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The Land Use and Local Governments Advisory Panel report to the CAC developed five primary themes. These included:

- Promoting efficient land use and smart growth principles that reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).
- Maximizing natural carbon sequestration potential.
- Facilitating responsible siting and adoption of clean energy sources.
- Providing local governments with needed tools and resources.
- And a commitment to environmental justice, disadvantaged communities and a just transition.

Developing the themes, the report emphasized state facilitation and support for regional planning, including through multi-municipal collaboration. This should include regional scale land-use planning and designation of priority development and priority conservation areas. Transit-oriented development, especially around key rail and bus hubs should be accelerated. And state funding should be aligned to prioritize smart growth, including by expanding existing programs such as Brownfield Opportunity Areas and the Brownfield Cleanup Program. The report calls for special attention to developing community initiatives that promote adoption of clean energy products, services and job opportunities. The report concludes by calling for the expansion of tools and resources to help local governments achieve CLCPA goals, including the creation of a centralized portal that offers resources and information to assist communities in navigating, accessing and integrating relevant climate oriented strategies.