

# Westside Area Plan

## Vision Statement and Guiding Principles

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The unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County's Westside encompass vibrant neighborhoods that collectively recognize and celebrate history, people, diversity, and culture. The Westside Area Plan furthers the efforts to promote active, healthy, and safe intergenerational neighborhoods where residents are well connected to great places to live, work, shop, recreate, and gather; to foster economic vitality while serving local needs; to protect and preserve natural resources and open spaces; and to support sustainable mobility options in an enhanced built environment.

### Guiding Principles

#### Community Character

Preserve the Westside's character by ensuring future growth is integrated into neighborhoods, commercial districts, and open spaces with designs, densities and variation that compliments community scale and quality and contributes to a more walkable and accessible environment.

#### Growth & Land Use Development

Prioritize community-serving uses that are accessible to residents, including a diversity of housing choices, local businesses, places to dine and be entertained, and community facilities as well as parklands where residents can gather for events and celebrations.

#### Environment

Protect open spaces and natural resources while emphasizing sustainable building practices and implementing infrastructure improvements that are environmentally sensitive and minimize impacts on energy, water, air, and climate.

#### Economic Health

Foster the economic health and prosperity of local businesses by promoting a mix of uses and adaptability of buildings in response to the evolving commercial marketplace, nurturing small businesses, and attracting job opportunities and commercial services that serve local residents.

#### Mobility

Improve a diversity of travel choices by enabling residents to efficiently and safely access destinations throughout the community by walking, biking, using public transit, and emerging forms of transportation, in addition to driving by automobile.