



Pasadena and the Bennett Plan: A Progressive, City Beautiful Vision Realized

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The Bennett Plan, created in 1925 for the City of Pasadena by legendary planner Edward H. Bennett, helped launch the tradition of community planning which continues in Pasadena today.

The birth of progressive city planning found its roots in the “City Beautiful Movement,” with Daniel Burnham of Chicago its key figure. Its central tenet was that a city can be both attractive and efficient, functioning more effectively than an unappealing one. Many early city plans were based upon “city beautiful” planning principles; importantly, Chicago, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Few were fully realized; but Pasadena’s Bennett plan was, achieving a unique status among cities in California and the nation.

Pasadena’s 1925 plan was created by Edward H. Bennett, protégé of Daniel Burnham and leading city planner of the day. Nearly a century later, the plan remains the enduring guide for Pasadena’s Civic Center district. The “Bennett Plan” produced a grand civic center Beaux-Arts Axial plan and ceremonial western entrance, a formal arrangement of civic buildings, an overall plan for the extension, widening, and landscaping of key east-west streets and boulevards, and an implementing zoning ordinance.

The selection of Bennett was due in large part to the vision, political skills, and charisma of renowned astronomer George Ellery Hale, Pasadena resident and former Chicagoan, who envisioned Pasadena as the “Athens of the West”. That thinking continues to influence Pasadena’s success as a model of effective, citizen based planning.

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Unique Aspects of the Plan

Many cities were “city beautiful” cities; however, few saw the extensive implementation this plan realized; even fewer enjoy intact buildings and boulevards which reflect their original plans, making Pasadena unique among American cities of its size and time. Later generations of plans continue to reference and incorporate the original plan’s principles. Further, it was affirmed by the City’s voters in an early application of the referendum process.

Continuing Impact of the Bennet Plan Over Eight Decades

The plan’s most visible contribution is the Civic Center, an ensemble of ten historic buildings, a park, and several newer compatible developments from the 1980s to the current day. Listed in the *National Register of Historic Places*, Pasadena’s Civic Center is a major California planning achievement, conceived and realized within a decade (1923-1932). Pasadena remains faithful to the plan. **In 1988, the City rededicated itself to the Bennett Plan by adopting a master plan that has provided the foundation for City investments of nearly \$400 million**, including re-opening the Garfield axis, introducing architecturally compatible additions to the Civic Auditorium, developing TOD and infill mixed use housing (incorporating adaptive reuse of the historic police building), restoration of City Hall, the Central Library, and the Civic Auditorium as well as the Gas Company, YMCA and Julia Morgan YWCA buildings for civic and community benefit.

Pasadena has made *no small commitment* to realizing of its City Beautiful Plan and richly deserves the “Planning Landmark” Award to be conferred by the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Nationally Recognized

The City of Pasadena’s 1920s plan by Edward H. Bennett produced a grand civic center and a ceremonial western entrance to the city focused on a park and art museum, a zoning ordinance, and an overall city plan recommending the extension, widening, and landscaping of key east-west streets and boulevards. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Pasadena’s historic Civic Center is a major planning achievement in the West, conceived and realized within a decade (1923-1932) and enhanced in recent decades with architecturally compatible additions and renovated historic buildings. It is unique both for its contribution at the time, but more importantly for the City’s continuing commitment to the plan over 80 years.

A Plan Endorsed by the People

Unlike many planning efforts then and now, “A Plan for the City of Pasadena, California” (Bennett Parsons and Frost, Consulting Architects, Chicago, April 1925), had the support of the city council and was endorsed by the voters in a city-wide election in 1923 that financed three principal civic buildings: a library, a city hall, and a civic auditorium. Ten of California’s most prominent architects participated in a design competition for the buildings.

National Significance of the Planner

Edward Bennett, protégé of Daniel Burnham, was the leading city planner of the day. An English-born Californian and graduate of UC Berkeley and the Ecole des Beaux Arts, Bennett worked with Burnham on the plan for San Francisco, and later on the landmark 1909 “Plan of Chicago.” During his work with Bennett on San Francisco, Burnham gave him the ultimate tribute: *“No one can take Bennett’s place in this work, not even I.”* After 1909, Burnham referred all requests for city plans to Bennett, effectively anointing him as America’s leading planning

It Has Been a Pleasure Serving You!

This will be my last issue of the *Cal Planner* as Vice President of Public Information. Thank you for the opportunity to again serve



members of APA California as a member of the Board. It has been several years since I last served on the California Chapter Board and you are well served by both the conscientious Board members and a devoted staff. They are committed to providing the most cost effective and beneficial services to all of you. While there are many in the profession who are having a difficult time due to budget cuts, we planners are still very vital to the communities and environment of the California. We provide those unique perspectives - vision, creativity, problem-solving, adaptability, inclusion, conservation and preservation - all key to “Making Great Communities Happen”. Our profession is so needed to revitalize the economy of California. I know my successor will take major steps to continue to improve the communication tools serving our members on both the website and in *Cal Planner*. I have enjoyed serving you and will continue to volunteer where needed.

Happy 2012 to all.

