

Summary of the Community Planning 101 Presentation

What is planning?

Planning serves three main purposes:

- 1) To enhance and preserve our built environment through long range planning,
- 2) To shape and improve communities, and
- 3) To plan and accommodate for change and growth.

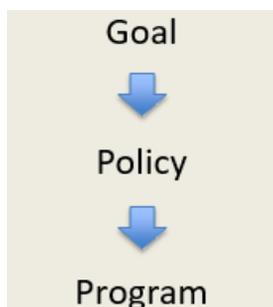
The Department of City Planning (DCP) is tasked with creating and implementing plans, policies, and programs that helps realize the vision of Los Angeles as a collection of healthy and sustainable communities.

What is the General Plan and how is it implemented?

California state law requires cities adopt a General Plan for its long term physical development. The General Plan is the constitution for development. Think of the General Plan as a book composed of chapters, commonly referred to as elements. The State of California requires a minimum of 7 elements. In the City of Los Angeles, we currently have 12 elements.

- Framework
- Housing
- Mobility
- Open space
- Conservation
- Public safety
- Noise
- Health
- Air quality
- Infrastructure systems
- Public facilities & services
- Land use (made up of 35 Community Plans)

The General Plan Framework is the City's chief land use document. Think of the Framework Element as an umbrella element that sets the vision for the General Plan. While the Framework is an overarching document that sets policies in place and informs other elements of the General Plan, it is the Land Use Element that dives further into neighborhood policies. Because Los Angeles is so big and diverse our Land Use Element is organized into 35 Community Plans. Each Community Plan interprets broad policy goals in the General Plan into property specific requirements and neighborhood level policies.



The Community Plan is comprised of goals, policies, and programs.

A goal is a statement that describes a desired future condition.

Ex) Goal PR.1: Streets that are safe, comfortable and convenient.

A policy is a clear statement that guides a specific course of action to achieve a desired goal.

Ex) Policy PR1.13: Studies for pedestrian and streetscape improvements. Support LADOT in the study of additional crosswalks, complete streets strategies, and streetscape improvements, especially for streets near schools. (P52)

An implementation program is an action, procedure, or program that carries out goals and policies.

Ex) P52: Study the addition of crosswalks and complete streets improvements on the High Injury Network, especially those near schools identified among the top 50 most vulnerable schools by Safe Routes to School, including but not limited to:

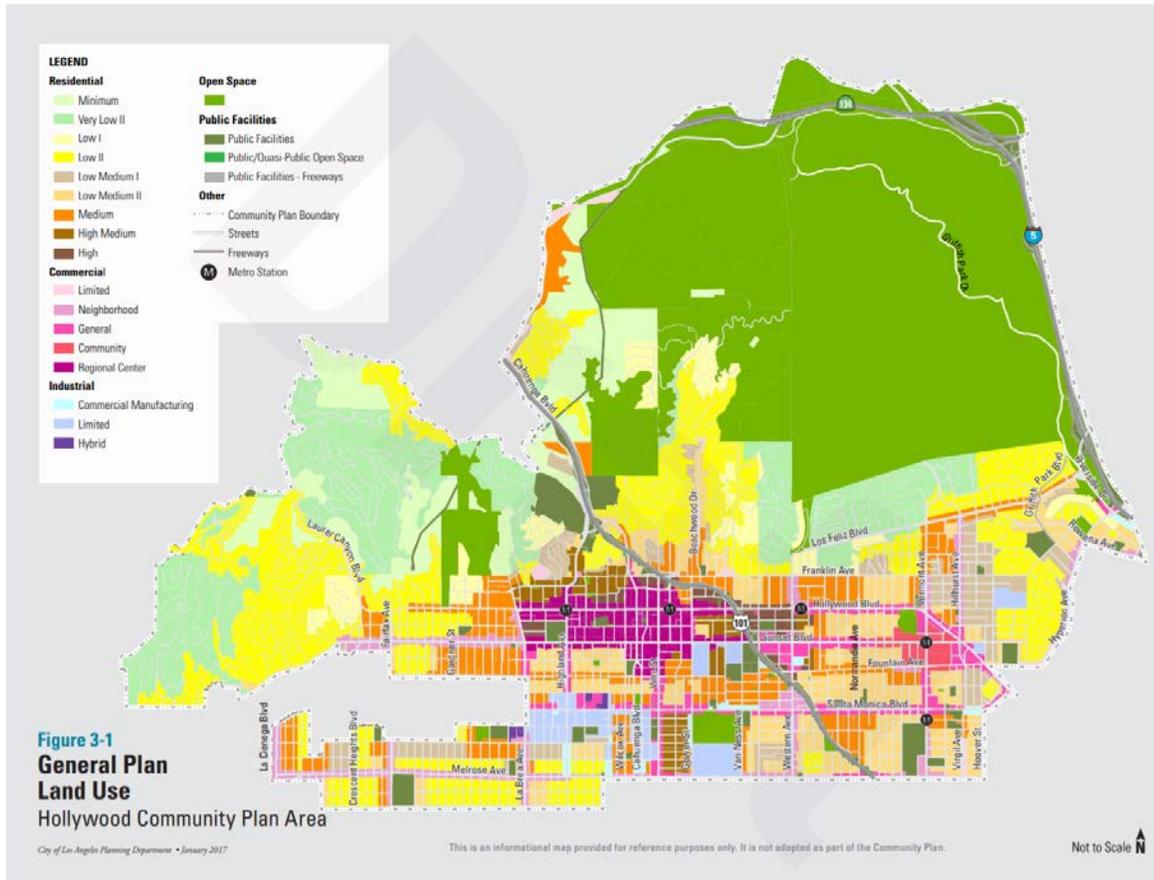
- Hollywood High School
- Selma Elementary School
- Grant Elementary School
- Ramona Elementary School
- Lexington Avenue Primary Center
- Lockwood Elementary School
- Dayton Heights Elementary School

The Hollywood Community Plan is one of the City's 35 community plans.

