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### **Key Facts**

- Only 8% of City is zoned for industrial use
  - (19,000 acres, net of Port and LAX)
- Industrial lands a critical component of City's economy:
  - Industrial tax revenues total \$219.4 million
  - 13% of City total
  - Industrial employment in City totals 509,000 jobs
  - 28.5% of City total employment

### **Key Facts**

- Housing is not allowed by right in Industrial Zones
  - Requires zone change by City of Los
    Angeles
- Live/work is allowed conditionally
  - Requires discretionary review of the Planning Dept.

## Major Issues

- Other uses can outbid industrial uses
- Substantial loss of industrial land to other uses:
  - 26% of industrial zoning has non-industrial uses
  - Great demand for schools, institutions, big box commercial, and housing

## Major Issues

 From 1997-2002, 51% of the value of building permits issued on industrial land was for non-industrial uses

- Vacancy rate for industrial land is very low
  - less than 2%

# Mayor's Office Request

- Study led by DCP & CRA, involving DOT, CDD, and other Departments
  - Survey existing industrial land
    o Hollywood, Westside, Downtown
    (to date, rest of City to follow)
  - Analyze data
- Provide policy recommendations to CPC, City Council and Mayor

# Key Policy Question:

Should industrial land be used to accommodate housing demand, or generally retained to provide industrial-related jobs and services?

## 3 General Policy Options

- 1. Retain and protect existing industrial zones
- 2. Allow partial or full conversion to other uses
- 3. Modify existing zoning to allow a greater mix of industrial and other uses

- A healthy city must maintain a balance of jobs and housing
  - Need for both is great and will continue as our population grows
  - Many industrial jobs require skilled labor and offer higher than retail wages

- Industrial uses provide land for jobs and contribute to City's tax base
  - Loss of industrial uses decrease revenue to
    General Fund
  - Residential uses increase the demand for General Fund services w/o corresponding increase in revenues

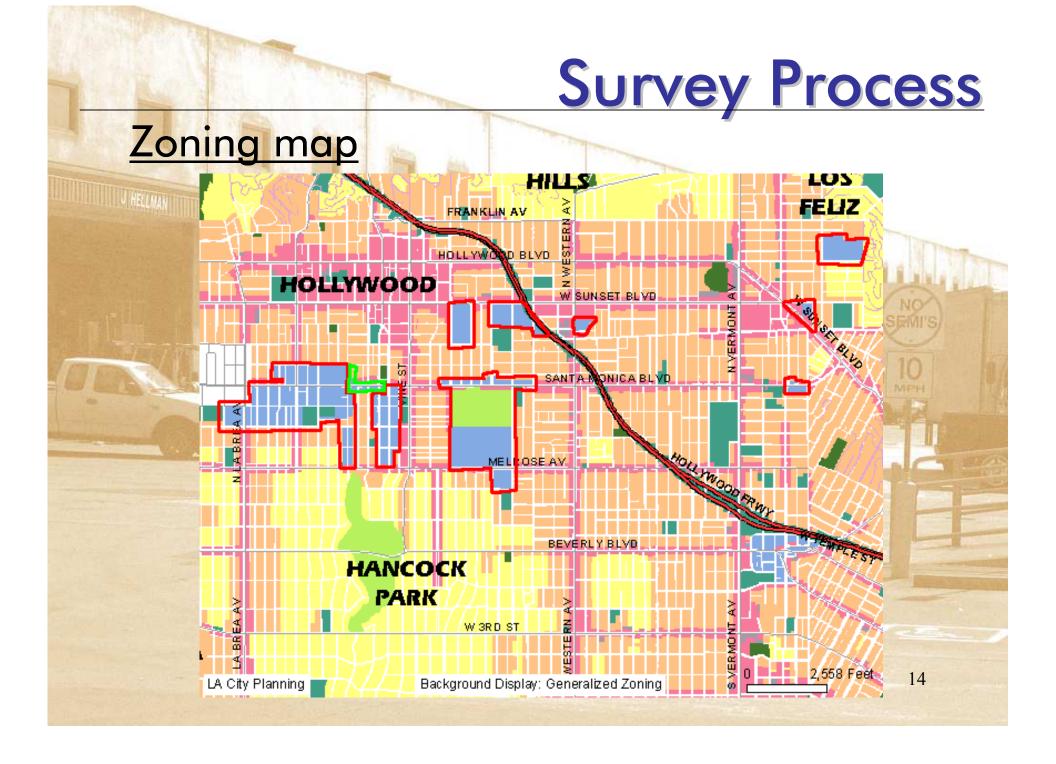
- New housing in industrial zones increases land costs for new and expanding businesses
  - Many local entrepreneurs who start businesses in industrial areas are unable to stay as they grow.
- High current demand for industrial land
  - Small parcels business incubators and start ups
  - Large parcels studios and business campuses

