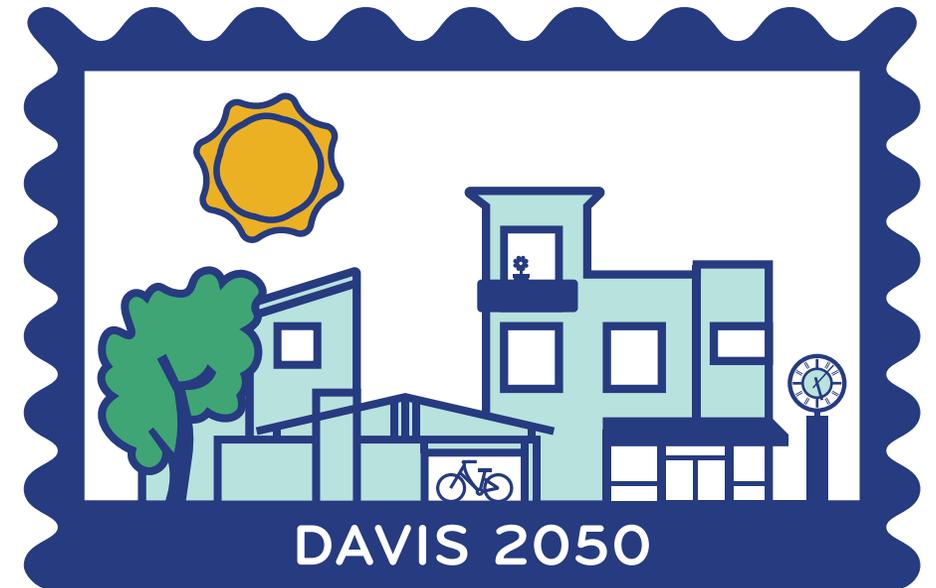


Update to the Recreation and Parks Commission

October 15, 2025



General Plan Update



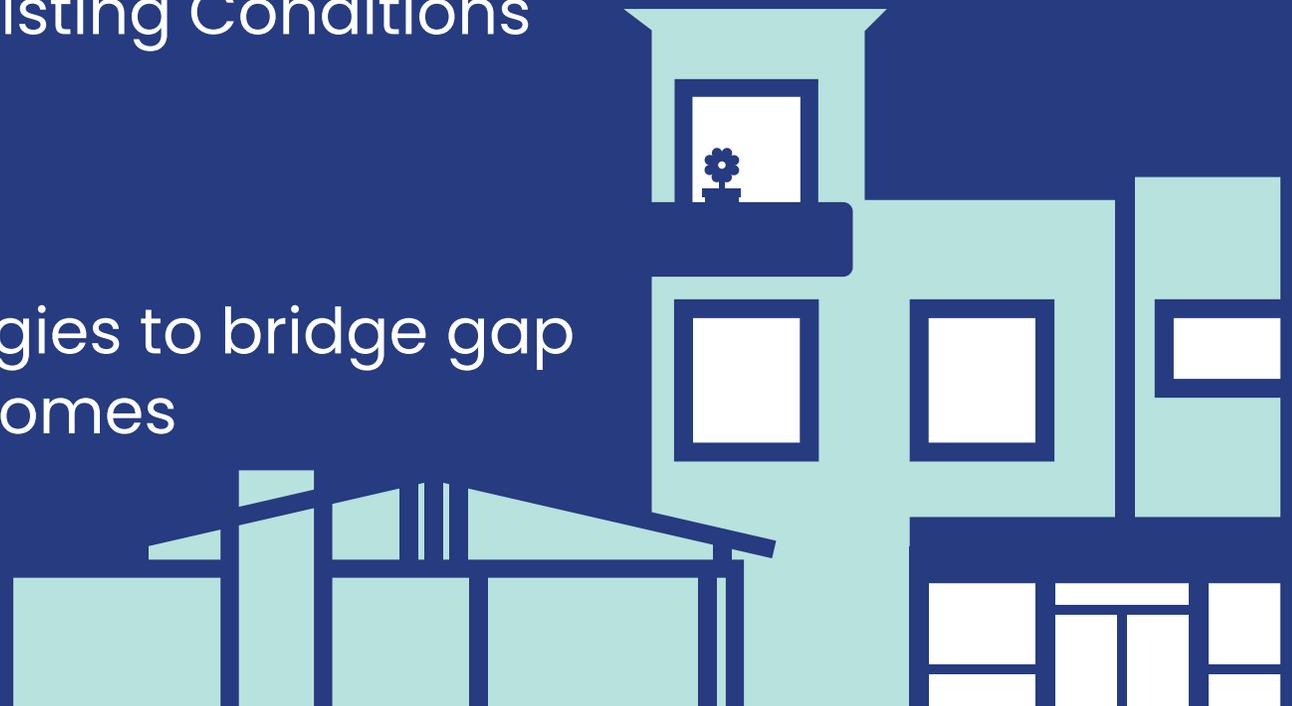
Meeting Purpose

Team to share:

