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Public meeting will get residents to vote on look of Tulare County in 2050

As part of the Tulare County Blueprint planning process, residents will soon get a chance to vote on what they think Tulare County should look like in 2050.

Following a series of meetings in March, Tulare County residents have one last chance to come together on Tuesday, April 15, in Visalia to cast their vote for the map they would prefer to see Tulare County grow into by 2050. Those in attendance will vote using "clicker technology" and see results instantly. The meeting will take place from 5-8 p.m. at the Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia Ave.

Maps will be shown of what Tulare County could look like in 2050 if development patterns and population projections continued as they are today. Maps will also explore transportation options and population patterns and densities in Tulare County.

"It's important that people vote on what they envision for Tulare County because the Blueprint will act as a guide for future growth," said Ted Smalley, executive director of the Tulare County Association of Governments.

The map that receives the most votes at this meeting will be presented to the Tulare County Association of Governments. After all input is received and a scenario is approved, the preferred scenario for Tulare County will be used to draft the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint's preferred scenario. The San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Process will develop a cohesive regional framework that defines and offers alternative solutions to growth related issues for the Valley. It is a joint effort of the Great Valley Center and the following counties: Tulare, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin and Stanislaus.

The Tulare County Association of Governments is a voluntary association of local governments, including each incorporated city and Tulare County. For more information on TCAG, contact Ted Smalley at (559) 733-6291 or visit [tularecog.org](http://tularecog.org).

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