

Westside Area Plan

Historic Context Statement: An Introduction



August 10, 2023



AGENDA

TOPICS

1. Historic Context Statement (HCS) Definition
2. Eligibility for Historic Designation
3. HCS Purpose
4. Community Input
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6. Q&A

What is a Historic Context Statement (HCS)?

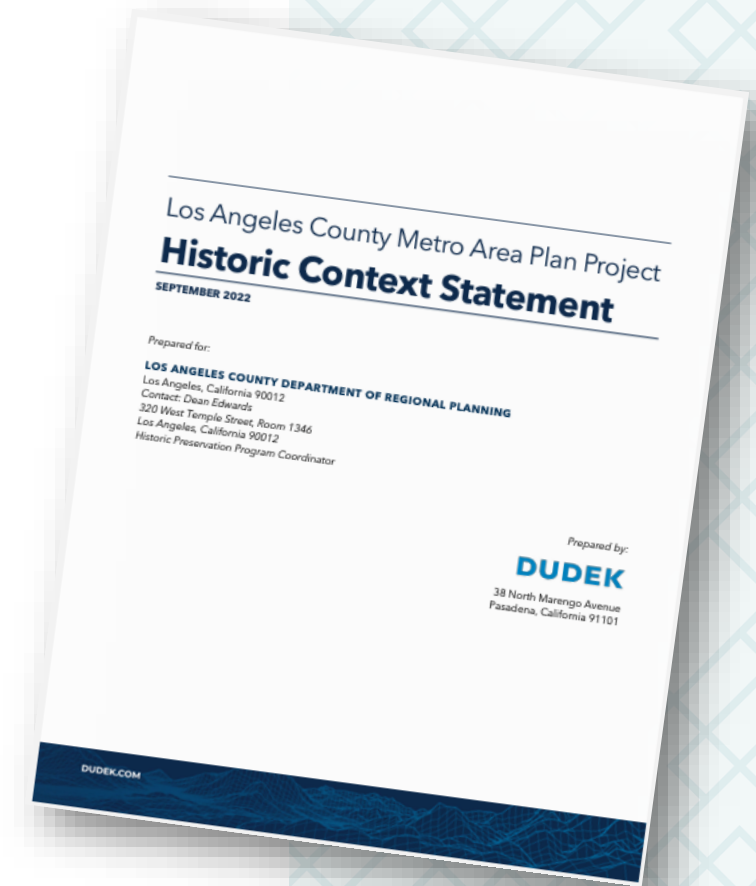
- Is a document that identifies the important themes relevant to the history and development of the built environment of a geographic area
- Establishes periods of significance for these themes and their associated property types

Example: Civil Rights and Social Justice

Theme: Chicano Civil Rights Movement (1960-1979)

Property Types: public art pieces, residences, routes

- Is *not* a definitive or comprehensive community history, but rather an analytical framework
- Provides the background information for future historic resources surveys, which take a closer look to identify properties eligible for historic designation



County Landmark Eligibility

A **structure, site, object, tree, landscape, or natural land feature** may be designated as a County landmark if it is **50** years of age or older and satisfies one or more of the following criteria:

- Association with historic events or activities
- Association with important persons
- Distinctive design or physical characteristics
- Potential to provide important information about prehistory or history
- Determined eligible or is listed in the National Register or California Register
- If it is a tree, it is the one of the largest or oldest tree species in the County
- If it is a landscape or natural land feature, it is associated with historic events, activities, or people