- Update on the General Plan progress
- Review vision/project outcomes
- Present Parks and Recreation Existing Conditions

Commission to discuss:

- Key parks and recreation issues
- Key parks and recreation strategies to bridge gap between issues and vision/outcomes



Key GPU Phases

You ARE HERE

2025

2026

2027

Phases

Listening and Discovery

Land Use and Mobility Plan Development

Policy Development and Plan Preparation

Public Plan Review

Final Plan Review and Adoption

Environmental Impact Report Preparation

Engagement Plan

Vision and Project Outcomes

Existing Conditions Reports

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Clustered Commission Engagement

Kickoff + Project Outcomes

- Planning Commission 2/26
- All Commission 4/23
- City Council 5/13

Vision, Key Strategies, Existing Conditions

- City Council
- General Plan Committee

Policy Development

- All Commissions Individually
- General Plan Committee

Public Draft General Plan

- All Commissions Individually
- General Plan Committee

Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1

TODAY: Existing Conditions Reports

- All Commissions Individually

Land Use Concepts

- Planning Commission Subcommittee
- All Commissions together
- General Plan Committee
- City Council

Land Use + Mobility Plan

- Planning Commission
- General Plan Committee
- City Council

General Plan Adoption

- Planning Commission Hearings
- City Council Hearings





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Participate

Shape the Future of Davis Together

Davis is evolving and you have the power to guide that change. After more than 20 years, we're updating our community's blueprint—the General Plan—that will shape Davis for the next generation. This isn't just another government document. It's our shared vision for the community we love.



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Community Workshop

August 13, 2025

- 174 attendees
- Presentation and 7 stations + kids activity



Ways to Stay Involved

- 1 Complete online surveys

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KG36LXX>



- 2 Host a meeting

Download meeting-in-a-box materials:

<https://www.davisgeneralplan.com/participate>



Draft Vision

Davis advances safe, fair, healthy and sustainable neighborhoods where everyone has what they need to thrive and succeed.



Healthy & Resilient Communities

- Complete neighborhoods
- Active transportation
- Connected and biodiverse park and open space system
- Housing choice
- Jobs-housing match
- Spaces for businesses to flourish
- Areas to meet housing, business, and community needs
- Climate ready neighborhoods
- Davis-based approach



Community Engagement

- Building knowledge and ownership
- Listen to new voices

Leadership

- Regional leadership
- High-quality community services
- Fiscal sustainability

Document Preparation

- Consistency with the State
- Adaptability
- Focused process and plan
- Ease of use and monitoring