Janet Ruggiero, FAICP

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authority. In the following decades, Bennett completed plans for civic centers, comprehensive city plans, subdivision and landscape plans, and zoning ordinances in major American cities. Most significant was his role as chairman of the Board of Architects of Washington, D. C. (1927-1937) that oversaw the development of the Federal Triangle and the Capitol Grounds Extension.

The selection of Edward Bennett and the idea for the competition were due to the vision, political skills, and charisma of world-famous astronomer George Ellery Hale, a Chicagoan who counted Daniel Burnham and Bertram Goodhue among his personal friends. In Pasadena, Hale wanted to create the "Athens of the West," with the establishment of premier cultural institutions, including Caltech, the Huntington Library, an art museum and a major medical facility. These would complement his Mt. Wilson Observatory, which boasted the most advanced equipment and the best climate for astronomical viewing in the world. Hale argued that Pasadena needed a city plan and civic architecture to match the high standards of its burgeoning institutions, commenting, "It is just as easy to do a thing in an international way as in a purely local one." Using the slogan "to make a city attractive is to make it prosperous," Hale garnered overwhelming support from Pasadena's elected officials and the public.

A Plan Enforced and Maintained

Pasadena remained faithful to the plan into the 1950s, when an architecturally compatible county courts building was built on the Garfield axis and a room to house the music collection was added seamlessly to the library. In the following two decades, however, the plan was ignored. A monolithic ten-story bank building was built on Garfield south of city hall, the county built an even larger ten-story addition to the court building, and the city's redevelopment agency subsidized the construction of a three-block long shopping mall, the "Plaza Pasadena," across the Garfield axis, cutting off the civic auditorium from the rest of the civic center.

With the enactment of the California Environmental Quality Act (1970) and the National Historic Preservation Act (1976), the nation and California focused attention on documenting and preserving historic buildings. In the 1980s, Pasadena Heritage nominated the Civic Center to the National Register of Historic Places, once again elevating it to prominence in the civic consciousness. In 1988, the City rededicated itself to realizing the Bennett Plan by adopting the "Pasadena Civic Center Master Plan," prepared by Lyndon/Buchanan Associates, Berkeley, CA.

Restoration, Reinvestment in the Plan Ensures Continuity

Since then, the City has invested nearly \$400 million in strengthening and enhancing the plan, undoing earlier mistakes by re-opening the Garfield axis through a renovated "Paseo Colorado" shopping mall, and making architecturally compatible additions, including a police administration building and jail (Robert A.M. Stern), a hotel/office redevelopment project "Plaza Las Fuentes" (Moore Rubell Yudell), an expanded conference center flanking the auditorium, and a housing complex, "Holly Street Village Apartments," incorporating the historic police building. These City investments also include the restoration of the City Hall, the Library, the Civic Auditorium, the Gas Company and Y buildings for civic and community benefit. Pasadena's Civic Center clearly qualifies as a landmark planning achievement, a prime example of Daniel Burnham's dictum: "Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably will themselves not be realized. Make big plans, . . . remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will not die."

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President's Message

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Bringing it Home in 2012!



It's a new year and it time for a new look ahead for all things APA. Honestly this is going to be a very important year for our organization, and I want to make sure all of us are involved and up to speed as the year unfolds.

Some good news for the year ahead – 2012 is the year we are bringing the National Conference home to California. Get out your calendars now and circle the dates April 14-17, 2012. In fact, hop online and reserve your spot now as well! The conference will take place in downtown Los Angeles at the Convention Center and new "LA Live" complex.

I am especially interested in extending a warm invitation to all of our APA California members as Los Angeles is my planning hometown. The Local Host Committee has worked hard to put together a program that will showcase the very best of Los Angeles, and give insights into the latest planning innovations in a city that is reimagining itself for the future. Check out the online program of events and registration information at www.planning.org/conference. Also as you register be sure to get your tickets to the opening night party at LA's Union Station on Sunday the 14th – click on the "events" tab for more info on this and other local host programs you won't want to miss. (Hint – I heard there was a 'casting call' and tryouts for volunteers to help run the orientation tours – be sure to sign up for the "Boulevards of Legend" orientation tour which includes Wilshire, Santa Monica, and Sunset Boulevards and the "Hills and Valleys" orientation tour which includes the Hollywood Hills, Arroyo Seco, and Griffith Observatory).

Please take a minute to register now and encourage your friends and coworkers to do the same. By the way, if you have any raves or gripes about "LA Live" I want to hear about it, since I was the city planner for that part of town (I know- lots of signagel!). You won't get a chance to experience a National Conference like this right in our own state for a long time...

I'd also like to share some more good news and welcome President-Elect Brooke Peterson to the board. Brooke will be serving as President-Elect in 2012 and taking over the helm in 2013. We are very fortunate to have Brooke in this position – she brings depth and experience to the board and a special insight into the operation of our local sections from her work as San Diego Section Director. Welcome Brooke!

We are also very lucky to welcome back Virginia Viado who was re-elected to the post of Vice President, Administration. I am very privileged to work with such passionate volunteer board-members who make the difference each and every day for APA. You guys are great!