- Industrial land also provides for "industrial services"
  - many services needed by the community "fit best" in industrial zones, e.g.,
    - Auto repair
    - Kennels and animal hospitals
    - Public storage
    - Lumberyards and nurseries

Nebraska

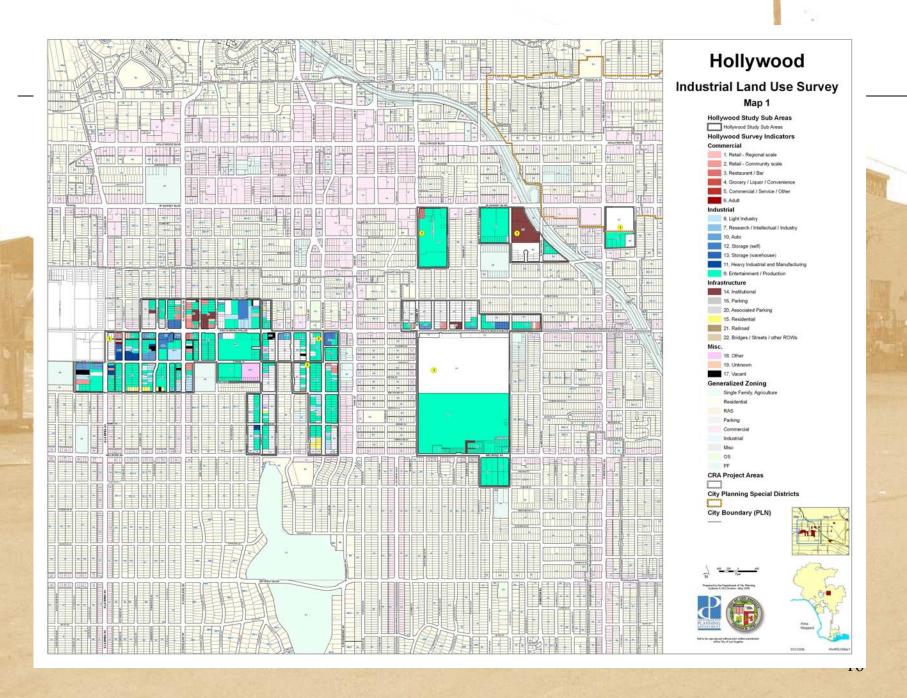
 In Hollywood especially, demand for studio and entertainment-related uses

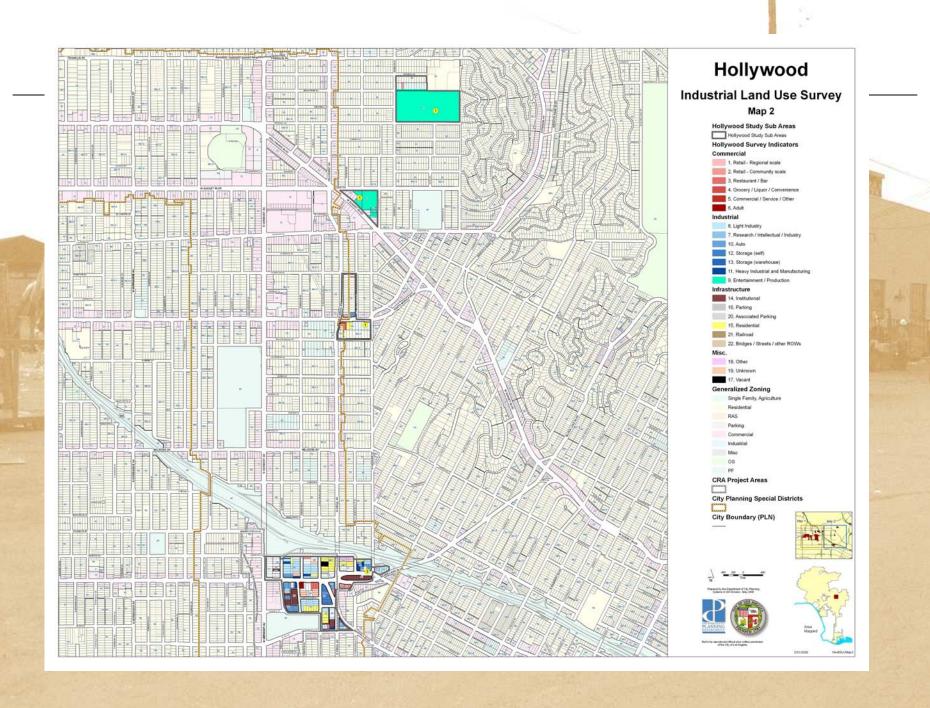
 There is a benefit to an industrial or entertainment "district" – supports interdependent relationships