Setting the Stage



A Growing Population

65,800
population*

+44%
since 1990
-1.5%
since 2020

*Data source: United States Census Bureau 2020 Decennial Census

**Data source: University of California, Davis Longitudinal Population Data; BAE, 2025.

UC Davis Population

~47,900

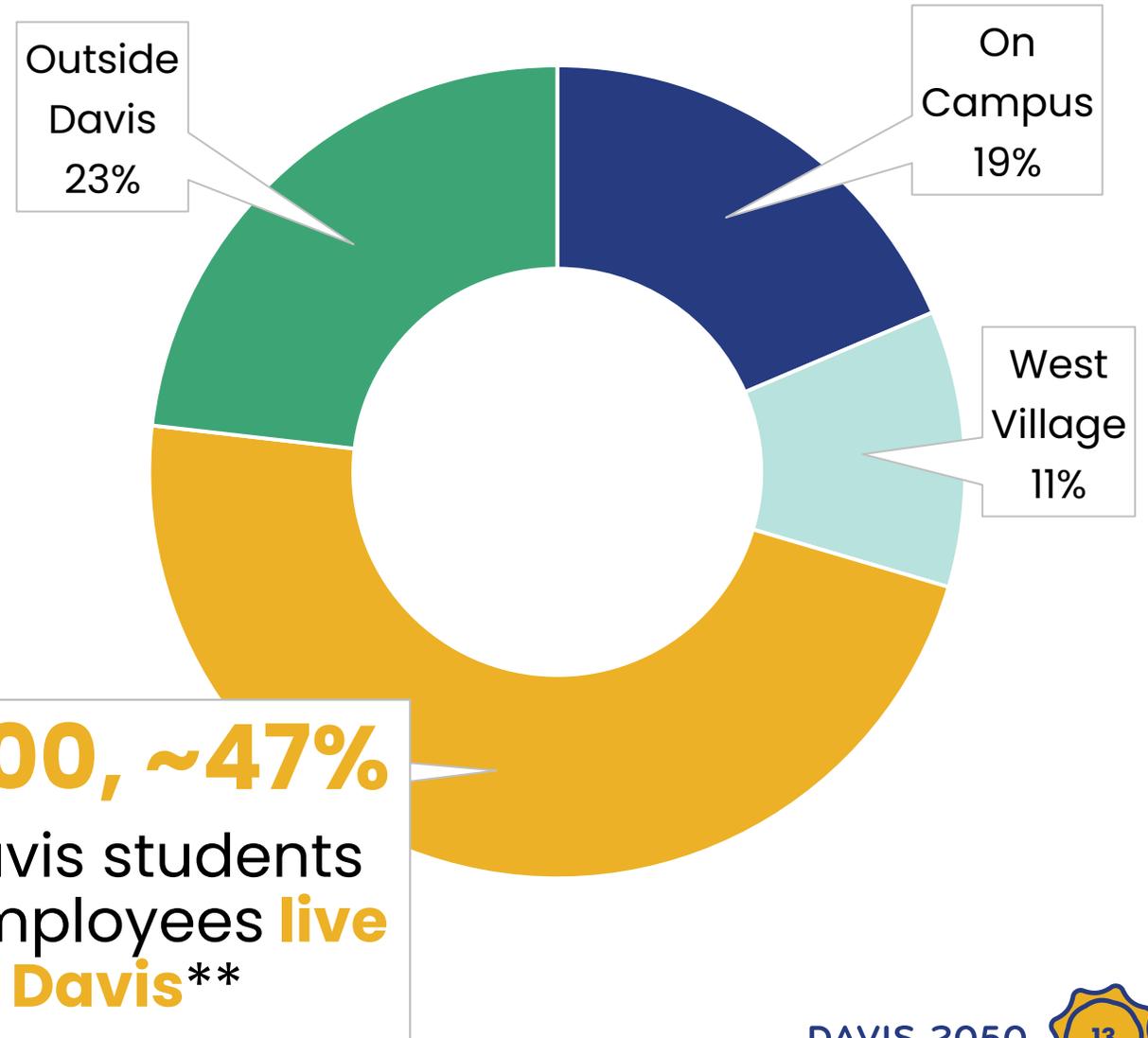
UC Davis students
and employees**

36,500

UC Davis
students**

11,500

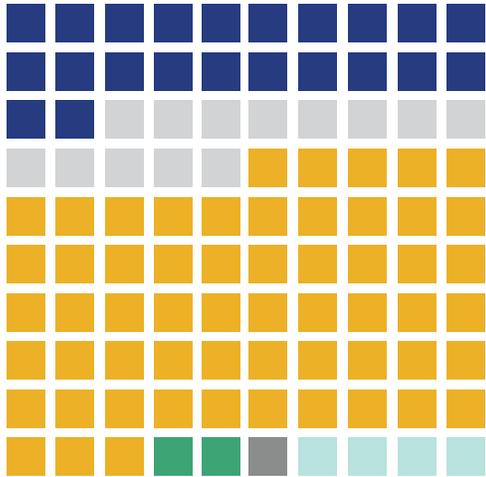
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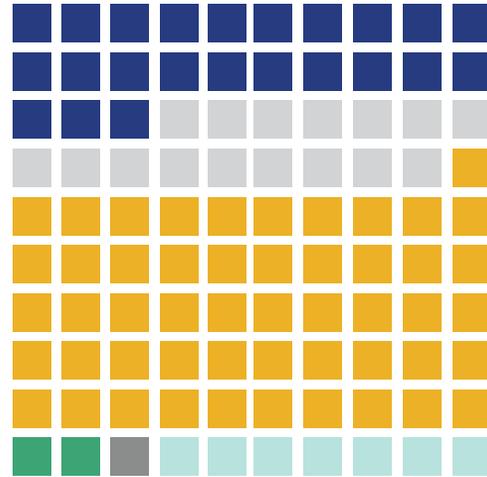
A More Diverse Population

Davis: 2010



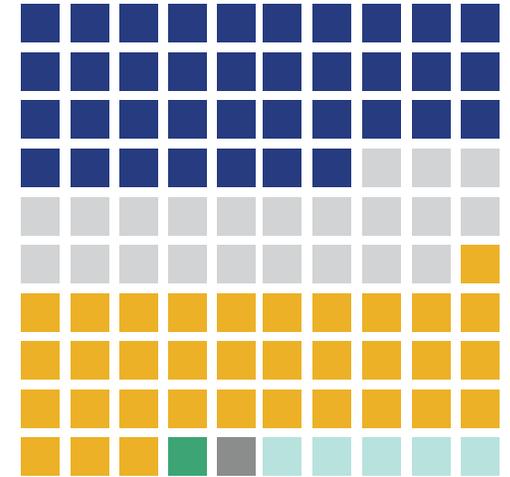
- Asian (22%)
- Hispanic / Latino (13%)
- White (59%)
- Black or African American (2%)
- American Indian / Alaska Native (<1%)
- Other / Two or More Races (4%)

Davis: 2023



- Asian (23%)
- Hispanic / Latino (16%)
- White (50%)
- Black or African American (2%)
- American Indian / Alaska Native (<1%)
- Other / Two or More Races (7%)