I mentioned the word "budget initiative" and I wanted to spend one last minute sharing some background on where your APA board is moving in 2012. Over the past two years, APA California has undergone significant budget reductions and expense cutting in order to preserve our service level to our membership while responding to reductions in revenue and income as we have all weathered the financial hardships of the current era. This has not been an easy process, and I'm very proud of the decisions the board has made.

Your board is committed to remaining financially solvent and sound – with a balanced budget and an emphasis on services for our 5000 members at the local level. Each of our members makes the difference in our organization, and membership growth and retention is the most important priority for APA California as market conditions stabilize and hopefully begin to recover. Over the next three months, the board will be looking at ways to address our current structural deficit that remains in place even after having cut over 20% of our operating budget in the last two years. We will be transparent and inclusive in this process, and we will be providing a series of financial status reports to our membership and a breakdown of where your membership dollar goes to better respond to your priorities.

Thank you for your continued support of APA during these difficult times – all budget, expense, and revenue ideas are welcome and very much appreciated by our board. Please email me any thoughts any time at kevin.keller@lacity.org.

So here's to bringing it home in 2012! Whether that means welcoming the National Conference to our state in April, or a new commitment to participating in an interesting local section event, or throwing your name into the hat as a volunteer for APA California, let's make this a year we won't forget! I'll see you in April in Los Angeles!



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A Close Look at the California Citizens Redistricting Commission

By Connie Galambos Malloy, APA California, Northern California, Membership Inclusion Director



When Californians voted to create the nation's first independent Citizens Redistricting Commission charged with drawing Assembly, Senate, Board of Equalization, and Congressional districts, it was with the hope of ending the partisan gerrymandering of the past. Speaking as one of the 14 Commissioners, I believe we have delivered on that promise—against all odds.

For decades the elected leaders in Sacramento have been mired in constant partisan bickering, unable to pass balanced budgets on time and tending to the whims of special interests rather than grappling with solving the long term problems of the state. In response, taking a large step towards reforming the State Capitol's crumbling political infrastructure, citizens passed the Voters First Act. This historic proposition took the job of redistricting out of the hands of politicians and gives the power to citizens like myself.

Every ten years, we count every person in the United States through a process called the "Census." This count gives us a snapshot of how many people there are and where they live. Once we know how many people live in California, we can divide the population evenly into districts for the State Senate, Assembly, Board of Equalization and Congress. This is called "redistricting."

California's Citizen Redistricting Commission had less than eight months to bring 14 strangers from diverse backgrounds together, hire staff and consultants, develop and conduct an extensive public outreach process, draw 177 individual district maps that incorporated complex legal and technical analysis, compose an extensive narrative report, and certify the maps with a multipartisan vote. And it was done—on time and under budget.

The maps were produced through a transparent process: deliberations were conducted and decisions about boundaries made in public, streamed live with transcripts, and archived online. And although the process was called redistricting, it really should have been called "districting" because the Commission consciously chose not to tweak existing districts with their flawed political baggage, but to start from scratch using its voter-approved criteria

As the youngest Commissioner and one of only two with small children, the public service commitment was grueling beyond my wildest imagination. I can remember one Tuesday morning when I woke up, packed my one-year-old son in the car, and drove five hours to a public hearing that lasted until midnight. The next day, I woke up and drove three hours, and did it all over again, again, and again. While most Commissioners spent their daily stipend on sightseeing, I spent it on childcare at the hands of strangers!

The Commission heard testimony from an incredibly diverse cross-section of the state that

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was important to how the maps were drawn. From Salinas to Culver City, from Hanford to San Bernardino, thousands of people attended 34 public hearings at which, over 2,700 individuals provided input. Tens of thousands of others put their thoughts in writing, maps, and even poetry. As we traveled across the state, I was forced to confront the new socio-demographic reality of California and prioritize factors relevant to fair and effective political representation.

When it came to drawing the districts, the Commission followed the criteria set forth in the Voters First Act—in ranked order.

- First, Districts must comply with the US Constitution—creating districts of equal population to ensure “one person, one vote.”
- Districts must comply with Voting Rights Act—ensuring minority communities have the ability to elect representatives of their choice.
- Districts shall be geographically contiguous.
- Respect boundaries of cities, counties, local neighborhoods and local communities of interest and minimize their division to the extent possible.
- To the extent practicable and where it does not conflict with the criteria above, districts should be drawn to encourage geographical compactness.
- Where practicable each Senate District should be comprised of two complete and adjacent Assembly Districts and Board of Equalization districts shall be composed of 10 complete and adjacent State Senate Districts.
- Districts shall not be drawn favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, candidate or political party.

In fact, current analysis shows scores of candidates drawn out of their districts or more than one incumbent within a district. The 2012 elections—with the combined impact of redistricting and the new top-two primary system—may bring significant changes across the state and in the long run, create opportunities for new leadership. The new political maps are superior to their predecessors from a standpoint of both process and outcome, which is “fair and effective” political representation.

