



**CITY OF
WALNUT
CREEK**

2021-2022 City Council Priorities

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). Keep building a welcoming and inclusive community by continuing the City’s DEI efforts, including training of City leadership and employees, review of policies and practices, communication, outreach to under-represented communities, and partnerships with not-for-profit organizations, with some initiatives guided/augmented by the DEI Task Force.

Economic Development and COVID recovery. Informed by our pandemic experience, revisit and implement the Economic Development Strategic Plan, including efforts related to improving economic diversification, job retention and creation, the jobs-housing ratio, and permit processing, with an added emphasis on Covid recovery and revitalization strategies within the downtown core and elsewhere.

Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action. Remain a leader in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and achieving other sustainability goals by completing the update of the City's Sustainability Action Plan, establishing a funding program, adopting a climate action emergency resolution, and implementing the plan as well as other efforts in program areas such as alternative transportation, open space protection, and disaster resiliency.

Infrastructure and Facilities. Meet ongoing infrastructure maintenance needs and create clear priorities and funding strategies for parks, athletic fields, community buildings and other related facilities and infrastructure as identified in the “Your Parks, Your Future” plan.

Social Wellness and Public Safety. Support new and better responses to homelessness, mental health crises and public safety challenges through (1) city programming that promotes the health and well-being of our residents; (2) partnerships with other service providers; (3) police training and other programs that enable greater community engagement; and (4) more innovative, effective responses to behavioral/non-criminal calls for service.