


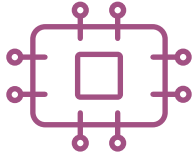







#	FUTURE NAME	FUTURE DESCRIPTION
1 + 6	Sustainable Downsizing 	Economic growth has significantly slowed due to strict caps on immigration, hefty tariffs, and rising tax rates required to pay for the needs of an aging population. Still, the private sector powers forward with widespread adoption of autonomous vehicles and online shopping eclipsing traditional retail stores. A combination of federal incentives and shifting consumer preferences result in growing popularity for clean-fuel vehicles and an increased preference for smaller housing units in walkable locations.
2	Clean and Green 	Recognizing the growing impacts of climate change, the federal government significantly tightens environmental regulations and implements an ambitious, nationwide carbon tax. New technologies thrive and the United States becomes the world leader in manufacturing of autonomous, electric cars. However, not every part of the economy is booming: new carbon taxes slow growth in other, more energy-intensive sectors.
3	Rapidly Rising Tides 	The failure of international governments to curb carbon emissions, combined with low oil prices that keep gas prices low, result in polar ice caps melting and sea levels rising three feet by 2050. As coastal metro areas contend with the new "normal" of extensive flooding, the federal government ultimately responds by funding much-needed sea level rise adaptation projects.

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4	Freedom to Roam 	<p>With Washington, D.C. in continued gridlock, Silicon Valley leads the way into the future. Nearly everyone uses shared autonomous, electric vehicles by 2050, meaning they can multitask on their commute. Further, advances in virtual reality make working remotely a snap. These options spur employers to promote telecommuting and build smaller-scale workplaces distributed across town centers.</p>
5 + 11	Rise of the Region 	<p>Nationwide tax cuts and spending caps result in the elimination of federal infrastructure funding. With no federal money for roads and transit, and with autonomous vehicles failing to live up to the hype, cities, regions, and states are forced to pay for much-needed traditional infrastructure projects themselves. In an era of slow growth, Silicon Valley's role as the global tech leader is challenged by new competitors abroad.</p>
7	America Divided 	<p>In the 2020s, American democracy transitions into plutocracy, with business interests and the wealthy controlling all policy decisions. Flat taxes, the elimination of tariffs, and open borders make the rich richer and the poor poorer. Federal policies also welcome refugees from climate change, especially in more temperate West Coast locations. However, society becomes increasingly isolated with technologies like driverless cars symbolizing the divide between haves and have-nots.</p>

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8	American Dream 	<p>The U.S. experiences continued prosperity and renewed respect on the world stage, thanks to smart and strategic policy decisions on the national level. Rapid job growth means more people want to move to the U.S., and increased public investment in infrastructure makes the nation more attractive for businesses. Silicon Valley technologies are dominant worldwide in everything from cars to e-commerce. Wealthy Americans seek larger suburban homes and many depend on new technologies (such as high-speed rail) to access urban job centers.</p>
9	Shake and Remake 	<p>Earthquakes transform the Bay Area, with magnitude 7.0 events striking the Hayward, San Andreas, and Great Valley faults in sequence between 2025 and 2035. The resulting damage hobbles regional growth. Fortunately, new technologies – especially those developed by the private sector – create opportunities to rebuild the region in a markedly different form. Meanwhile, on the national level, a continued rise in income inequality and limited jobs growth triggers a more progressive tax code to address the crisis.</p>
10	Back to the Future 	<p>A massive security breach cripples the advancement of self-driving cars in urban environments for several decades. Combined with a boom in population and employment nationwide, a new wave of suburban development and interregional commuting is unleashed.</p>