The public has never had a seat at the redistricting table before, or a chance to weigh in on the process at so many stages—before and after the draft visualizations. Naturally, public expectations have been high and there is some disappointment that individual requests were not realized—an impossibility in a geographically and demographically diverse state like California. As an Oaklander, I had to constantly challenge myself to make decisions as a “Californian” entrusted with balancing the interests of the entire state—not just my part of the universe. The process involved intense negotiations across party lines and the result, understandably, is a compromise. The new map is not aggressive on behalf of any one constituent group, nor is it one that any of us personally would have created, but it represents an equitable balance to voters across the state.

In keeping with past redistricting tradition, there has been litigation. Only two groups filed suit against the Commission’s maps. But on October 26, the California Supreme Court, in a 7-0 vote, unanimously dismissed the suits affirming that the Commission had followed the Constitution, the Voting Rights Act and the Voters First Act. After failing in state court one of the same groups has now filed litigation in U.S. Federal Court on the state Senate maps.

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A Market-Based Model for Retrofitting Suburban Strip Corridors

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Illustration depicting before and after along a segment of the Edinger Ave. corridor

The City of Huntington Beach, California, adopted the Beach & Edinger Corridors Specific Plan in 2010 to facilitate the retrofit of the city’s primary commercial strip corridors. The result of extensive public participation, the APA California award winning plan uses a strategic approach to form-based coding, geared to the prospects for redevelopment of various sections of six miles of commercial strip.

It guides both public and private investment toward incremental redevelopment with a mandatory form-based code, which replaces the old zoning, and new context-sensitive street designs for the wide thoroughfares.

Huntington Beach is one of many communities grappling with how to transform commercial arterials. Many such corridors are in a state of visual and economic decline as they languish from age, diminishing business activity, and lack of maintenance. Common complaints include high vacancy rates and poor business performance; unattractive, old, and poorly maintained buildings and signs; visual clutter; and an unsafe or uncomfortable pedestrian experience. Despite these problems, the corridors often still see high traffic volumes. Public officials are recognizing that these automobile-oriented corridors are anathema to sustainability goals of increased walking, bicycling, and transit use.

While commercial corridors are obvious opportunities for suburban retrofit, they are also some of the hardest pieces of any city to replan. They are composed of numerous separately-owned properties of various shapes and sizes spread out over miles of arterial roadway. The dual roles these strips perform — providing primary mobility and highly visible settings for specific land uses — are often in conflict, and enhancements to one may result in the deterioration of the other. Community members also have more difficulty envisioning a transformed commercial strip than, say, a revitalized downtown. Although the broad issues relating to commercial arterials are similar from one community to the next, the solutions vary greatly due to the wide variety of specific corridor conditions and development opportunities.

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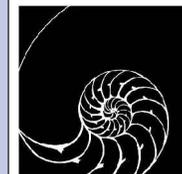
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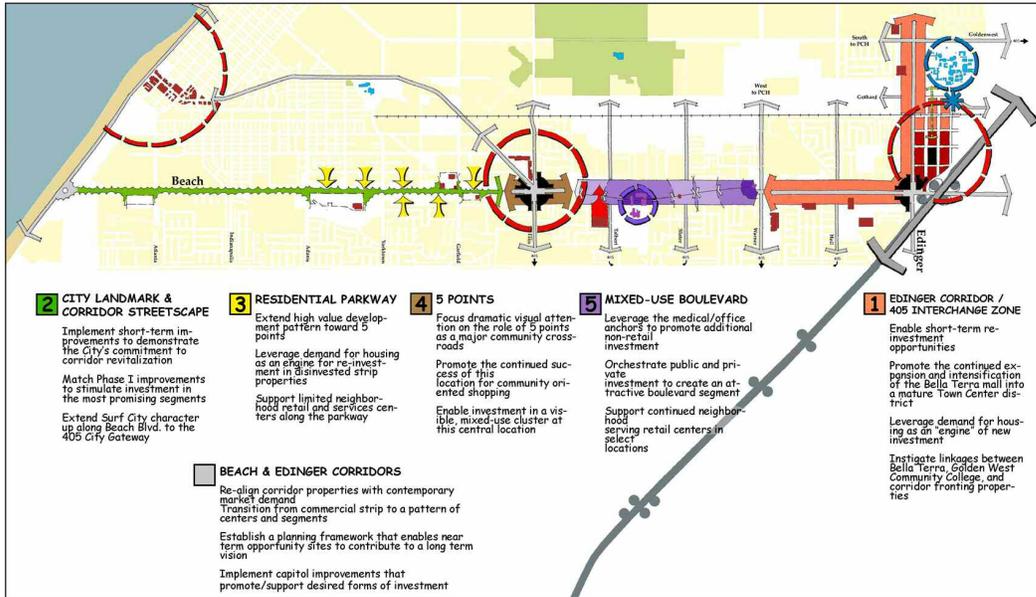
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Strategic Actions Diagram illustrating prioritized strategies throughout the corridors

Restructuring the Land Uses

By replacing continuous commercial-only zoning with a code that varies along the corridor, the plan will transform the strip into a more valuable poly-nucleated pattern. Retail is directed to corridor centers - major crossroads with the greatest concentrations of existing retail and/or the greatest potential for future activity - such as the Town Center Core, which includes an existing mall near a freeway interchange, or six smaller convenience-oriented neighborhood centers.

