Journey to 2035 Vision Statement

"Jersey Village will be a **premier community** that celebrates its unique **character and heritage** while providing exceptional **amenities and infrastructure**. We will enhance our **visual appeal**, expand **recreational opportunities**, foster **quality economic development**, prioritize **public safety**, and **strategically invest** in revitalizing key **corridors and underutilized spaces**."

Journey to 2035 Goals

Comprehensive planning goals translate the vision statement into a strategic framework for implementation of the Plan.

Goal A: Encourage a resilient and thriving local business environment.

Goal B: Cultivate a thriving community that attracts young families and supports

residents across all generations.

Goal C: Preserve and enhance parks and green space for multiple functions.

Goal D: Promote economic development by marketing Jersey Village successes.

Goal E: Create a safe, multimodal transportation network for all users.

Objectives and Strategies

Community Character and Identity (Goals B, C)

OBJECTIVES

- **Objective:** Strengthen access to support systems and programs tailored to the needs of both young families and senior residents.
- **Objective:** Strategically invest in enhancing community gathering spaces and corridors to reinforce Jersey Village's identity and appeal.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES

- **Strategy 1.** Activate underutilized spaces as temporary community spaces to foster family-oriented community events or space to express Jersey Village's identity.
- **Strategy 2.** Improve visual appeal and beautification standards on major thoroughfares and City gateways, including strategic tree planting to enhance pedestrian comfort and aesthetics.
- **Strategy 3.** Leverage the existing golf cart ordinance to designate golf cart parking spaces near retail and restaurant businesses, as well as at City parks, to enhance accessibility to community amenities.
- **Strategy 4.** Develop engagement programs for senior residents that promote intergenerational engagement.
- **Strategy 5.** Foster opportunities for community organizations and businesses that address a wide variety of family needs.

Growth Management and Future Land Use (Goals A, B, C)

OBJECTIVES

- **Objective:** Prioritize mixed-use development along key corridors and in strategic areas to create and enhance walkable, vibrant districts.
- **Objective:** Attract and support a varied mix of high-quality retail and dining establishments that meet community needs and contribute to a distinctive local experience.
- **Objective:** Preserve and enhance the quality and value of existing parks and open space to ensure they remain cherished community assets.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES

- **Strategy 1.** Expedite mixed-use development permitting along the US-290 corridor and within the Northwest Big Box and Park-and-Ride area.
- **Strategy 2.** Promote street-fronting commercial retail with parking situated at the rear of development sites.
- **Strategy 3.** Capitalize on Jersey Village's location within Houston's emerging markets to attract new or startup businesses to the vacant commercial space.

- **Strategy 4.** Amend the existing zoning to establish a parks and green space district that focuses on preserving and enhancing these spaces.
- **Strategy 5**. Enhance the visibility and appeal of existing parks and green space through native plantings and distinctive entry features.

Livable Neighborhoods and Housing (Goals B)

OBJECTIVES

- Objective: Evaluate limited opportunities for additional housing types that expand residential choice, enhance neighborhood quality, and align with the established character of Jersey Village.
- **Objective:** Encourage investments in the renovation and modernization of existing homes to meet current demands while preserving neighborhood character.
- **Objective:** Maintain and enhance the continuity of existing neighborhood character through thoughtful design guidelines and preservation strategies.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES

- **Strategy #.** Develop resources and programs to encourage and support property owners in the renovation and modernization of existing single-family homes.
- **Strategy #.** Review and update zoning ordinances and design guidelines to ensure the long-term preservation and protection of neighborhood character, parks, and green spaces.
- **Strategy #.** Develop and implement educational programs for residents on design guidelines and preservation best practices.
- **Strategy #.** Conduct comprehensive community engagement and design studies to explore specific, context-sensitive housing options that align with the community's vision for limited residential choice.
- **Strategy #.** Develop a portfolio of pre-approved housing plans that meet established design quidelines and aesthetic standards to streamline the permitting process for developers.
- **Strategy #.** Review and update zoning ordinances to permit accessory dwelling units in single-family residential districts.