UC Davis CDP: 2023

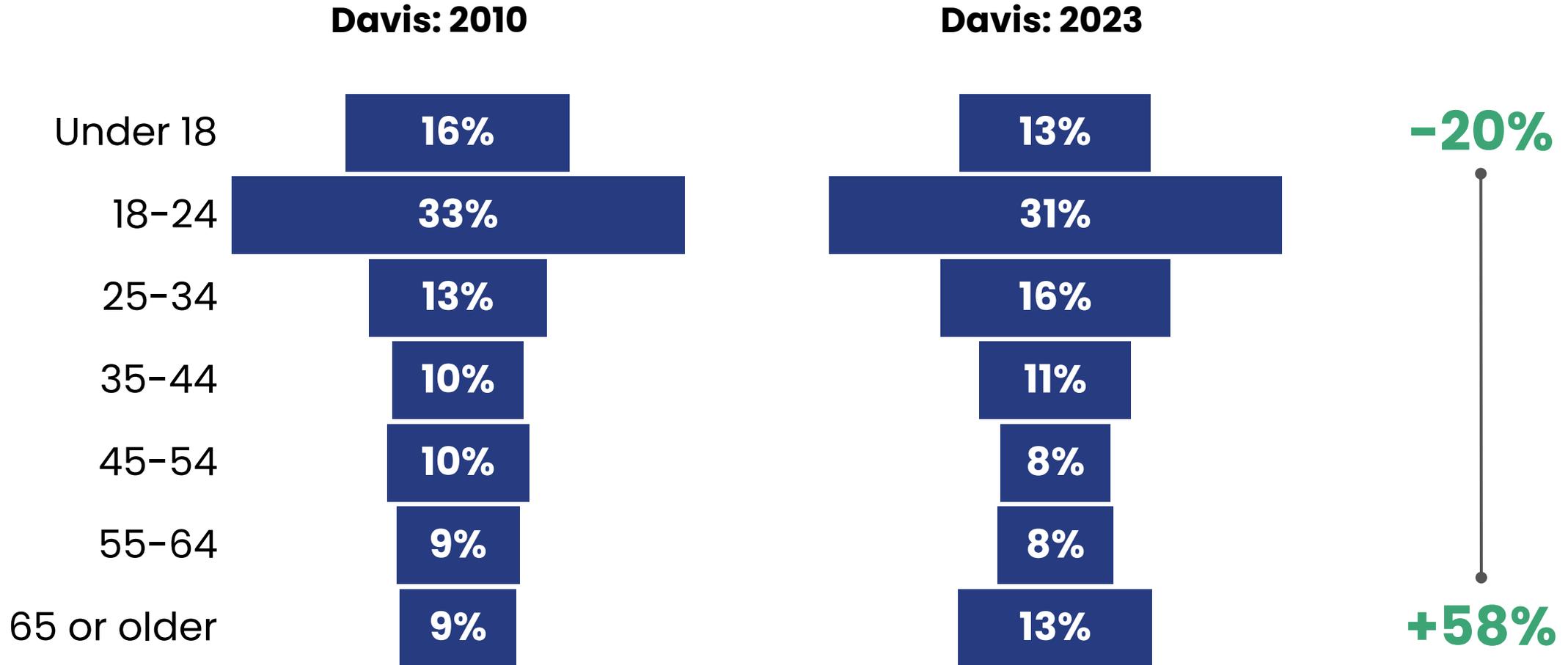


- Asian (37%)
- Hispanic / Latino (22%)
- White (34%)
- Black or African American (1%)
- American Indian / Alaska Native (<1%)
- Other / Two or More Races (6%)



Data source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census 2010; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2019-2023 five-year sample data; BAE, 2025