As new pedestrian-oriented retail migrates to the centers, miles of corridor segments in between will transition from single-use commercial to a mix of residential, workplace, and some retail. Enhanced housing entitlements, combined with reorganized retail entitlements, create value that is more in line with market demand and better matched with contemporary development trends. The mix of uses and intensity of each segment are conditioned by the context and by the strongest existing assets. Office, medical office, and hospital-serving retail will take advantage of proximity to the Huntington Beach Hospital in the Neighborhood Boulevard segment. The Neighborhood Parkway segment will transition primarily to housing, drawing value from residential neighborhoods to the south.

The plan also supports the continued presence and success of existing uses including auto dealerships. By being somewhat more restrictive about location, the code can be less restrictive about permitting such uses and encouraging investment. The code ensures that new development contributes appropriately to the desired pattern. For example, new commercial development in the Neighborhood Parkway segment must be appropriately scaled and must feature deep, landscaped setbacks, and well buffered parking areas.

Redesigning the Thoroughfare

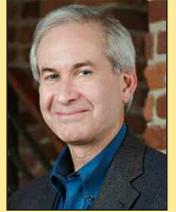
The plan includes streetscape improvements to ensure that the corridors match planned new development. Street designs vary in accordance with centers and segments. Classic multiway boulevard improvements, featuring protected curbside parking and slow-moving traffic along service lanes paralleling the central through-lanes (see aerial rendering), are required along Edinger Avenue's major town center. Segments likely to be mostly residential in character contain well landscaped sidewalks that provide significant screening.

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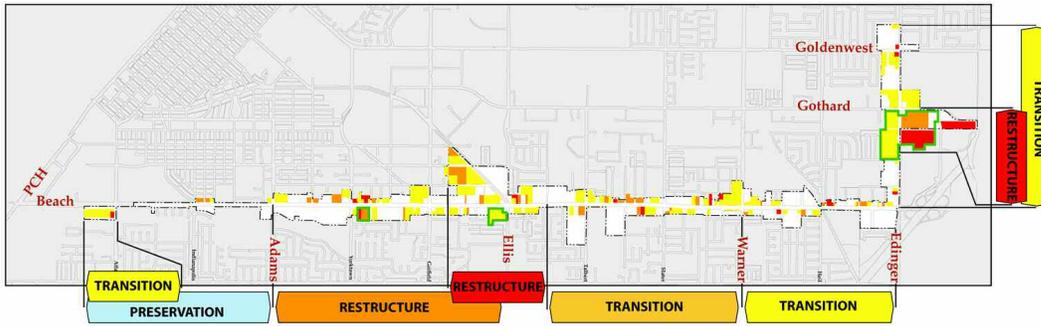


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Strategies vary according to potential for change along the corridor

Addressing Potential for Change

To guide new investment, the strategic approach in Huntington Beach divides the corridors into three broad categories based on potential for change.

Areas with significant potential for change are targeted for aggressive restructuring into mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly environments. The two major town centers are designated as restructure areas because of large vacant or underutilized properties and strong economic potential.

Segments featuring only moderate potential for change are given a planning framework that accommodates gradual transition away from the single use, auto-oriented strip commercial corridor of today.

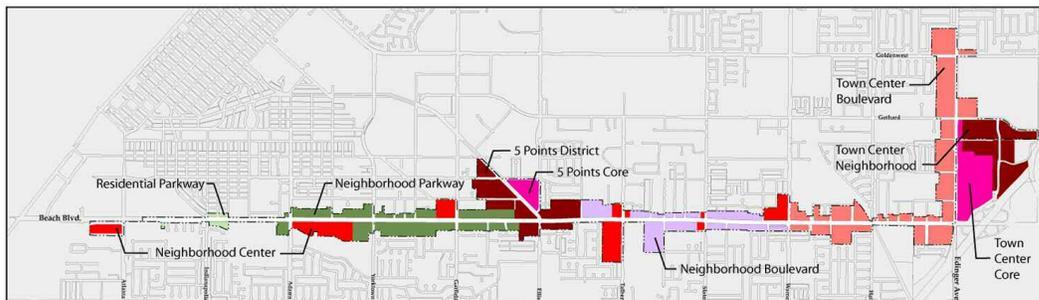
Areas that are economically stable and already feature a desirable development pattern are treated as preservation areas, focused primarily on replicating and subtly improving upon the best features of the existing pattern.

The plan prioritizes capital improvements in locations featuring the greatest potential for change. Context-specific streetscape improvements which enhance the physical character of the corridor and support planned new development will encourage private investment. In this way, market-sensitive land-use policies and public investment in vulnerable areas will combine to kick off restructuring. To date, several development applications have been submitted and approved.

No One-Size-Fits-All Solutions

This “potential for change” framework helps fight the tendency to apply a single solution continuously to long stretches of corridor. Strategies must vary not only across the Transect, but also along a corridor in response to varying markets, demographics, and physical conditions.

Despite the challenges that corridors pose, they offer significant opportunities to transform large and valuable pieces of otherwise built-out suburbs and move communities to a more livable and sustainable settlement patterns. Market-based plans that sufficiently address existing conditions and apply Transect-based urban design principles stand the best chance of success.



