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***FIRST HAKONE GARDENS MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th***

The City of Saratoga invites the public to take part in the development of the Hakone Gardens Master Plan. The City will host its first community workshop on Tuesday, February 10, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Hakone Estate and Gardens, located at 21000 Big Basin Way. Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend this workshop and participate in the creation of the Master Plan from its inception. The Master Plan will serve as a guide for restoring and enhancing the structures and facilities at the Hakone Estate and Gardens.

“The development of a Master Plan will help to clarify and refine Hakone’s future direction,” said Mayor Howard Miller. “I’m hopeful that every citizen will participate and have a voice in helping to preserve this unique Saratoga treasure for generations to come.”

The workshop will include a Q&A with City staff, Hakone Foundation members, and The Portico Group, a consultant group hired by the City to oversee the development of the Master Plan. During the workshop, attendees will be divided into small working groups and asked to discuss their vision and goals for the Hakone Gardens Master Plan.

Hakone Estate and Gardens is an 18-acre Japanese garden and the oldest Japanese and Asian estate garden in the Western hemisphere. The estate was designed and built by Isabel and Oliver Stone. In 1966, the property was sold to the City of Saratoga. Since then, Hakone has become a much loved destination in the City of Saratoga. Hakone Estate and Gardens is now operated and maintained by the Hakone Foundation, a non-profit organization. Hakone is open to visitors year round.

For more information on the Hakone Gardens Master Plan, visit [www.saratoga.ca.us/hakonemasterplan](http://www.saratoga.ca.us/hakonemasterplan).

***\*\*\*Hakone Gardens Picture and Master Plan Community Workshop Flyer are Attached\*\*\****

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# HAKONE GARDENS MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

The City of Saratoga invites the public to attend the first community workshop on the development of the Hakone Gardens Master Plan. The Master Plan will serve as a guide to restoring and enhancing the structures and facilities throughout the 18-acre historic Japanese gardens.

The primary goal of the workshop is to reach out to community members, to encourage participation, and to begin the dialogue about the future development of the Hakone Estate and Gardens. The City values the ideas and vision of its community members. Attend the event and be part of this exciting opportunity!

**FEBRUARY 10, 2015 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.**  
**HAKONE ESTATE AND GARDENS**  
**21000 BIG BASIN WAY**



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