An Aging Population



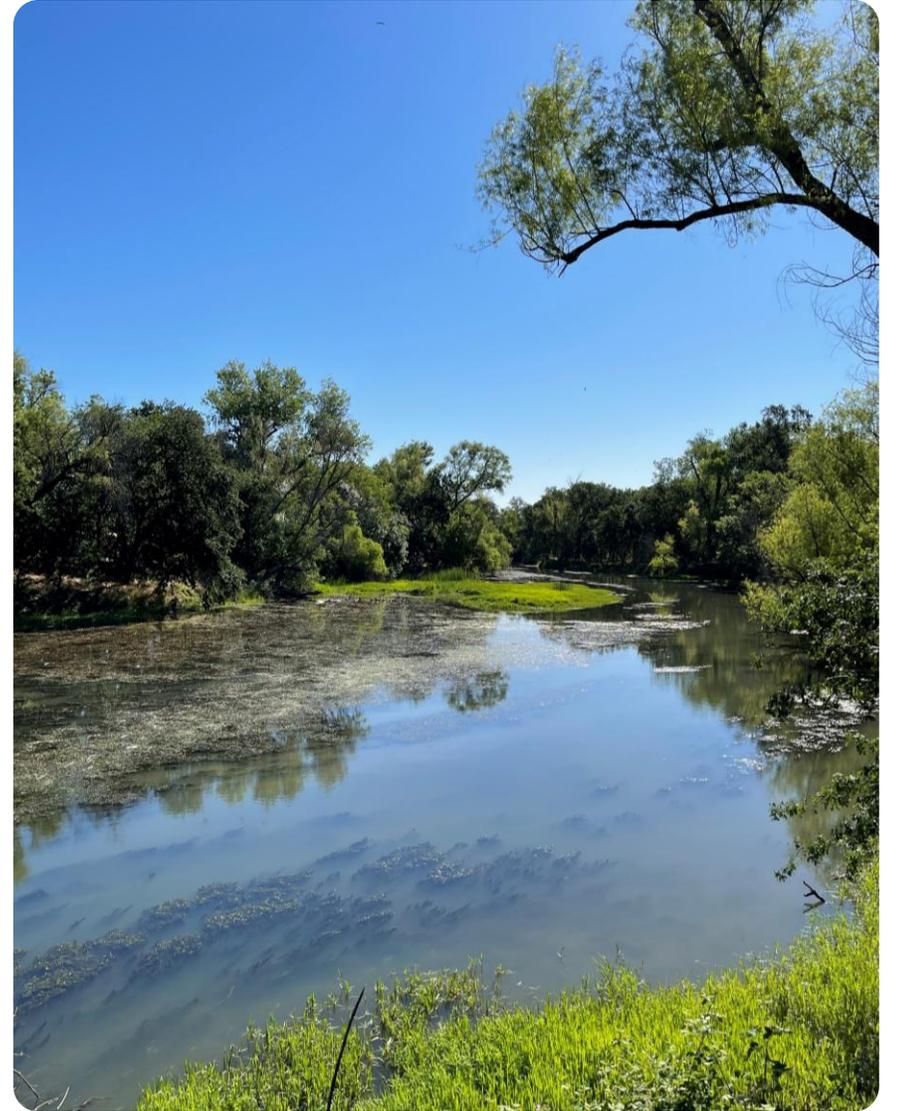
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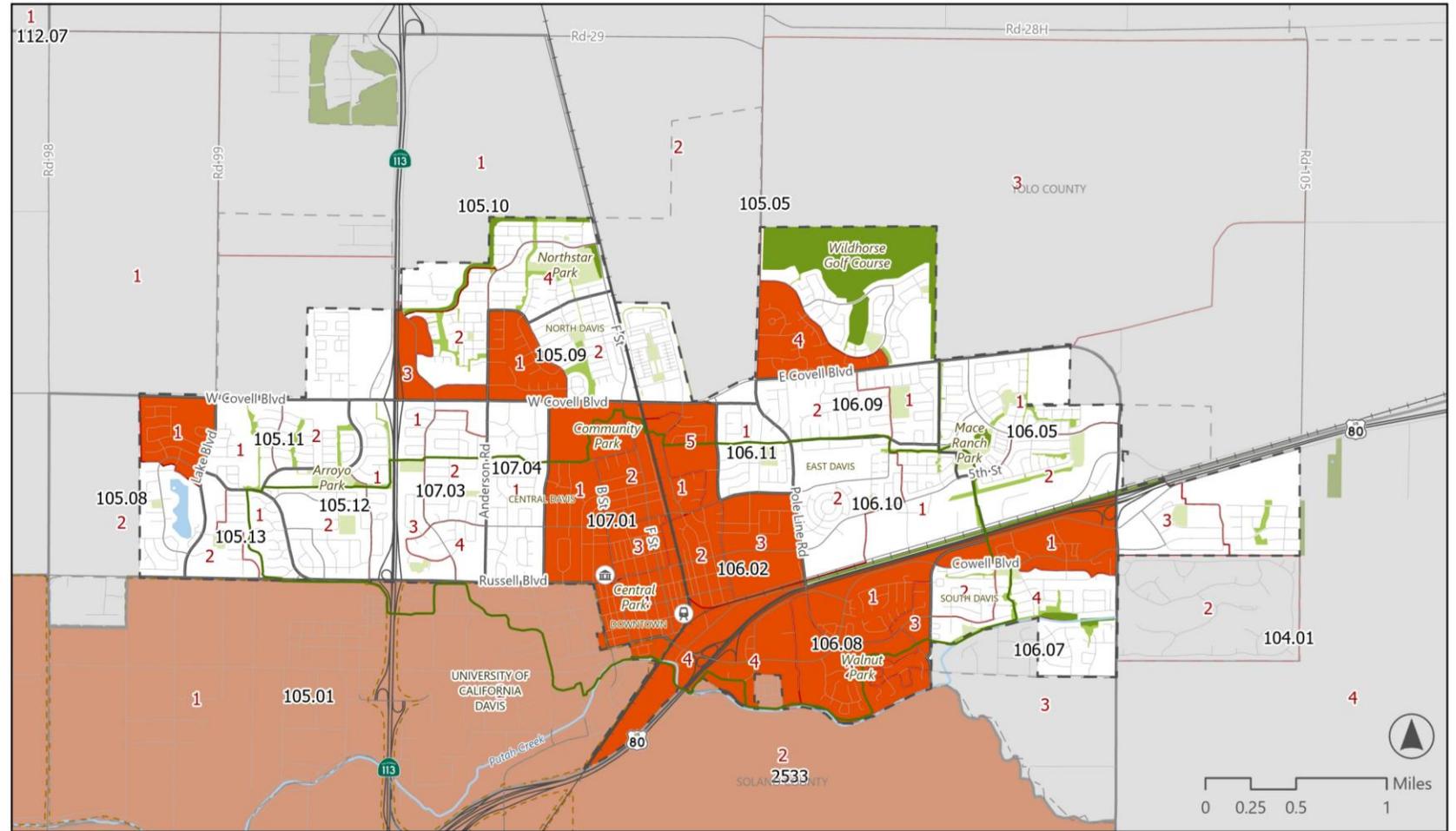
- Requires local governments to update their local open space plan or corresponding General Plan Elements to address the following:
 - **Equitable access** to parks, greenbelts and recreational facilities for all residents
 - **Climate resilience** and other co-benefits of parks
 - **Urban ecology and rewilding** opportunities to support biodiversity and enhance ecosystem resilience
- These topics will be addressed in several Elements of the General Plan Update