Regulations framework: A pattern of corridor Centers and Segments

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APA California Legislative Update - Winter 2012 Legislature Returning in January

By Sande George, Stefan/George Associates, APA Lobbyist and Executive Director



All has been quiet at the Capitol while legislators are on winter interim and waiting for the outcome of various lawsuits challenging 2011 budget decisions, including the elimination of redevelopment agencies.

They will be returning on January 4, 2012. For an update of key bills APA CA lobbied in 2011, please see the latest article on the website at www.calapa.org.

Other key deadlines:

January 10.....Governor's budget is due

January 27deadline to submit a bill to Legislative Counsel

February 24deadline for actual bill introduction

April 27.....policy committee deadline

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APA California has developed this web site to provide on-line services for APA California members and others interested in planning issues: www.apacalifornia.org

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Awards of Excellence and Merit

A complete award package must be received by each juror either by regular mail or electronic mail no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, February 10, 2012 (no exceptions). Please direct any questions about the awards program to Tim Brown, Chair, Awards Committee at 334.615.3416 or by email to downtown54@hotmail.com.

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Student Sagacity

Planning is Everywhere: Making the Most Out of Your Planning Student Career

By Cindy Ma, LEED AP, APA California Student Representative



Hi, my name is Cindy Ma and I will be the student representative on the Cal APA Board of Directors for the 2012 year. Currently, I am a graduate student at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo studying City and Regional Planning with an emphasis on urban design.

I am excited to be a part of the Cal APA board and represent planning students throughout the State. Since the prior student representative, Chris Read, discussed the benefits of being an APA member and conference highlights in previous issues of Cal Planner, in this issue I would like to focus on the topic of local APA chapters and extracurricular opportunities that can help enrich your planning student experience.

As planning students, it is important that we explore and discover any opportunity there is to expand our planning knowledge. Local APA chapters can provide a more personal experience that may not be available, or may enhance resources, at the national and state level. At Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, there is a strong partnership between the Central Coast APA chapter and the university. This relationship has allowed for informative and valuable exchanges between professionals in the area and students at the university.

Every quarter Cal Poly APA student representatives and the local APA chapter host several events to enrich the learning experience of students and planners in the area. So far, this academic year there has been lectures, panels, tabling, and mixer events. Topics at lectures and panels have varied from water conservation to the different pathways in planning. These small discussion- and panel-based events encourage a dialogue between students and professionals, providing an opportunity for both sides to learn from each other. Additionally, a tabling event was held at the farmers market to bring awareness about the field of planning and a mixer was held at a local planning firm to encourage dialogue between planning professionals and students.

In order to make the most out of our career as planning students, it is imperative that we take advantage of APA at all levels and combine it with other extracurricular opportunities. As many of us have come to learn, planning is everywhere. This means that our educational experiences should not be limited to just the classroom. Extracurricular opportunities such as internships, volunteer work, and competitions allow for an additional layer of discovery and exploration that can help us put what we have learned to practice and prepare ourselves for the professional realm. Internships and volunteer experiences provide valuable insight into finding our interests as well as our strengths and weaknesses.

So make the most of your planning student career! Take advantage of what APA (at all levels) has to offer and combine it with extracurricular opportunities so that you can get the best of both the educational and professional worlds. To help get you started, links to local APA chapters and some ideas for extracurricular opportunities are listed at the end of the article.

As your APA California student representative, I would love to hear any comments, questions, or concerns you have about APA California. Please contact me at cma03@calpoly.edu.

Local APA California Chapter and Planning Universities:

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 - UC Berkeley: <http://dcrp.ced.berkeley.edu/>
 - San Jose State: <http://www.sjsu.edu/urbanplanning/>
- Orange: <http://oc-apa.org/news.php>
 - UC Irvine: <http://ppd.soceco.uci.edu/>
- Los Angeles: <http://www.la-apa.org/>
 - UCLA: <http://publicaffairs.ucla.edu/urbanplanning>
 - USC: <http://www.usc.edu/schools/price/>
- Sacramento: <http://www.sacvalley-apa.org/>
 - Young Planners Group (YPG): <http://www.sacvalley-apa.org/ypgmenu/overview>
- San Diego: <http://www.sdapa.org/home/index.php>
 - UC San Diego: <http://usp.ucsd.edu/>
 - San Diego State University: http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/admissions/graduate/city_planning_mcp.html
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- Central Coast: <http://www.centralcoastapa.org/>
 - Cal Poly San Luis Obispo: <http://planning.calpoly.edu/>
- Inland Empire: <http://www.ies-apa.org/index.asp>
 - UC Riverside: <http://www.ucr.edu/>
 - Cal Poly Pomona: <http://www.csupomona.edu/~urp/index.shtml>

Extracurricular Opportunities:

- Intern/volunteer with:
 - Local, county, regional, state and federal agencies
 - Planning firms (consider a range: design, environmental, transportation, etc.)
 - Professional development agencies (i.e. APA, SPUR)
 - Non-profit organizations (i.e. Housing Trust Funds, Land Trusts, Green Belt Alliance, Habitat for Humanity, etc.)
- Competitions:
 - Gerald D. Hines Urban Land Institute (ULI) interdisciplinary urban design competition
 - <http://www.udcompetition.org/>
 - AECOM Water Student Design Competition
 - <http://www.aecom.com/What+We+Do/Water+Design+Competition>
 - Bank of America Low Income Housing Challenge (ask your university department about this competition)

