property, and request shall be submitted to the City Council by the Planning Staff in sufficient time to be heard by the City Council at the second Council meeting following the application deadline.

The following criteria shall be used as guidelines for the City Council to determine which applications will be accepted for processing. An application should be accepted if:

- A General Plan Amendment is necessary to resolve inconsistency between General Plan designation and zoning.
- A General Plan Amendment is necessary to provide a uniform land use designation on a single parcel or development site.
- A General Plan Amendment would result in decreased traffic impacts from the property.

An application for amendment to the General Plan should not be considered if:

- The request applies to a single small lot or a small area, especially if the change would make the property inconsistent with surrounding properties.
- The property is located in the Redevelopment Area (requires action by the Redevelopment Agency to amend the redevelopment plan).

No General Plan Amendment shall be accepted which would increase the overall, City-wide development cap. However, General Plan Amendments which would result in development exchanges or transfers, may be considered.

As these are simply guidelines, the Council may deviate from them if there are other important reasons for accepting or rejecting a particular application.