SOUTHWEST VALLEY COMMUNITY PLANS UPDATE
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Three South West Valley Community Plans:

- Canoga Park-West Hills-Winnetka-Woodland Hills
- Reseda-West Van Nuys
- Encino Tarzana

What does a Community Plan Do?

- Sets a Vision for what you want to see in your community
- Creates and implements special planning tools that protects community character
- Guides decision making when development is proposed
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Chapter I
INTRODUCTION

COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

The Canoga Park—Winnetka—Woodland Hills—West Hills Community Plan Area is in the Southwest San Fernando Valley. The Community Plan Area covers 17,681 acres — approximately 6 percent of the land in the City of Los Angeles. Planning communities that border the CPA are Chatsworth— Porter Ranch, Reseda—West Van Nuys, Encino—Tarzana, the Cities of Hidden Hills and Calabasas, and portions of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

A diverse natural and socioeconomic landscape characterizes the Community Plan Area. Dominant on the natural landscape are the Simi Hills of West Hills, the Hillsides of the Santa Monica Mountains and the Chats hills of Woodland Hills, and the valley plain in Canoga Park and Winnetka. Initially an agricultural cattle-oriented community, the area has undergone substantial residential and commercial development over the last fifty years. As agriculture gave way to industry, aerospace industry transformed the Community Plan Area. Today the Canoga Park—Winnetka—Woodland Hills—West Hills Community Plan Area offers a diverse range of housing opportunities and is the economic hub of the San Fernando Valley.

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Canoga Park—Winnetka

The city center of Winnetka is located along the northwest edge of the Community Plan Area. The area is primarily residential with a diverse pattern of housing and a unique mix of retail and service establishments.

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WHY UPDATE OUR COMMUNITY PLANS?

Current Community Plans:

- Last updated in the late 90s and needs refreshing
- The Plans are NOT tailored to address urban design and community character
- Could provide greater neighborhood protections
- Do NOT encourage and plan for Transportation Neighborhoods
- Do NOT adequately recognize sustainability goals and infrastructure needs
- Current zones are NOT consistent with improved zoning tools, are difficult and confusing to administer and adds additional layers of bureaucracy and delay
Goals of updating the community plan:

- Update policies to reflect neighborhood goals
  Exp: Create context sensitive zones, update resources

- Re-evaluate existing capacity to meet community needs

- Update the Land Use map
  Exp: Changing designations that no longer apply to what’s on the ground

- Apply a new flexible zoning code to existing areas
What’s going to be improved in our NEW Plans:

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  *New Single Family Zones
  *New Commercial and Industrial zones with higher design requirements
  *Easy to understand!!!

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- Open Space
- Public Facilities

Map showing locations such as Van Nuys Rec Center, Van Nuys High School, Van Nuys Civic Center, Sylvan Park Elementary, Kester Ave Elementary, Delano Rec Center, and Van Nuys Middle School.
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Outreach so far:

- 8 workshops
- Over 300 people attended
- 70 comments submitted online
- Over 10,000 online impressions
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- **Encino Workshop**
  - **Wed, Jul 12**
  - 6:30 – 8:30 PM
  - Encino Community Center 📍 4935 Balboa Blvd

- **Canoga Park Workshop**
  - **Thur, Jul 13**
  - 6:00 – 8:00 PM
  - Canoga Park Senior Center 📍 7326 Jordan Ave

- **West Hills Workshop**
  - **Tues, Jul 18**
  - 6:00 – 8:00 PM
  - de Toledo High School 📍 22622 Vanowen St

- **Reseda Workshop**
  - **Wed, Jul 19**
  - 6:00 – 8:00 PM
  - Office of Council District 3 Community Room 📍 41340 Vanowen St

- **Lake Balboa Workshop**
  - **Tues, Jul 25**
  - 6:00 – 8:00 PM
  - Birmingham High School (Multipurpose Room) 📍 7000 Haynes St *(Enter off Victory)*

- **Tarzana Workshop**
  - **Thur, Jul 27**
  - 6:00 – 8:00 PM
  - San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center 📍 18342 Oxnard St

- **Woodland Hills Workshop**
  - **Wed, Aug 2**
  - 6:00 – 8:00 PM
  - St. Mel's Catholic Church 📍 20870 Ventura Blvd

- **Winnetka Workshop**
  - **Tues, Aug 8**
  - 6:00 – 8:00 PM
  - Stanley Mosk Elementary School 📍 7335 Lubao Ave *(Parking entrance is on Valerio)*
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| *Community outreach  
*Understanding the community  
*Creating future policies and goals |

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| *Community outreach through Neighborhood Councils  
*Include comments received at previous mtgs. |

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| *Community scoping meetings  
*Discussion of impacts |

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| *Area Planning Commission  
*City Planning Commission  
*Council Committees  
*Council  
*All meetings are public |

**Public Outreach at every step**