Sacramento Valley Section Mentors Young Planners

By Derek Wong, AICP, APA California, Sacramento Valley Section, Membership Inclusion Director

The state wide Membership Inclusion Directors are actively developing programs and initiatives to further the goals and objectives of diversity and inclusion for our membership. In support of this, APA's Sacramento Valley Section recently launched a mentorship program for young planners. The **PLAN Sac Valley program (Planning + Leadership + Advancement + Networking)** is in its inaugural year and provides professional planners who are just starting their careers with enriching **one-on-one and group mentoring sessions** for personal and professional growth and advancement. The goal of the program is to support young planners so that planning is a viable career choice.

The **9-month program matches mentors with protégées** and is dedicated to providing new technical insight into planning and other related fields, professional development tips, leadership skills, and networking strategies that can be integrated into young planners' day-to-day lives. The program curriculum addresses topics such as the politics of public and private sector planning and personal branding, with group meetings focused on issues such as "The Future of the Planning Profession." PLAN Sac Valley mentors are established technical and planning policy professionals that have volunteered to share their knowledge and experience with young planners.

Enrolment in the 2011/2012 PLAN program includes nine mentors and nine protégées from a diverse range of backgrounds. Participants include planners from local, regional, state, and federal government, as well as consultants representing small and large planning companies. The program also integrates participants with general APA Sacramento Valley Section and YPG events, including being recognized at the Section Awards Night Program.

PLAN Sac Valley is a member-only benefit and resulted in six new APA members in its first year. The Sacramento Valley Section intends to continue the PLAN program on an annual basis. For more information about PLAN, please visit <http://sacvalley-apa.org/ypgmenu/plan-sac-valley> or email Tracey Ferguson, Sac Valley Section YPG chair, or Ben Rubin, PLAN Sac Valley program coordinator, at ypg@sacvalley-apa.org.

And if you have any questions about or want to become involved in APA California diversity and inclusion activities, please contact Chapter Membership Inclusion Co-Directors David Salazar, AICP at salazar@csulb.edu or Connie Galambos Malloy at connie@urbanhabitat.org

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AICP Exam Scholarships Available

If you are NOT already a member of AICP or FAICP, AND you meet the minimum educational and experience qualifications required to take the May 2012 AICP Exam, AND you are experiencing real financial hardship... consider applying for one of the **APA California AICP Exam Reduced Fee Scholarships**. **The deadline to apply by email is 5:00 on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.**

This scholarship program was put into place to offer assistance to APA members in California who may defer taking, or are unable to take the AICP exam, because of its high cost. All applications received by the deadline will be evaluated by a subcommittee of the Chapter board, and a final determination of Chapter scholarship recipients will be made by January 20, 2012.

Unfortunately, since these reduced fee scholarships are very limited in number, and in order to make this opportunity available to as many members as possible with the greatest financial need, past Chapter or Section AICP Exam Reduced Fee Scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply.

“Quick Leg Info” Feature Now on Website Homepage

 APA California Chapter has a quick legislative information feature - members can now quickly and easily access key information right from the home page, without signing in. Under the new QUICK LEG INFO feature (under the Consultant Directory link), just click on the “Hot Bill List” link. That link connects members to reports on the hot bills, APA California Chapter positions, and the status of each measure.

Please take the time to review this time-saving new feature.

2012 APA National Conference Mobile Workshop (W045)

Santa Catalina Island: A Microcosm of Small Town Planning Issues in the West

By Dale Powers, AICP, Immediate Past Chair, Small Town and Rural Planning Division (STaR), American Planning Association

As many of you know, different parts of the country face unique planning challenges not experienced elsewhere. In the American West, there are several planning challenges:

- In resort communities with upscale housing, a struggle for affordable housing for residents who work at the resort exists.
- Transportation is a big issue for residents of island communities with limited opportunities to work and shop.
- Water is a BIG issue in the American West, with interstate compacts determining how much water each state can use, as well as controversy over agricultural vs. residential usage.
- Balancing good land stewardship with property rights and creating economic opportunities for residents.
- Accommodating growth in resort communities with geographic limitations for outward expansion.

Each one of those challenges would make a great topic for a mobile workshop – especially with the 2012 National Conference being held this coming April in Los Angeles. To have all of those topics covered in one mobile workshop is a good use of your agency’s training dollars.

“*Santa Catalina Island: A Microcosm of Small Town Planning Issues in the West*”, on Tuesday, April 17, does all of that and more! For much less than the cost of several mobile workshops, you will experience firsthand how Santa Catalina Island and the City of Avalon have addressed these issues. As well, your learning experience will be enhanced by the breath-taking beauty of Santa Catalina Island:



(left) Avalon, California – on Santa Catalina Island; (right) Catalina Casino

In addition to actually seeing how Santa Catalina Island addresses each of the five challenges listed above, you’ll also be intrigued by learning more about:

- Why there is freshwater and saltwater service to each structure serviced by City sewer and water.
- Why there is a 17-year wait to own a car on the island.
- Why the Casino is not a gambling casino and what it is used for.

