



DAVID EARLY FAICP, LEED AP

Senior Advisor

David is renowned throughout California as an expert on smart growth and sustainable development, with work in the fields of comprehensive planning, plan implementation, public participation, urban design, transportation, and environmental review. His work spans diverse fields such as downtown revitalization, transit-oriented development, bicycle planning, greenhouse gas reduction, and agricultural preservation. David is an expert facilitator, and he has helped numerous groups achieve consensus on difficult development and conservation issues. He also has extensive knowledge of GIS planning concepts and has overseen the application of GIS to a number of major projects. David has over 35 years of experience in planning and design, and has master's degrees in both Architecture and City Planning. He founded Design, Community & Environment in Berkeley in 1991; the firm became part of PlaceWorks in 2005. David is a member emeritus of the California Planning Roundtable, whose mission is to promote creativity and excellence in planning by providing leadership in addressing important planning issues in California. He is a frequent speaker and teacher, and his work has won awards at the local, State, and national levels. David was inducted as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP) in 2020 and named a Planner Emeritus Network Honoree in 2019.

HIGHLIGHTS OF EXPERIENCE

Comprehensive Planning

- Hollister General Plan | Hollister, CA
- SB 1000 Implementation Toolkit, CA (Statewide)
- Concord Hills Regional Park Land Use Plan and EIR, Concord CA
- Morgan Hill 2035 | Morgan Hill CA
- Vacaville General Plan Update and EIR | Vacaville CA
- Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan Update and EIR | Palo Alto CA
- Butte County General Plan update and EIR | Butte County CA
- Yolo County General Plan Update | Yolo County CA
- Sacramento County General Plan Update | Sacramento County CA
- Envision Chino-- General Plan 2025 and EIR | Chino CA
- National City General Plan, EIR, & Climate Action Plan | National City CA
- Livermore General Plan | Livermore CA
- Tracy General Plan and EIR | Tracy CA
- Eden Area General Plan and EIR | San Lorenzo CA
- Newman General Plan Update and EIR | Newman CA

Urban Design

- Concord Naval Weapons Station Specific Plan | Concord, CA
- Moraga Downtown Specific Plan | Moraga, CA

EDUCATION

- Master of Architecture, University of California, Berkeley
- Master of City Planning, University of California, Berkeley
- BA, Community Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz

CERTIFICATIONS

- Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional

AFFILIATIONS

- American Planning Association
- Congress for the New Urbanism
- California Planning Roundtable

Team member since 1995



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- Livermore Downtown Specific Plan Update | Livermore, CA
- Gilroy High-Speed Rail Station Visioning Project | Gilroy CA
- Hillsdale Station Area Plan | San Mateo CA
- Irvington Concept Plan | Fremont CA
- Cambria Design Plan | San Luis Obispo County CA
- Avila Beach Specific Plan and EIR | San Luis Obispo County CA
- Windsor Downtown Plan | Windsor CA
- Larkspur Downtown Specific Plan | Larkspur CA

Facilitation and Community Involvement

- East Bay Hills Wildfire Prevention Regional Planning | Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, CA
- Sunnyvale City Council Redistricting Process | Sunnyvale, CA
- LA Countywide Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment | Los Angeles County CA
- I-80/Gilman Intersection Improvement Project Approval & Environmental Documentation | Alameda County CA
- Measure A Outreach & Implementation | Los Angeles County CA
- Downtown Livermore Public Outreach | Livermore CA
- State Route 239 Planning and Outreach | Contra Costa County CA
- BART to Livermore Extension Planning Public Outreach Facilitation | Livermore CA
- Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) Community Outreach Project | Sonoma and Marin Counties CA
- Livermore Vision Project | Livermore CA
- Measure J Reauthorization Outreach, Facilitation, and Strategic Planning | Contra Costa County CA

Regional Planning

- Contra Costa Transportation Authority On-Call Planning, including updates to subregional Action Plans and the Countywide Transportation Plan | Contra Costa County, CA
- Fresno Council of Governments Regional Housing Needs Plan | Fresno County, CA
- Butte Council of Governments Regional Housing Needs Plan | Butte County, CA
- Solano County RHNA Strategy | Solano County CA
- Regional Smart Growth/Transit-Oriented Development Plan | San Joaquin County CA
- Bay Area Regional Smart Growth Strategy | San Francisco Bay Area CA

AWARDS

- 2018 Best Practices (Merit), APA California: SB 1000 Implementation Toolkit
- 2018 Resource Document (Merit), AEP California: SB 1000 Implementation Toolkit
- 2017 Public Outreach, APA California: Los Angeles County Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment
- 2016 Marketing and Communications Award of Excellence, California Park and Recreation Society: Los Angeles County Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment
- 2016 Hard-Won Victory Award, APA California: Vacaville General Plan
- 2015 Comprehensive Planning/Small Jurisdiction (Merit), APA California Northern Section: Benicia Urban Waterfront Enhancement and Master Plan