

Appendix B: Community Participation, General Plan Guiding Principles and Planning Areas Framework

I. Community Participation

Table B.1 summarizes the County’s major outreach efforts to engage with stakeholders on the development of General Plan.

Table B.1 General Plan Community and Stakeholder Outreach Summary

<p>General Plan Update Visioning/EIR Scoping (1999-2003)</p>	<p>SEA workshops and community meetings, 1999-2001.</p> <p>General Plan visioning workshops, 2001.</p> <p>EIR scoping meetings, 2003.</p>
<p>Shaping the Future 2025 (2003-2005)</p>	<p>Draft General Plan goals and policies released to the public, December 2003.</p> <p>2004 Outreach Campaign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public release of Shaping the Future 2025. • <i>Shaping the Future 2025</i> mailed out to stakeholders. • Draft posted on the Department of Regional Planning's (DRP) web site and mailed out to County libraries. • Community meetings and invited stakeholder meetings.
<p>Preliminary Draft General Plan (2007)</p>	<p><i>Preliminary Draft General Plan</i> released to public, June 2007.</p> <p>2007 Outreach Campaign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postcard announcements, newspaper advertisements, and press release. • Draft posted on DRP's web site and mailed out to County libraries. • Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission presentation. • Community meetings and invited stakeholder meetings. • County interdepartmental meetings.
<p>Planning Tomorrow’s Great Places (2008)</p>	<p>Planning for Tomorrow’s Great Places released to the public, July 2008.</p> <p>2008 Outreach Campaign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postcard announcements, newspaper advertisements, and press release.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft posted on DRP's web site and mailed out to County libraries. • Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission presentation, September 2008. • Stakeholder meetings. • Board office and interdepartmental meetings. • Poster plan released to the public, January 2009. • Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission presentation.
Draft General Plan 2035/EIR Scoping (2011)	<p>Draft General Plan 2035 released to the public, April 2011.</p> <p>2011 Outreach Campaign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postcard and email announcements. • Draft posted on the DRP's web site and mailed out to County libraries. • Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission presentation, May 2011. • Board office and interdepartmental meetings. • EIR scoping meetings, September 2011. • Stakeholder meetings, September to November 2011.
Draft General Plan 2035 (2012)	<p>Draft General Plan 2035 released to the public, May 2012</p>
Draft General Plan 2035 (2013)	<p>Draft General Plan 2035 released to the public, October 2013.</p> <p>2013 Outreach Campaign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoning consistency courtesy letters • Stakeholder meetings
Draft General Plan 2035 (2014)	<p>Draft General Plan 2035 released to the public, January 2014.</p> <p>2014 Outreach Campaign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Public Hearing • Stakeholder meetings

II. Development of the General Plan Guiding Principles

The County developed the General Plan Guiding Principles—Employ Smart Growth; Ensure Sufficient Community Services and Infrastructure; Provide the Foundation for a Strong and Diversified Economy; Excellence in Environmental Resource Management; and Provide Healthy, Livable and Equitable Communities—to reflect the broadly expressed needs, concerns, and aspirations of residents and stakeholders. The following issues were identified as important topics to be addressed in the General Plan:

Promote a Strong and Diversified Economy

- Provide a wide range of investment opportunities and job choices so that Los Angeles County is less vulnerable to the harmful consequences of economic recessions.
- Provide an adequate supply of land suitable for industry and commerce to ensure a diversified and strong economy.
- Increase training efforts to better prepare the workforce for future industries.

Promote Fiscal, Environmental, and Social Sustainability

- Meet the needs of the current generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.
- Encourage practices that maximize user benefit, minimize waste and redundancy, and consistently promote the revitalization, restoration, and enhancement of the built, natural, and social environments.
- Promote the conservation of energy and other valuable natural resources as a basic principle in all planning activities.

Promote Revitalization of Urban Areas

- Direct development opportunities to areas most in need of economic investment.
- Emphasize code enforcement as a means to spur urban redevelopment in economically depressed areas.

Provide Affordable Housing

- Build and maintain a diversity of decent housing at an affordable price.

Provide for Adequate Community Services and Facilities

- Maintain roadways and regulate land uses.
- Provide community services and facilities, such as schools, parks, and libraries that play a significant role in the enrichment of the public consciousness.

- Develop a sense of place for the many neighborhoods within the unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County.
- Ensure proficient emergency service and infrastructure coverage, such as fire protection and wastewater systems, which are necessary for the health and safety of residents and visitors.
- Increase community services, such as daycare and job training centers.

Promote Multimodal Transportation Alternatives and an Efficient Transportation System

- Maintain and maximize the efficiency of the County highway and road network system by integrating and promoting alternative forms of transportation, such as rail, bus, and biking.
- Improve the freight and highway systems for the safe and efficient movement of goods.
- Protect rural communities and rural lifestyles.
- Maintain the unique character and development patterns of unincorporated rural communities.

Conserve Water and Protect its Quality

- Develop and promote strong conservation efforts and preserve land for the natural recharge of groundwater, which is essential to ensure an ongoing adequate supply of quality water.
- Promote the development of a countywide recycled water system.

Protect the Natural Environment, Natural Resources, and Conserve Open Space

- Maintain and protect natural resources, such as clean air and water, wildlife habitat areas, mineral resource areas, agricultural land, national forest land, parks and open space areas, and recreational areas.
- Preserve open space areas that provide valuable recreational, scenic and biological resources for residents.
- Acquire open space and limit development in rural areas.
- Address the regional issue of air quality, which is important in maintaining a high quality of life for residents.

Protect Against Natural and Manmade Hazards

- Create programs to provide current and improved hazard-related information, and strengthen development review procedures and standards.

III. Development of Planning Areas Framework

The Planning Areas Framework for the General Plan was developed using the following sources:

- SCAG subregional boundaries for Los Angeles County;
- Census tract boundaries;
- LAFCO Municipal Service Review areas;
- City and unincorporated community boundaries;
- Physical and geographic boundaries;
- Stakeholder input; and
- Subregional planning initiatives and planning issues.