

County of Santa Clara

General Plan Amendment Application Schedule

January – April: Application Filing Period

- First business day of January** Application “window” opens. Pre-application meetings and intake of applications by Planning Office may commence.
- Last business day of April** Last day of application period. No privately-initiated applications may be submitted after this date.

Beginning May: Initial Referral, Evaluation & Authorization

Following the end of the filing period, staff makes necessary referrals, an initial evaluation and a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors concerning acceptance for processing.

- Beginning June** Earliest possible hearing date for Planning Commission to make recommendations to Board of Supervisors concerning which privately-initiated GPAs submitted this year to accept for processing.
- Beginning August** Earliest possible hearing date for Board of Supervisors to accept (or reject) privately-initiated GPA proposals, if any, for formal processing.

Beginning September: Evaluation & Public Hearings

- Beginning September** Earliest possible initiation of staff evaluation and CEQA documentation for proposals. Public hearing dates for Planning Commission review of proposed GPAs submitted in this calendar occur after environmental review has been completed.

Board of Supervisors public hearings on proposed GPAs depend on environmental review requirements and the actual hearing dates of required Planning Commission hearings.

Note: The Planning Office’s experience has been that privately-initiated GPAs are unlikely to proceed to public hearings in accordance with any planned schedule, due to their varying nature, significance, complexity, and environmental review requirements. Consequently, all dates indicated for referral, evaluation and public hearing phases of application review are tentative.

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