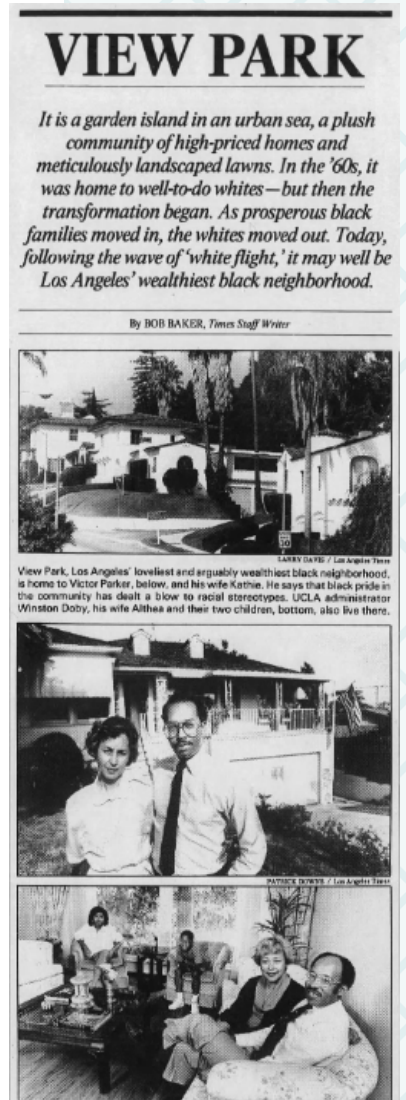


County Historic District Eligibility

A **geographic area** may be designated as a County historic district if it is **50** years of age or older and

- Exhibits a concentration of historic or scenic sites containing common character-defining features, which contribute to each other and are unified aesthetically by plan, physical development, or architectural quality; or
- Exhibits significant geographical patterns, associated with different eras of settlement and growth, particular transportation modes, or distinctive examples of parks or community planning.


More than 50 percent of the property owners must consent to designation.

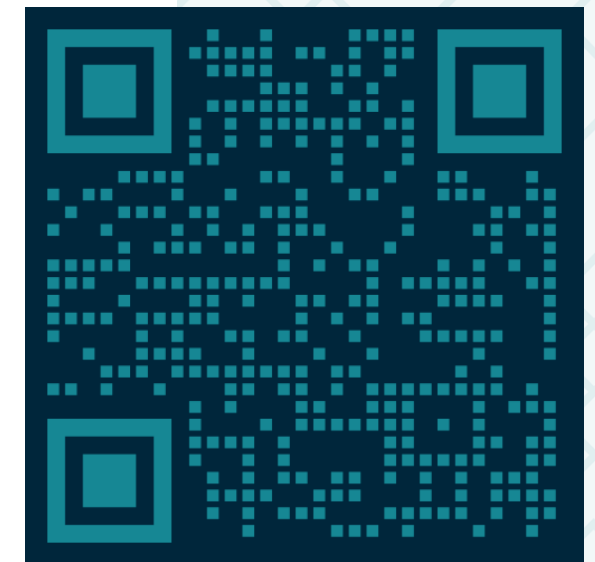


HCS Purpose

- Provides an analytical framework for identifying and evaluating resources in subsequent historic resources surveys
- Provides the foundation for future research
- Inform the WSAP by:
 - Revealing the land development history of the planning area
 - Providing recommended goals, policies and implementation programs that support preservation of historic resources while accommodating necessary growth and development
 - Informing the Cultural Resources section of the WSAP's EIR

Community Input

- If you have the following information regarding the developmental history of your community, please contact Paul Travis at paul@historicrosourcesgroup.com.
 - Buildings, structures, sites, or areas worthy of historic preservation
 - Events or people important to community history
 - Issues important to community history
- **Historic Resources Mapper** 
 - *What places* are important to your community's history, and *why* does this place matter?
- **Feedback due September 18**
- **Stakeholder Review**



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Timeline and Process

- Hold a public meeting to introduce project to the public and request community input
- Historic Resources Group (HRG) completes windshield surveys and conducts research and interviews
- Draft HCS
- Present draft HCS to stakeholders for feedback: *October 2023*
- Present draft HCS to the public for feedback: *November/December 2023*
- Present draft HCS to the Historical Landmarks and Records Commission (HLRC) for feedback: *January 2024*
- Finalize HCS: *February 2024*





Thank you!

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Stakeholder Interest and HCS Questions: kcastaneda@planning.lacounty.gov

Area Plan Questions: westsideareaplan@planning.lacounty.gov

