



City Council Public Hearing

The General Plan

February 23, 2010



General Plan

- ❑ Provides a long-term vision for the physical development of a community
- ❑ Guides development and land use decisions
- ❑ Contains seven mandatory elements: land use, circulation, safety, open space, conservation, noise, housing



Land Use Element

- A plan for the distribution of the broader categories of land use: residential, commercial, industrial, open space, and public uses within the city
- Specifies the intensity by which development can occur
- Zoning implements the General Plan



Circulation & Infrastructure Element

- ❑ Safe and efficient movement of people, goods, and services
- ❑ Encourages the development of alternative modes of transportation than the automobile
- ❑ Infrastructure system to support current and future development



Community Resources Element

- ❑ Comprises the former Open Space, Parks and Recreation, and Conservation elements
- ❑ Conservation and preservation of natural and cultural resources
- ❑ Climate change
- ❑ Sustainable development practices



Safety Element

- ❑ Natural hazards
 - ❑ Seismic/Earthquakes
 - ❑ Flooding
 - ❑ Geological/landslides
- ❑ Human hazards
 - ❑ Fires
 - ❑ Hazardous materials
- ❑ Emergency Response & Public Safety



Noise Element

- ❑ Abatement of noise from mobile and stationary sources
- ❑ Protection of neighborhood from noise



Housing Element

- ❑ Comprehensive strategy for housing
 - ❑ Housing needs based on population trends (RHNA)
 - ❑ Affordability to range of income categories
 - ❑ Special housing needs (disabled, elderly, homeless)
 - ❑ Housing resources and sites to address future needs
 - ❑ Certification by the State



Recommendations

- ❑ Conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on the 2009 General Plan and Environmental Impact Report (EIR);
- ❑ Certify the Environmental Impact Report (EIR);
- ❑ Adopt the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations; and
- ❑ Approve the 2009 General Plan



Final Steps

- ❑ After the General Plan is approved by the City Council, a Resolution for adopting the General Plan will be brought forward on April 6, 2010.
- ❑ Copies of the Final Draft of the 2009 General Plan will be available after the Resolution is adopted.



Questions Discussion Public Input