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## Suisun City Strategic Plan

Suisun City has existed as a city for over 150 years but it is only now – 2019 – that Suisun City has its first five-year strategic plan in place.

The new 2020-2025 Suisun City Strategic Plan was one of several accomplishments Mayor Lori Wilson highlighted during a presentation Nov. 12 to the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber's Advocacy Council.

"We wanted Suisun City to have a strategic plan because... We have had visionary leaders in the past, however, when that person leaves, so does their vision," Wilson told the committee. "How can the city maintain its vision? We needed a plan."

The plan includes six goals to maintain quality of life in Suisun City:

- Revitalize the downtown waterfront district
- Develop a sustainable economy
- Ensure public safety
- Provide good governance
- Ensure fiscal solvency
- Enhance environment

She shared that the council and city looked at the plan as "planting flowers and trees." The flowers, she explained, are for current residents, while the trees are for the generations to follow.

Wilson is finishing her first year as Suisun City's mayor after serving on the city council for six years. She wanted to run for mayor because she felt the city had been in a "status quo" for some time. There was a lot to accomplish that first year – and not all of it was done – but she said she would still consider it a success.

"We wanted to establish a foundation," she said, adding that in the last year alone, all department heads, as well as the city manager, are new to the city. "We have all said, let's lift up the carpet and see what is underneath... And while lifting up what we thought were small rocks, we have had our share of dragons."

The city is going to face a major challenge in 2020 as it tackles a budget that its mayor said is just not sustainable. While Suisun City is receiving funds from the passage of Measure S in 2016, it is not enough, Wilson said.

"It goes back to inspecting our foundation," she said. "Like a surgeon, we are going to have to be careful and precise.

"This is not a problem we're going to be able to cut or develop our way out of," she added. "It's going to require all of us to look at it and be as efficient as possible."

She stressed that the city is looking at every option on the table, and that no matter what happens in 2020 and beyond – "I will keep it real."