa Cruz City Hall, California
35. Santa Monica Civic Center, California
36. Saynatsalo City Hall, Jyväskylä, Finland
37. Seattle Civic Center, Washington
38. Sebastopol City Hall, California
39. San Francisco Civic Center, California
40. Sunnyvale Civic Center, California
41. Surry Hills Community Center, Sydney, Australia
42. Sonoma City Hall, California
43. Toronto Civic Center, Westwood Square, Canada
44. Torrent Market and Civic Center, Valencia, Spain
45. Towada City Center, Japan
46. Town Hall Bloemendaal, The Netherlands
47. Uppsala City Hall, Sweden
48. Viborg Town Hall, Denmark
49. Walkerville Civic Center, Australia
50. Waterdown Library and Civic Center, Canada
51. Westland Town Hall, The Netherlands
52. West Hollywood Civic Center, California
53. **West Sacramento Civic Center Galleria, California**
54. Yontville Community Center, California
55. Zurich Community Center, Switzerland
Civic Center Case Studies

California (27)
United States (31)
International (24)

Germany (1)
Spain (3)
Malta (1)
Argentina (1)
The Netherlands (3)
Switzerland (1)
Australia (2)
Canada (2)
Sweden (1)
Japan (1)
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Marin Civic Center
128 Acres
Population
252,409

Napa Civic Center
7 Acres
Population
79,113
Civic Center Trends

Program Mixing Pot
Innovative communities are designing diverse city centers which blend civic, community, cultural and commercial assets.

Accessibility and Resiliency Upgrades
Communities are addressing aging, non-compliant infrastructure.

Private-Public Partnership
Communities are working with private development partners to finance and build Civic Centers.
What are the qualities of Great Civic Centers?

They give identity to cities.
These places instill a mutual sense of pride and ownership among diverse groups and contribute to social solidarity.
What are the qualities of Great Civic Centers?

They have active, pedestrian-scaled, outdoor space. These are the “front-porches” of our public institutions where we can interact with each other and with government.

Etobicoke Civic Center, Toronto, Canada

Newport Beach Civic Center, California

Pioneer Courthouse Square, Portland, Oregon
What are the qualities of Great Civic Centers?

They serve a diverse population.
Comprised of mix of program types for city leaders and community members.
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They benefit cities economically.

Neighborhood catalysts such as parks, green markets, and private/public partnerships can improve neighborhoods and create measurable economic benefits.
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They occupy important locations. Most are well-served by transit, with plenty of pedestrian traffic, surrounded by density.
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They are resilient.

Designs that mutually support people, water, land, and wildlife.
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- Theater/Auditorium
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- Teen Center
- Nature Center
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- Senior Center
- Community College
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Civic Center Typologies

Campus Retreat

Destination

Main Street
Campus Retreat
PORTOLA VALLEY TOWN CENTER (Completed 2008)
Destination
NEWPORT BEACH CIVIC CENTER (Construction 2011 - 2013)
Main Street

NAPA CIVIC CENTER (2021)
Destination
WEST SACRAMENTO CIVIC CENTER GALLERIA (Civic Center Comp. 2003)
What are the potential **Site Characteristics/Typologies** for the Ranch Cordova Civic Center?

- **Campus Retreat**
- **Destination**
- **Main Street**
**PHASE 1**
**Define the Vision**
- Precedent Research of Civic & Community Centers
- Workshop and Define
  - program components
  - quality of experience
  - typology

**PHASE 2**
**Conceptual Planning & Test Fit**
- Identify Potential Sites with established set of programs, preferred experience, and typology
- Feasibility analysis of recommended site(s)
- Prioritize program need and consider phasing

**PHASE 3**
**Comprehensive Master Planning**
- Master Planning to define program size, site planning concepts, and framework for city planning & development
- Formation of Consultant Team
- Define proposed funding per phase
- Define a strategy for community and stakeholder engagement