

Agenda & Activities

1	Introduction to Planning	<i>What is urban and community planning? What are some tools of the trade?</i>
2	Project Information	<i>What is the East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan?</i>
3	Activity 1: Place-it!	<i>What do we value in places and experiences?</i>
4	Activity 2: Community Brainstorm	<i>How can we apply what we value to where we live?</i>

1. Introduction to Planning

- Icebreaker
 - Say hello to the person sitting next to you and discuss your favorite place to eat in this area, or your favorite dish you like to cook.
- Ground Rules
 - Respect for each other.
 - Keep things civil.
 - Give everyone an opportunity to be heard.
- What is Urban Planning?
 - Communities change over time.
 - Urban Planning manages how community change occurs over time.
 - There are new livability challenges in the East San Gabriel Valley, including housing affordability and a more volatile climate.
- What is Community Planning?
 - Community Planning provides an assessment of the community today, and a vision for the community's future.
 - *How do the pieces of the community fit together?*
 - *What is here now and how well does it work?*
 - *What can and should happen in the community?*
 - Community members are key experts.
- Community Planning Tools
 - Land Use Policy. *Where should uses go?*
 - Zoning. *Where are uses allowed?*
 - Implementation Actions. *How do we put policy into action?*

2. Project Information

- General Plan and Area Plans
 - LA County General Plan Purpose
 - Foster healthy, livable, and sustainable communities.
 - Conserve natural resources.
 - Shape communities to provide diverse housing near jobs and services.
 - East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Purpose

- Adapt the General Plan to a local scale.
 - Identify strategies that fit the community.
 - Set funding priorities
 - Work with adjacent jurisdictions to solve regional issues.
- East San Gabriel Valley Planning Area
 - **Area:** 52 sq. mi / 33,000 acres
 - **Population:** ~1 million people in total, ~250,000 in unincorporated
 - **Key Characteristics:**
 - Natural features: Puente Hills, San Jose Hills, San Gabriel Mountains and River
 - Area as a significant amount of outdoor recreational opportunities.
 - Diverse population.
 - Auto-oriented community design.
- Project Website: <http://planning.lacounty.gov/site/esgvap/>

3. **Activity 1: Place-it!**

- Goal: To use our memories to determine what we value.
- Recall a favorite childhood memory, or a favorite place.
- Step 1: Use the materials at your table to construct, draw, and/or write your favorite memory or place.
- Step 2: Share your memory or place with your table. Why is it your favorite memory/place? What do you think it says about what you value?
- Step 3: As a group, we will list what we care about in our favorite places. What makes them memorable? What qualities do they share?

4. **Activity 2: Community Brainstorm**

- Goal: To apply what we value to where we live.
- Use the provided worksheet to complete this activity.
- Consider the following elements about your community:
 - Housing and Neighborhoods.
 - Consider: Amount, quality, and affordability of housing. Types of housing (such as housing for seniors).
 - Retail and other Commercial Uses.
 - Consider: Quality of commercial spaces. Shopping options and locations. Ease of access.
 - Transportation.
 - Consider: Walking, Biking, Driving, Transit. Safety while walking or biking. Ease of transit use. Traffic congestion
- Step 1: List issues and opportunities for each category. Be specific!
- Step 2: Share your lists with your table. Put together your table's top three priorities for each category.
- Step 3: Share your table's top priority per category to the group.

Which community do you live in? _____

1. **Task:** List issues and opportunities for each category. Be specific!
 - a. Issues: *What is not working right now in your community?*
 - b. Opportunities: *What could work well but needs support or attention?*
2. **Table Priorities:** Share your lists with your table. Put together your table's top three priorities for each category.
3. **Group Share:** Share your table's top priority per category to the group.

Housing and Neighborhoods	
Consider the amount, quality, and affordability of housing. Also consider the types of available housing (such as housing for seniors).	
Issues: _____ _____ _____ _____	Opportunities: _____ _____ _____ _____
Retail and other Commercial Uses	
Consider quality, locations, and accessibility of commercial spaces and shopping.	
Issues: _____ _____ _____ _____	Opportunities: _____ _____ _____ _____
Transportation	
Consider the safety, ease, quality, and efficiency of transportation to you. Transportation includes walking, biking, driving, and public transit.	
Issues: _____ _____ _____ _____	Opportunities: _____ _____ _____ _____