

1A. What is a General Plan?

The Los Altos General Plan is our blueprint for the future. It's a long range plan built on a shared vision that describes the kind of community that residents want and identifies actions we can take to realize the vision.

The City is updating the General Plan to address emerging issues and new State laws and to achieve key objectives, including:

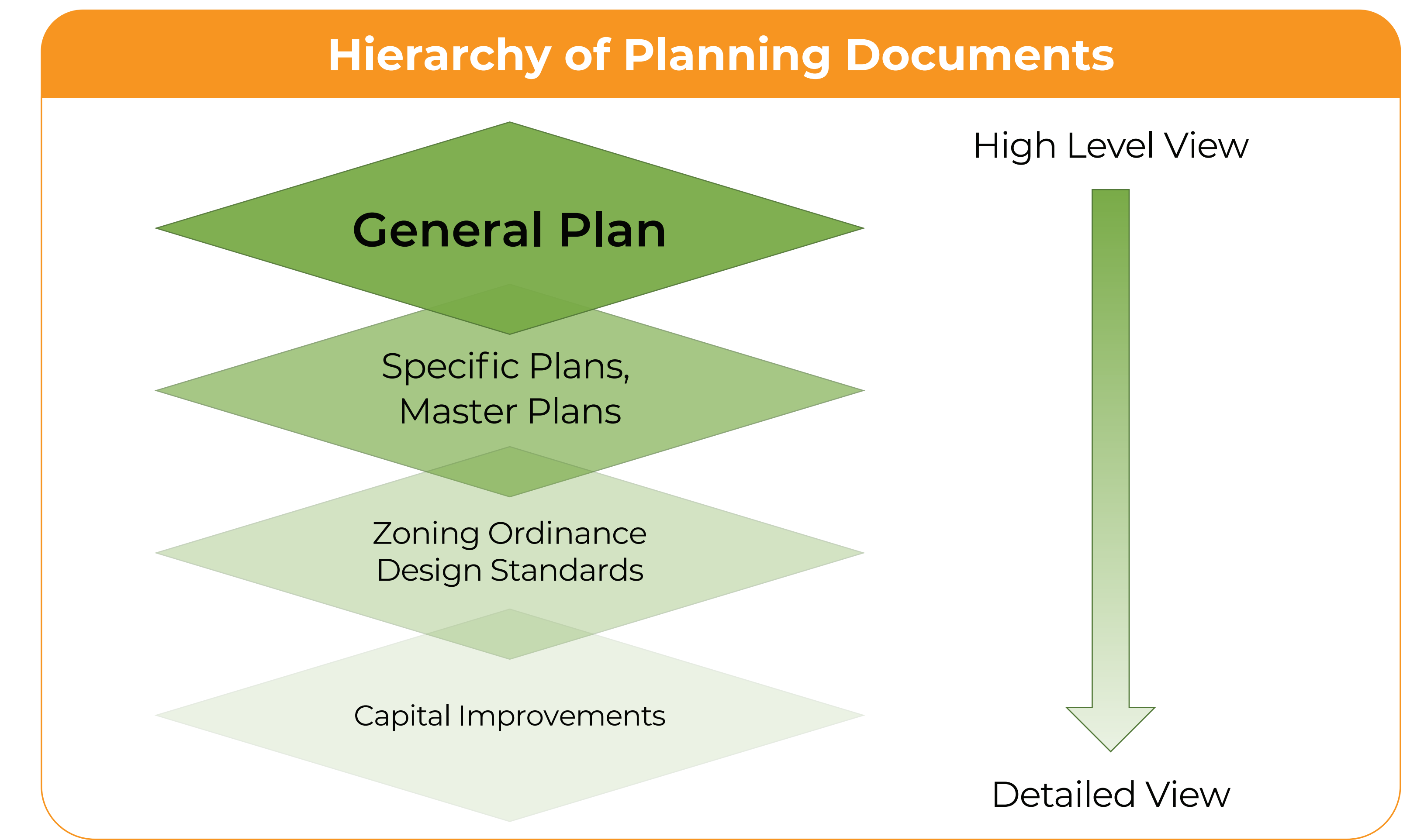
- Preserving and enhancing Los Altos' distinctive sense of place;
- Reinforcing the role of Downtown Los Altos in the life of the community;
- Facilitating infill development in strategic locations;
- Revitalizing older commercial centers with new uses to better serve the community;
- Exploring options to enhance recreational amenities and foster community health; and
- Advancing citywide goals for multimodal mobility, roadway safety, business vitality, environmental sustainability, and housing availability.

What topics are covered in the General Plan?



- By law, the General Plan must address the **8 topics** shown at left that affect all aspects of community life.
- It can also address key topics of importance to the community, such as:
 - **community health**
 - **historic resources**
 - **environmental sustainability**

What's the role of the General Plan?



- The General Plan is the City's primary long range planning document
- Implemented through a variety of mechanisms