This all-day mobile workshop is hosted by Siri Eggebraten, Associate Planner for the City of Big Bear Lake, California; Anne Krieg, STaR Vice Chair of Programs; and Dale Powers, STaR

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Immediate Past Chair. Attendees will experience several learning modules during the workshop. En route to the island, Siri will give an overview of California planning law, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the role of the California Coastal Commission in land use decisions.

After landing at Avalon, attendees will be welcomed by Amanda Cook, Planning Director for the City of Avalon. The group will be taking trolley cars up to Wrigley Memorial Gardens. During the trolley ride, Amanda will share with the group the historical context of Santa Catalina Island and how that has influenced land use planning. At the Memorial Gardens, Mel Dinkel of the Catalina Island Conservancy – which controls over 80% of the land area of the island – will present the Conservancy’s role as steward of the undeveloped land and the role of eco-tourism in business development.

Lunch will be at the beautiful Catalina Island Country Club. During lunch, a representative of Hamilton Pacific LLC will share with attendees the challenges of constructing affordable housing on the island, where the scarcity of available buildable land drives up housing costs; Audra McDonald of the City of Avalon will discuss transportation grants that help offset the high costs of travel to the mainland; Wayne Griffin of the Catalina Island Chamber of Commerce will talk about the impact of tourism on the local economy; and a representative of Southern California Edison will share with the group how saltwater is converted to freshwater, and a representative of Environ Strategy will present why saltwater is run into structures on the island.



(left) Catalina Island Country Club; (right) Triana of Avalon – affordable housing

Of course, it wouldn’t be a STaR mobile workshop without some interesting wrinkle. After the formal presentations, attendees will have 90 minutes to either partake in a special investigative exploration of Avalon (on foot or golf cart) based on what was presented at the workshop; visit the Casino with its unique architecture and history; visit the various tourist attractions of the area; or simply walk around and enjoy the beauty and unique architectural styles of the City of Avalon.



(left) Unique architectural styling; (right) Avalon business district

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Finally, on the trip back to the Convention Center there will be a trivia contest based on a combination of learning experiences and just plain fun! Prizes will be awarded – and all attendees are guaranteed to win a memento of their experience on the island.

The all-day workshop begins at 7:00 am from the Convention Center and arrives back at the Convention Center at 7:30 pm. There is a fair amount of walking on this workshop, so bring good walking shoes!

While this mobile workshop is more expensive than others, the awarding of 8.0 AICP CM credits makes the experience well worth the expense. It's like participating in 5 different workshops without paying for 5 different workshops.

If you have any questions about this mobile workshop, contact Dale Powers at 320-493-8930 or dalepowers@ziaplanning.com.

Thanks – and I look forward to seeing you in April!

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Getting to Know PEN - Planners Emeritus Network

By George Osner, AICP, APA California PEN President 2011-2012

So you've been to the Conference, or read the *Cal Planner*, and you've seen a reference to this thing called PEN - **Planners Emeritus Network** . . . PEN is one of APA California's lesser-known related organizations; here's a little more about PEN to round out your knowledge and whet your interest.

PEN was established to recognize the efforts of senior members of the planning profession who have contributed to California planning by their leadership and service to the profession; and to serve as a support group to the APA California Board of Directors, the California Planning Foundation and other Chapter Board authorized organizations for the purpose of providing a resource of long-tenured members of the Association and to ensure that their personal insights, experiences and planning history are recognized and are made available to the Board and related organizations.

So who is a member of PEN? You may already be a member and not even know it! You are a member if:

- You are a Life Member of APA (members who are over the age of 65 and have twenty-five years of continuous membership in APA)
- You have ever been a state-wide elected Board officer of APA California
- You are a Fellow of the College of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP) from California
- You are/were a member of the former California Planning Historical Society
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PEN carries out its purposes through a variety of programs, most significantly including the PEN Honor Awards, presented each year at the annual APA California conference, and through program sessions at the conference highlighting planning history and helping the current members to avoid "reinventing the wheel." PEN also assists the Chapter Historians in their work.

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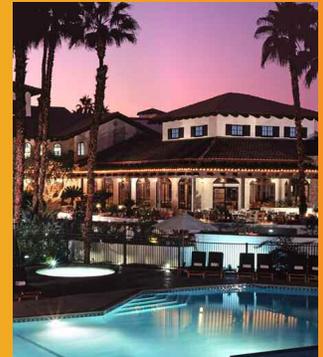
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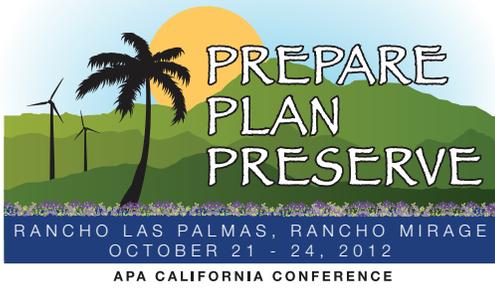
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