

# San Fernando Valley Area Plan Draft Historic Context Statement

**Public Meeting** February 24, 2025

# Interpretación de Idiomas

Esta reunión está siendo traducida al Español. Para acceder a la interpretación de idiomas:

- 1. Seleccione "Interpretación" (icono de globo terráqueo).
- 2. En el menú desplegable, elija el idioma que desea escuchar.



#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Historic Context Statement Definition
- 2.HCS Purpose
- 3. Overview of the Draft
- 4.Next Steps
- 5. Questions and Answers



## **Historic Context Statements (HCS)**

- Identify the important themes relevant to the history and development of the built environment of a geographic area.
- Establish periods of historical significance for each of the important themes, while identifying significant property types.
- Serve as the background information for a historic resource survey.



# **HCS Purpose**

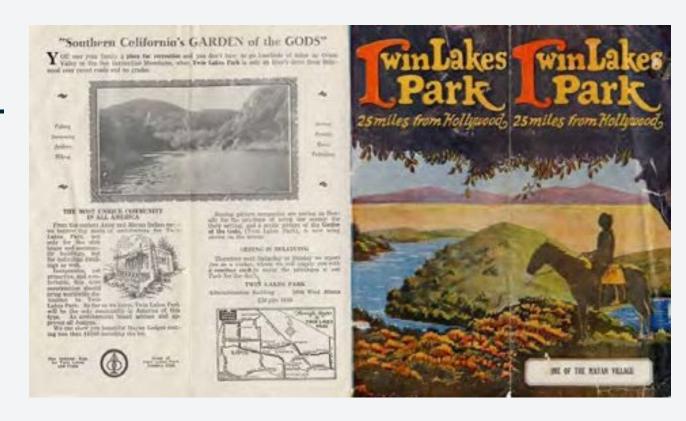
- The HCS will inform the Area Plan by:
  - Revealing the land development history of the planning area.
  - Providing recommended goals, policies and programs that support preservation of historic resources while accommodating necessary growth and development.
  - Informing sections of the Environmental Impact Report.
  - The HCS will provide the foundation for subsequent historic resources surveys.



Theme: Residential Development

Subthemes: Homesteads, Early Single-Family Residential (SFR)
Development, Post WWII SFR
Development, Subdivisions and
Planned Communities

- Henry Kagel adobe homestead
- El Merrie Del, Deer Lake Highlands, Twin Lakes Park, and Chatsworth Lake Manor.
- Westhills Subdivision



Advertising Brochure for Twin Lakes Park (1927) SOURCE: CSUN University Library, Digital Collections



#### Theme: Commercial Development

- The Hideaway Bar and Grill
- Log Cabin Mercantile
- Chatsworth Lake Market
- Valley Circle Plaza



Top: Hideaway Bar and Grill SOURCE: LA County



Theme: Civic and Institutional Development

Subthemes: Religion and Spirituality, Government Services, Health and Medicine, and Parks and Recreation

- Chatsworth Lake Church
- Sholom Memorial Park and Mortuary
- Fire Stations 74 and 75
- Hope Gardens
- Veterans Memorial Park
- Dexter Park



Chatsworth Lake Church SOURCE: Rangwala Associates

Theme: Industrial Development
Subthemes: Filming and Entertainment,
Military Operations and Civil Defense

- Cecil DeMille
- (Upper) Iverson Ranch
- Nike Missile Site



Opening of Nike Site LA-88 (1956) SOURCE: Los Angeles Public Library



#### Theme: Agricultural Development

 Small farmsteads with citrus, olive, and avocado groves alongside natural creeks and washes.



San Fernando Valley Orange Grove (1937) SOURCE: Los Angeles Library, Herman J. Schultheis Collection



# **HCS Overview - Architectural Styles**

SUB-THEME	ASSOCIATED STYLES
Late 19th and Early 20th Century Movements	Vernacular Victorian     Craftsman
Period Revival	Spanish Colonial Revival     Tudor Revival     American Colonial Revival
Minimal Traditional	
Post-World War II Architectural Styles	Mid-Century Modern     Ranch



Craftsma



**Tudor Revival** 



Spanish Colonial



Mid-Century Modern



#### **HCS Overview - Recommendations**

- Historic Resources Survey
- Inventory of eligible historic resources
- Intensive-level survey of eligible historic resources
- •Thematic studies (e.g., ethnic/cultural history, cultural landscapes, commercial identity/ legacy businesses, filming/ entertainment industry sites)



Right: Twin Lakes Park Mayan-Themed Entrance (1927) SOURCE: UC Santa Barbara Art Museum, Architecture and Design Collection

#### **HCS Overview - Recommendations**

- Periodically update the historic context statement
- •Prioritize surveys in areas with the greatest amount of construction activities.
- •Increase awareness and appreciation for the local history of the area
- Encourage local landmark nominations
- Designate sites that were previously determined eligible, such as Dexter Park
- Prioritize landmark nominations identified through community outreach
- Promote the Mills Act and other County preservation programs











#### **HCS Overview - Recommendations**

- Hideaway Bar and Grill
- Kagel Canyon Community Board
- •Fire Station Nos. 74 and 75
- •Glen Haven and Shalom Memorial Parks
- Forester Haven/Hope Gardens
- Extant cabins from Kagel Canyon and Twin Lakes Park
- Nike Missile Site
- Dams and other water infrastructure

- Lone Ranger Cabin and other remnant features of Iverson Movie Ranch
- •Rock formations at and near Stoney Point and Garden of the Gods
- House of Captain and Tenille
- Chatsworth Lake Church
- Log Cabin Mercantile
- •Grandmother oak tree (9210 Ventura Way)
- Chatsworth Oak Park









## **Next Steps**

- Historical Landmark and Records
   Commission Hearing April 25, 2025, at 9:30 am (virtual and in-person options)
- San Fernando Valley Area Plan:
  - Background Report
  - Goals and Policies
  - Area Plan Draft
  - Environmental Impact Report



View of Works Progress Administration work crew at Dexter Park (1937) SOURCE: LA County Library Digital Collections



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Meeting Survey



Community Meeting Survey Link: https://forms.office.com/g/kxuxCsafQg