Disadvantaged Communities

“A low income area that is disproportionately affected by environmental pollution that can lead to negative health effects”

- (Gov. Code, § 65302, subd. (h)(4)(A).)



- Low Income Areas with Pollution Burdens Outside the City Limits
- Low Income Areas with Pollution Burdens

Strong network of existing parks

- 94% residents live within ½ mile of parks
- Residents have access to extensive 457-acre network of parks, greenbelts, and other public open spaces
- Davis currently achieves park access standard, but may fall short with future population growth

Limited sites for new facilities

- Community prioritizes maintenance of existing facilities over new parks
- \$14.7m in capital improvements needed over next 10 years
- Increasing demand for recreational programs and amenities for all ages

Funding strategies for capital improvements

- Joint use agreements, parklets, and open space access
- Negotiate public benefits with new developments
- Parks Bond Measure for new capital improvements

Key Findings

City Parks

+457 acres
of parks,
greenbelts, and
special use areas

+260 acres of 41
parks, **+197 acres**
of greenbelts

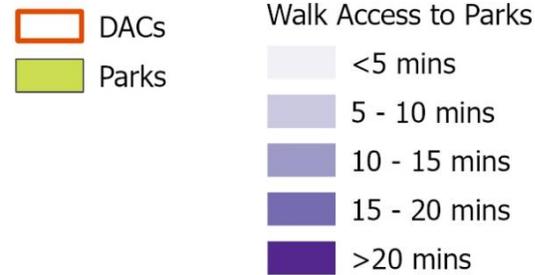
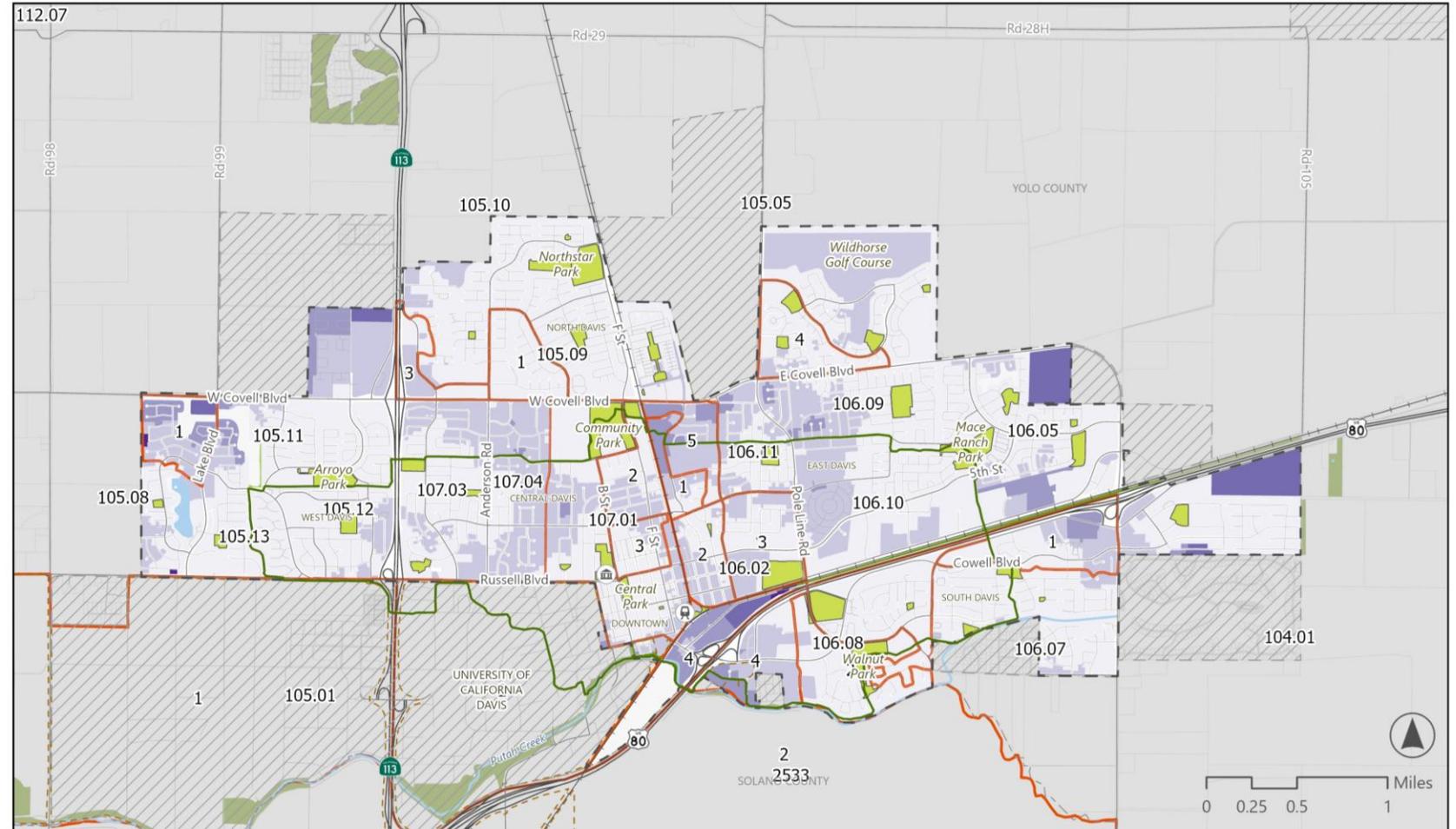
~7 acres
of parks and
greenbelts per
1,000 residents



