The City of Los Angeles

**Geography**
- Nation’s second largest city
- 469 square miles
- 44 miles long, 29 miles wide
- Geographically diverse – dense urban neighborhoods, suburban, semi-rural, mountains, beaches, and a river

**Population**
- Population of 4 million people
- Over 200 languages spoken in households
- 38% Foreign-born
- 38.2% Homeowners
- 61.8% Renters

**Ethnicity Breakdown**
- 28.2% - “Non-Hispanic” White
- 8.5% - African-American
- 49% - Latino
- 11.5% - Asian

Source: 2015 Citywide Demographic Profiles and SCAG Local Profiles Report 2017
To create and implement plans, policies and programs that realize a vision of LA as a collection of healthy and sustainable neighborhoods, each with a distinct sense of place, based on a foundation of mobility, economic vitality and improved quality of life for all residents.
THE PURPOSE OF PLANNING

Balancing Neighborhood Priorities

Shaping Communities

Accommodating Growth
NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITIES

MOBILITY

INFRASTRUCTURE

OPEN SPACE

JOBS

HOUSING

DESIGN
WHAT IS THE GENERAL PLAN?

7 Required Elements
• Land Use
• Circulation
• Housing
• Open Space
• Conservation
• Safety
• Noise

City of LA has 11 Elements

Air Quality
Noise
Safety
Open Space
Public Recreation / Service Systems

Conservation
Framework
Housing
Mobility
Plan for a Healthy LA

In LA, the Land Use Element is divided into 35 Community Plans
COMPONENTS OF A COMMUNITY PLAN

Policy Document

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Community Plan

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Goal

Policy

Program
• Land Use is a broad category of how land is to be used (e.g., residential, commercial)

• Everything on the map is binding

• Each property is given a land use designation

• Each land use designation has corresponding zones
GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP

Land Use - Corresponding Zones

Low Density Residential
- Minimum - A1, A2, RE40
- Low II - R1
- Low III - RD5, RD6

Multiple Family Residential
- Low Medium I - R2, RD3, RD4
- Low Medium II - RD1.5, RD2
- Medium - R3
- High Medium - R4

Commercial
- Neighborhood Commercial - C1, C1.5, C2, C4, R3, RAS3
- Community Commercial - CR, C1.5, C2, C4, R3, R4, RAS3, RAS4
- Regional Center Commercial - CR, C1.5, C2, C4, R3, R4, RAS3, RAS4, R5

Industrial
- Hybrid Industrial - CM
- Limited Industrial - MR1, M1

Open Space; Public Facilities
- Open Space - OS, A1
- Public Facilities - PF
- Public Facilities - Freeways
WHAT IS ZONING?

Zoning determines what you can build and do on any given parcel of land.

Use Regulations
- Single Family Houses
- Apartments
- Retail
- Auto Repair

Development Standards
- Setbacks
- Height
- FAR

- Residential
  - R1, R2, R3
- Commercial
  - C1, C2, C4
- Industrial
  - M1, M2, M3
- Open Space
  - OS
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Community Plans to be updated in batches

3-year timeline for each batch of updates
OUTREACH PLAN

Year 1
- Key Tasks: Research & Data Collection, Identify Issues & Opportunities
- Identify Change Areas & Preservation Areas
- Draft Plan Vision, Goals & Policies

Outreach Focus: Listen

Year 2
- Key Tasks: Refine Plan & Apply Re:Code Zones
- Draft the EIR

Outreach Focus: Share

Year 3
- Key Tasks: Present Draft Plan, Proposed Zones, & other plan components
- Release Draft EIR
- Shepherd Proposed Plan through Adoption Process

Outreach Focus: Consult

Key Events
- Fall 2018: Information Gathering
- Spring 2019: Concepts Workshops
- Fall 2019: Zoning Feedback Activities
- Fall 2020: Draft Plan & Public Hearing
- TBD: Adoption

We Need Your Help
- We're here to listen! Tell us about the issues and opportunities in your community and learn about the plan update process.
- Did we get it right? Join us as we share:
  - What we've heard so far
  - Draft Plan vision & policies
  - Initial zoning concepts
- Be our zoning consultant! Help us select new zones that achieve your community’s vision for the future.
- See the product of your hard work and input. Review the draft policy document and land use changes and provide formal comments so we can finalize the proposed Community Plan
- Almost there! Appointed and elected officials review the proposed Community Plan throughout the adoption process.
RESOURCES

- ZIMAS (zimas.lacity.org)
- DCP Website (planning.lacity.org)
- Frequently Called Numbers
- Council Member’s Office