

ECONOMIC VITALITY & LAND USE STREAMLINING



The Town of Los Gatos is proud to be the home of a variety of premium shopping and dining experiences. Our downtown is one of the most charming and beautiful places around, while Los Gatos Boulevard and surrounding shopping centers provide neighborhood convenience and other fantastic shopping, dining, and service businesses against the back drop of the picturesque foothills. The Town Council is committed to creating opportunities for existing and new businesses to thrive throughout Los Gatos, and as a result have adopted a strategic priority to continue to support our business community through streamlining processes, policies, and ordinances.

Through the dedicated work of the Town Council, its Policy Committee, and the Planning Commission, the Town has taken strides to create, modify, and rescind Town policies and Code language to generate opportunities for businesses to continue to grow in Town.

The list below highlights much of the work that has been completed to date, and we will continue to make strides in creating an environment that allows our business community to continue to be the very best. Please click on any of the items below to learn more about what was adopted:

- Flexible [outdoor seating](#) regulations on public and private property (9/1/15, Town Council Meeting, Item 11)
- Allowance for paid private [Downtown valet parking](#) (11/3/15, Town Council Meeting, Item 13)
- Allowance for [entertainment](#) by right before 10 P.M. and late-night entertainment with a permit (6/21/16, Town Council Meeting, Item 19)
- Significantly reducing the Traffic Impact Fees that are applied to existing commercial space in Downtown and Shopping Centers ([11/17/16](#) and [2/16/17](#), Policy Committee Meetings)
- Providing flexible [seating calculations for restaurants](#) guided by Maximum Fire Occupancy (3/20/18, Town Council Meeting, Item 9)
- Rescission of the [Town's Alcohol Beverage Policy](#) acknowledging that ample vetting and oversight is provided through the State of California's Alcohol Beverage Control (4/3/18, Town Council Meeting, Item 8)
- Resolution for a limited time suspending the Conditional Use Permit requirement for [Formula Retailers in Downtown](#) (6/5/18, Town Council Meeting, Item 18)
- Resolution for a limited time allowing [restaurants to modify their Conditional Use Permits at the Development Review Committee](#) level significantly reducing the time and cost related to a CUP modification (6/19/18, Town Council Meeting, Item 19)
- Elimination of [parking time limits](#) in public parking lots Downtown on Saturdays (11/6/18, Town Council Meeting, Item 8)
- Approval for a [one-way street pilot on N. Santa Cruz Avenue](#) for the Summer and Fall of 2019, offering more on street parking and greater opportunities for parklets and bike and pedestrian traffic (1/15/19, Town Council Meeting, Item 5)
- Approval of a [pilot program to allow parklets](#), also known as sidewalk cafes, on Main Street and N. Santa Cruz Avenue (2/5/19, Town Council Meeting, Item 11)