-  Parks
-  Greenbelts
-  Publicly Accessible Open Space

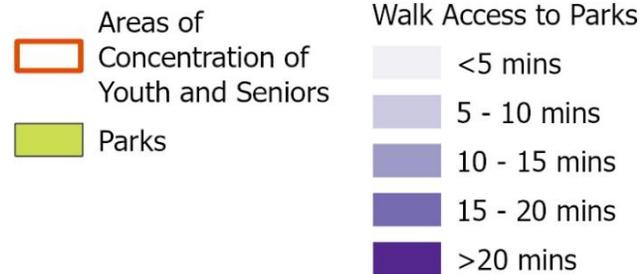
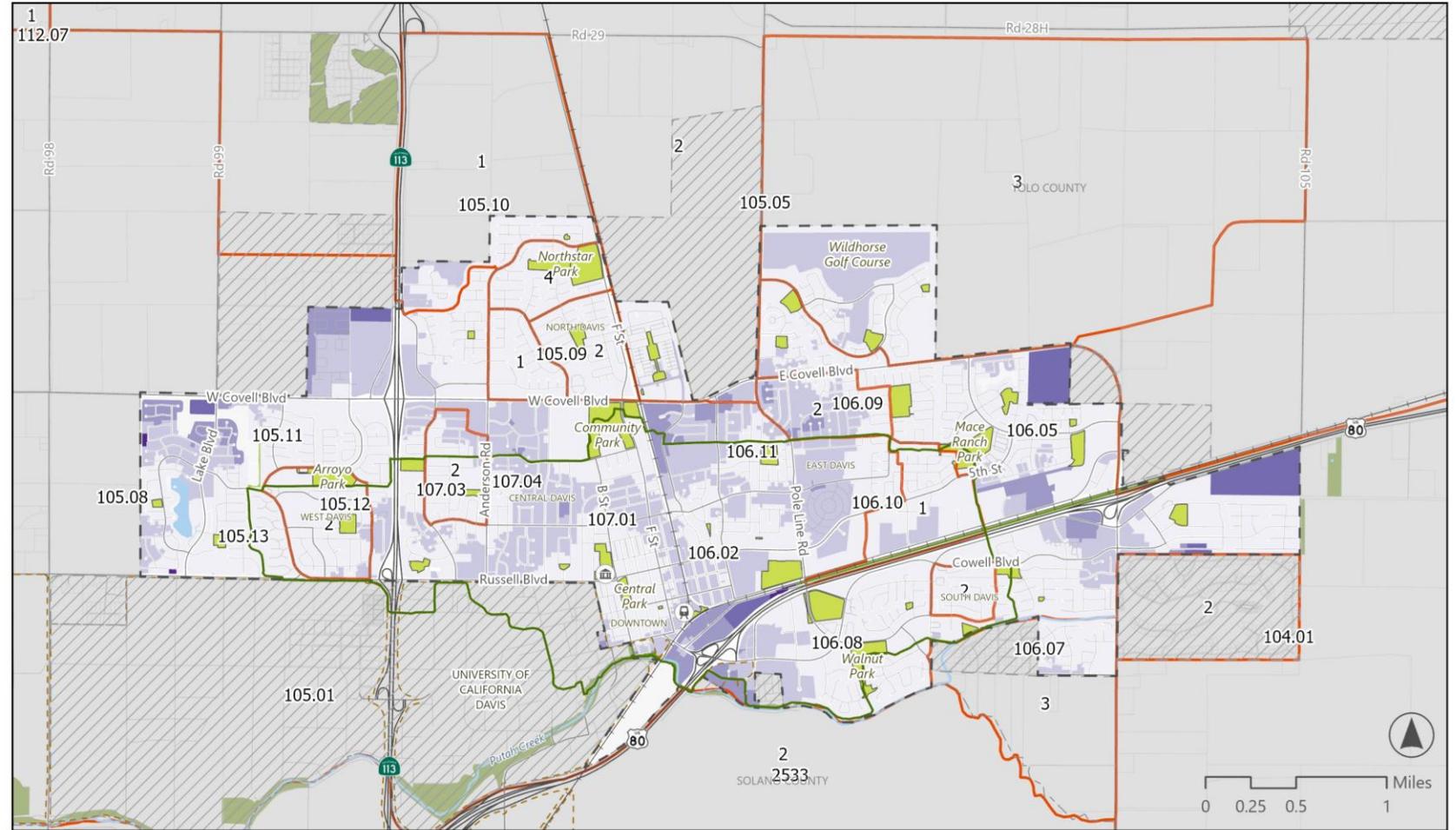
Access to Parks