Hazard Mitigation and Risk Reduction (Goal C, D)

OBJECTIVES

- **Objective:** Integrate sustainable green infrastructure within parks and appropriate underutilized sites to enhance stormwater management, reduce flooding, and enhance the City's natural assets.
- **Objective:** Continuously improve the effectiveness and capacity of the stormwater drainage network across Jersey Village, prioritizing areas with chronic flooding challenges.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES

- **Strategy 1.** Implement rebate and incentive programs to encourage the installation of rain gardens and other green infrastructure features on public and private properties.
- **Strategy 2.** Establish a stormwater utility program to dedicate revenue to public stormwater system maintenance and expansion projects.
- **Strategy 3.** Strengthen partnership with the Harris County Flood Control District to expand flood mitigation programming and education in Jersey Village.

Access to Quality Recreation and Green Space (Goal B, C, D)

OBJECTIVES

- **Objective:** Improve the quality and range of recreational facilities and programs within City parks to support residents of all ages and abilities.
- **Objective:** Enhance safe and convenient pedestrian access to parks through improved sidewalk connections, clear directional signage, and accessible crossings.
- **Objective:** Integrate natural stormwater management features within parks to enhance their drainage functions, reduce flood risk, and improve environmental quality.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES

- **Strategy 1.** Invest in upgrading and diversifying recreational facilities and programs within City parks to foster active and inclusive opportunities for all residents.
- Strategy 2. Implement ongoing improvements to neighborhood parks and green spaces.
- **Strategy 3.** Investigate the feasibility of utilizing recreation fields as integrated stormwater retention basins.

Mobility and Safety (Goals B, E)

OBJECTIVES

- **Objective:** Enhance the safety, accessibility, and connectivity of sidewalks and crosswalks throughout the City to support convenient and enjoyable walking for residents.
- **Objective:** Improve safe and convenient access to nature trails and enhance their connections to create a comprehensive trail network.
- **Objective:** Improve traffic safety citywide, focusing on conflict reduction and safety enhancements for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- **Objective:** Explore and implement enhanced local mobility options that serve Jersey Village residents, promote connectivity, and reduce reliance on personal vehicles for short trips.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES

• **Strategy 1.** Maintain and expand the inventory of sidewalk conditions to prioritize repairs and identify areas requiring repeated work.

- **Strategy 2.** Prioritize sidewalk repairs utilizing permeable pavers and implementing solutions to mitigate tree root damage.
- **Strategy 3.** Develop a trails master plan focused on improving access points and enhancing connections to internal and adjacent trail networks.
- **Strategy 4.** Develop a citywide traffic calming strategy.
- **Strategy 5.** Prioritize intersection improvements to enhance safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- **Strategy 6.** Explore and pilot enhanced local mobility options for residents.
- **Strategy 7.** Apply for competitive funding programs to support traffic safety and local mobility implementation.
- **Strategy 8.** Prioritize public safety measures and new technologies that deter crime for all new developments or major rehabilitations.

Business and Economic Growth (Goals A, B, D)

OBJECTIVES

- **Objective:** Activate commercial areas and corridors through strategic economic development initiatives that attract high-quality, community-aligned businesses and create vibrant destinations.
- **Objective:** Strengthen the local business ecosystem by facilitating access to marketing, networking, and growth resources for all businesses in Jersey Village.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES

- Strategy 1. Foster the creation of vibrant commercial centers and gathering spaces.
- Strategy 2. Prioritize the revitalization of existing commercial properties and vacant lots.
- **Strategy 3.** Develop and promote a clear vision for desired business types and quality standards.
- Strategy 4. Connect businesses with essential resources and guidance.
- Strategy 5. Establish a centralized entity for local business support.
- **Strategy 6.** Enhance opportunities for business-to-business collaboration and community engagement.

Municipal Services and Utilities (Goals B, C, D)

OBJECTIVES

- **Objective:** Enhance public safety through strengthened interdepartmental partnerships and effective resource deployment by Police, Fire, EMS, and Public Works.
- **Objective:** Foster a community-wide commitment to public safety through transparent education, accessible engagement, and resident-led collaborative initiatives.

• **Objective:** Strategically modernize and enhance the capacity of the existing utility network through fiscally responsible capital improvement projects that prioritize infrastructure resiliency and reliable service for all residents.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES

- **Strategy 1.** Implement a streamlined process for residents to report code enforcement issues to enhance interdepartmental response.
- **Strategy 2.** Actively cultivate trust between the community and local law enforcement through ongoing engagement and monitoring of community trust levels.
- **Strategy 3.** Improve and expand water, sanitary sewer, and stormwater system capacity through long-term funding mechanisms that prioritize critical and aging infrastructure.

