The Community Planning Process

One of the most powerful ways Valley residents can inform the development of our region is by participating in the revisioning of our community plans.

Community Plans set goals and guidelines to fulfill a city's General Plan, especially with regard to land use, housing, transportation, parks, and other elements of our neighborhoods. These powerful and seldom revised plans include policies and maps, which dictate the approved zoning for residential, commercial and industrial uses. They can foster economic development, but too often impede it with outdated parking requirements, limitations on density, or prohibitions on uses that might promote walkability and vibrant street life.

In the City of Los Angeles, for example, the Southeast Valley and Southwest Valley Community Plans are both under revision. Outreach for the Southeast Valley Plan's Ventura-Cahuenga corridor is under way through the Fall of 2022, anticipating the release of the General Plan Land Use Map in the Summer of 2023, and initiating the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in the Fall 2023. Meanwhile, the planning division is currently preparing a draft Zoning and EIR to update the Southwest Valley Community Plan.

The Alliance encourages our residents to engage in the community planning process by providing input at public hearings, sharing feedback with elected officials, and weighing in with various decision-makers including City Council, Area Planning Commissions, and the Cultural Heritage Commission. To learn about your city's community planning, review Community plans, and submit comments, please visit the websites below:

Los Angeles

Calabasas

Glendale

Burbank

San Fernando

And please email your recommendations for zoning reform to Alliance President & CEO Sonya Blake at sblake@economicalliance.org.