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Public meetings 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.

A series of three meetings will give residents a chance to use interactive voting technology to cast their vote on the map they would prefer to see Tulare County grow into by 2050. A fourth meeting in Visalia will gather feedback from previous meetings for a final vote on the preferred map of Tulare County in 2050.

Residents will get a look at what Tulare County would look like in 2050 if development patterns and population projections continued as they are today. Maps will also be presented that explore how transportation options would change 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.

Residents are asked to vote at the following meetings:

- Thurs., March 20: 5-8 p.m., Dinuba Vocational Center, 199 North “L” St.
- Tues., March 25: 5-8 p.m., Porterville Chamber of Commerce, 93 N. Main St., Suite A.
- Thurs., March 27: 5-8 p.m., Earlimart Elementary School, 192 S. Church Rd.
- Tues., April 15: 5-8 p.m., Visalia Convention Center, 303 E Acequia Ave.

The final map will be presented to the Tulare County Association of Governments and once approved, it 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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