



Community Planning Exercises

Issues & Opportunity Identification for Community Members

We want you to get involved in the Community Plan Update process! The following exercises are designed to help identify issues and opportunities within your Community Plan Area. If you are a community member, Neighborhood Council member, or affiliated with another group, your answers to these questions will help us identify community values, set plan priorities, and develop project goals as we begin the Community Plan update program. These questions are meant to guide group conversations, for example in a meeting or on a community walking tour.

The questions below are separated by issue area. Wherever possible, please identify specific neighborhoods, corridors, blocks, uses, assets or parcels in your answers. Doing so will help Planning Department staff make targeted efforts in the Community Plan Update.

Development Patterns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- What areas in the community are you proud of? What areas would benefit from targeted efforts to change them?- Are there barriers to development in your plan area? Do you see the type of development you want to see in your plan area?- What have been some of the exciting development projects in your community? What projects have posed challenges?
Commercial Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Are you able to access the services and do the shopping you need within the community? What types of services are missing?- Are there areas where transitions between commercial and other areas need updated regulations?- Are there areas where large-scale commercial development such as supermarkets, big-box retail, shopping malls, etc. are appropriate?
Residential Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- What aspects of your neighborhood would you like to see maintained?- What are some changes happening in neighborhoods around you and how do you feel about them?- What do you think might enhance your neighborhood, that is, what's something lacking in your neighborhood that you'd like to see, or like to see more of?
Industrial Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Are there areas in the community where there are incompatibilities between industrial uses and other types of uses?- Are there areas between industrial and other uses that need stricter regulations?
Open Space & Public Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Is there enough open space in the community and if not, what kind of open space is needed? (i.e., playing fields, neighborhood or pocket parks, bike paths, etc.)- Are there barriers to accessing open space in the community? If so, how can we make it easier to access these spaces?
Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- What neighborhoods in Los Angeles or other cities do you like and why?- What design elements do you think make neighborhoods pleasant?

Links to existing Community Plan policy documents and land use maps are available on the Southeast Valley Community Plan Update website at www.southeastvalleyplans.org/resources