



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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**SUBJECT: September 22, 2010 – AGENDA ITEM # 6
HACIENDA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE**

BACKGROUND

The Draft Hacienda Heights Community Plan Update (the Plan) is a comprehensive community plan developed by the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) in partnership with the residents of Hacienda Heights. The Plan is accompanied by the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment and map, as well as the environmental review, which includes the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration.

LOCATION

Hacienda Heights is an 11.38 square mile area located approximately 20 miles east of downtown Los Angeles. Home to approximately 60,000 people in 2000, Hacienda Heights is a mature residential community situated along the edge of the Puente Hills in the San Gabriel Valley.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

On September 22, 2010, the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) will continue the public hearing on the Plan, which was opened on August 25, 2010 at the Steinmetz Senior Center in Hacienda Heights. At the initial hearing, staff presented the highlights of the proposed Community Plan Amendment (T201000003), Zone Change (T201000004), and Environmental Assessment (T201000061). Following a brief period of public testimony, staff recommended that the Commission move to close the public comment period for the environmental review on September 2, 2010, and continue the public hearing until September 22, 2010. This continuation allowed the public and reviewing agencies additional time to comment, and it allowed staff additional time to respond to comments received on the Environmental Assessment, specifically related to greenhouse gases and other air quality issues.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS RECEIVED SINCE THE INITIAL PUBLIC HEARING

Since August 25, 2010, staff received additional comments from the public and reviewing agencies, which are attached to the September 9, 2010 Staff Report. For ease of review, only the new comments are included. Among those comments is a letter from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research indicating that none of the reviewing agencies it contacted submitted comments, and that all State Clearinghouse CEQA requirements have been met.

CONCLUSION

The Hacienda Heights Community Plan Update is comprised of the Community Plan Amendment, Zone Change, and Environmental Assessment. Staff recommends that the Regional Planning Commission consider taking action on these three items; and, unless new concerns are raised or further study is required, move to approve the items and recommend them for consideration and adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

Attached please find a copy of the Staff Report for the Community Plan Amendment, Zone Change and Environmental Assessment, along with the corresponding attachments. For additional background materials, please visit <http://planning.lacounty.gov/hacienda>. Should you have any questions, please contact Lisbeth Sinclair or Veronica Siranosian, AICP, at (213) 974-6425 or commplan@planning.lacounty.gov.

JS:LKS

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Attachment:
Staff Report