Hollywood Community Plan History:

- ✓ 1988 adopted by City Council
- ✓ 2012 adopted by City Council; legal challenge to the Community Plan's Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ✓ 2014 City Council rescinded the 2012 Plan
- ✓ 2016 re-launched the Hollywood Community Plan Update (HCPU2) and began preparation of a new EIR

Hollywood Community Plan Land Use Map



The Proposed General Plan Land Use Map for Hollywood shows the distribution of land uses. Each color represents a different land use. For example, pink shows the commercial areas, orange shows the multiple-family residential areas, yellow shows the single-family residential areas, and green shows the open space or public facilities.

What is Zoning?

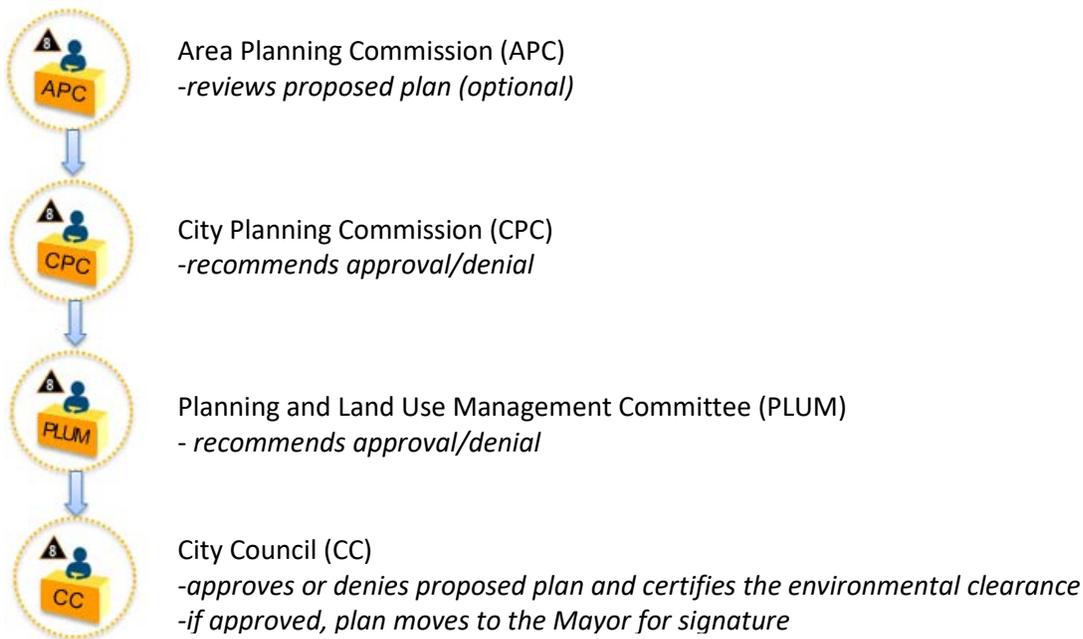
Zoning tells you where buildings can be constructed, how big they can be, and how buildings are used. It designates what uses are allowed in each parcel. Zoning can allow for greater or limited flexibility in the types of uses allowed on a particular site. You can have mixed use zoning for one parcel to allow residential and commercial in one building, or have restricted zoning for another such as parcels zoned only for single-family homes. In Los Angeles zones are labeled with a prefix such as R for residential, C for commercial, and M for manufacturing with subcategories based on intensities. Zoning tells you how big the building can be, how tall and how much parking is required and how much open space is required.

ZIMAS (zimas.lacity.org) is a great tool to look up zoning information. You can search by address, street intersection, etc. It provides information including community plan area, neighborhood council, council district, zoning, and land use designation.

How is a Community Plan updated?

Before starting a community plan update, City Planning staff works with various stakeholders, including neighborhood councils and community organizations, to review the existing plan's issues and opportunities, and in close collaboration a collective vision for the community plan update is developed. This community vision is the foundation for creating the community plan's goals and policies. Once a draft Community Plan is prepared, it is released for public review and staff holds public workshops and open houses in order to receive additional guidance and input from you, your neighbors and other community groups and businesses. Staff will go back to work to prepare a final draft of the Community Plan along with an accompanying environmental analysis report for environmental clearance and then hold hearings and more open houses for community members' feedback. You will also have additional opportunities to provide your feedback during a City Planning Commission hearing, City Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee hearing, and City Council hearing.

Approval Process – More Public Participation



Stay involved!

Please be sure to check out our website HCPU2.org! The website has links to our draft Community Plan, as well as an interactive map that allows you to visualize where land use and/or zoning changes are proposed. Please sign up for updates under the "Contact" tab to receive information about upcoming events and to be notified when new materials are available for review. Also, informational handouts and videos can be found under the "Resources" tab.