The majority of Davis residents live **within walking distance of parks**. 94% of residents live within a ½-mile or 10 minute walk of a park.



Youth & Senior Park Access

Youth and seniors are concentrated towards the periphery of Davis within walking distance to parks.



Critical Issues and Strategies



Key Issues

- Access to parks and facilities
- Cost of park and facility maintenance
- Loss of urban forest and ecological assets within city limits
- Outdated or insufficient recreational programming and amenities
- Declining youth population and increasing senior population
- Declining DJUSD enrollment

Barriers to Meeting Needs

- Funding and space constraints for new parks, recreational facilities, and capital improvement projects
- Community desire to prioritize maintenance over new parks
- Balancing park expansion with new jobs/housing
- Small amount of vacant land



Potential Parks Strategies

- Expand amenities in parks including dog parks, lighting, and paths
- Create pocket parks, plazas, rooftop gardens, and community gardens
- Provide community gathering spaces
- Connect parks and greenbelts with pedestrian, bicycle, and transit routes
- Expand urban tree canopy in parks, greenbelts, and throughout Davis

- Support native, low-water, and wildlife-friendly gardens
- Prioritize maintenance of existing facilities and funding
- Require new developments to create publicly accessible green space
- Explore joint use agreements to expand recreational programming



Questions for Commissioners

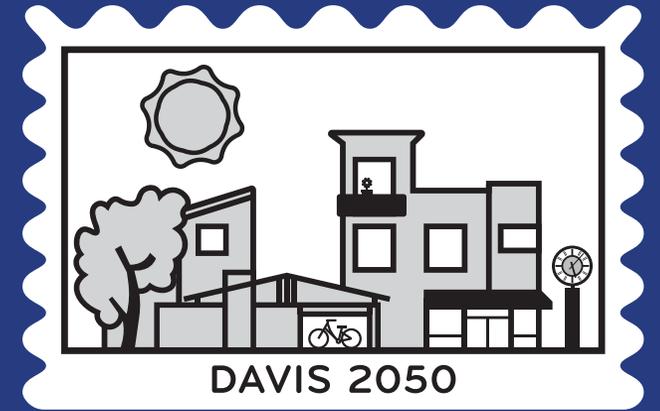
1. Are there any key parks and recreation issues or opportunities we missed?
 2. What are the key strategies for parks and recreation that bridge the gap between the key issues and vision/project outcomes?
- Consider how the strategy may be refined to address:
 - Fair access to parks, greenbelts and recreational facilities for all residents
 - Climate resilience and other co-benefits of parks
 - Urban ecology and rewilding opportunities to support biodiversity and enhance ecosystem resilience



What's Next

- Pop-up workshops and Survey #1
- Finalize Vision and Project Outcomes and Key Issues
- Prepare Key Strategies for General Plan
- Prepare and receive input on draft Land Use Concepts

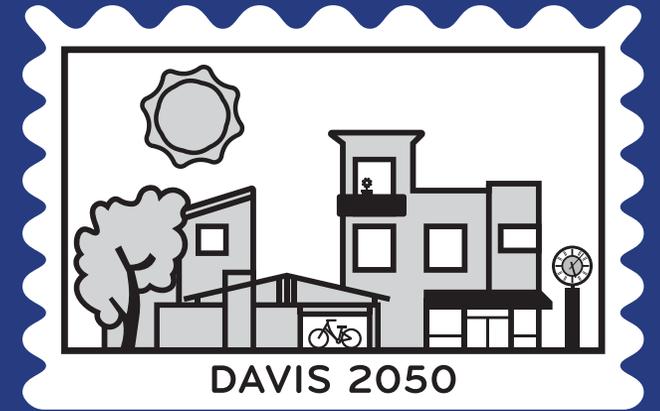




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Thank you!

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EXTRA SLIDES