# Survey Process

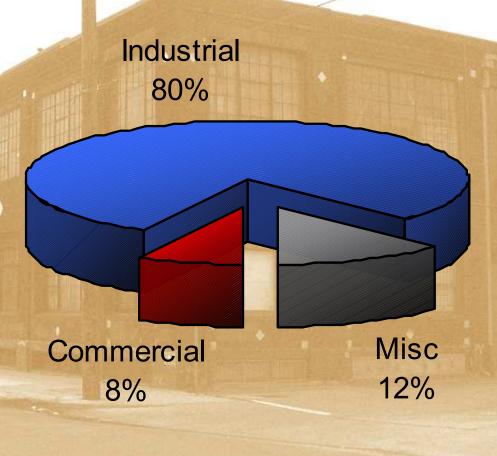
- Field survey of industrial zones by foot to record:
  - Existing uses/businesses
  - Condition of structures
  - Surrounding uses and neighborhoods





# What we Found in Hollywood

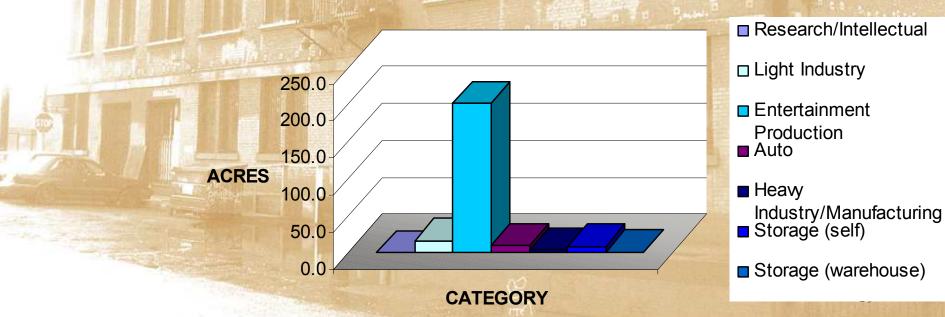
80% of uses are Industrial



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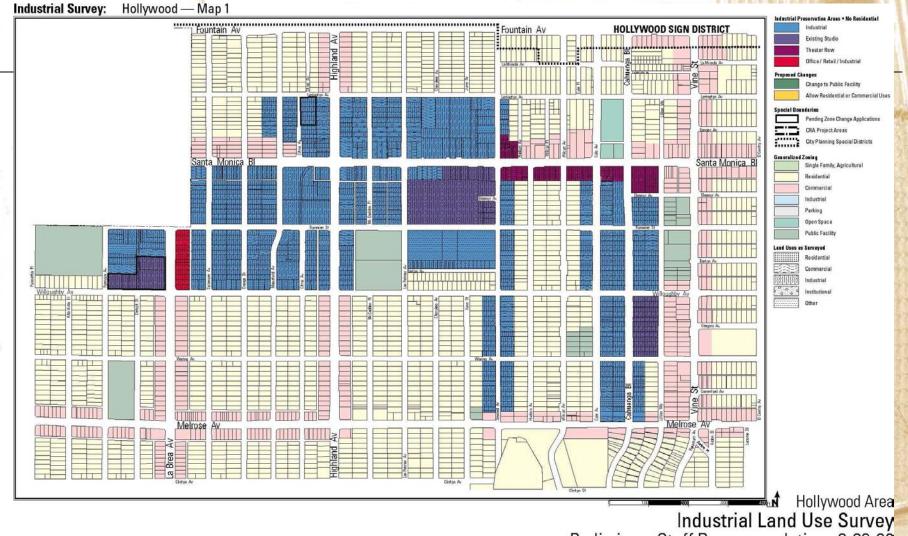
- 202 acres- Studios, post production, prop houses, digital imaging and film processing
- 16 acres- light industrial
- 10 acres- auto related
- 8.6 acres-self storage

**Industrial Acres by Use** 





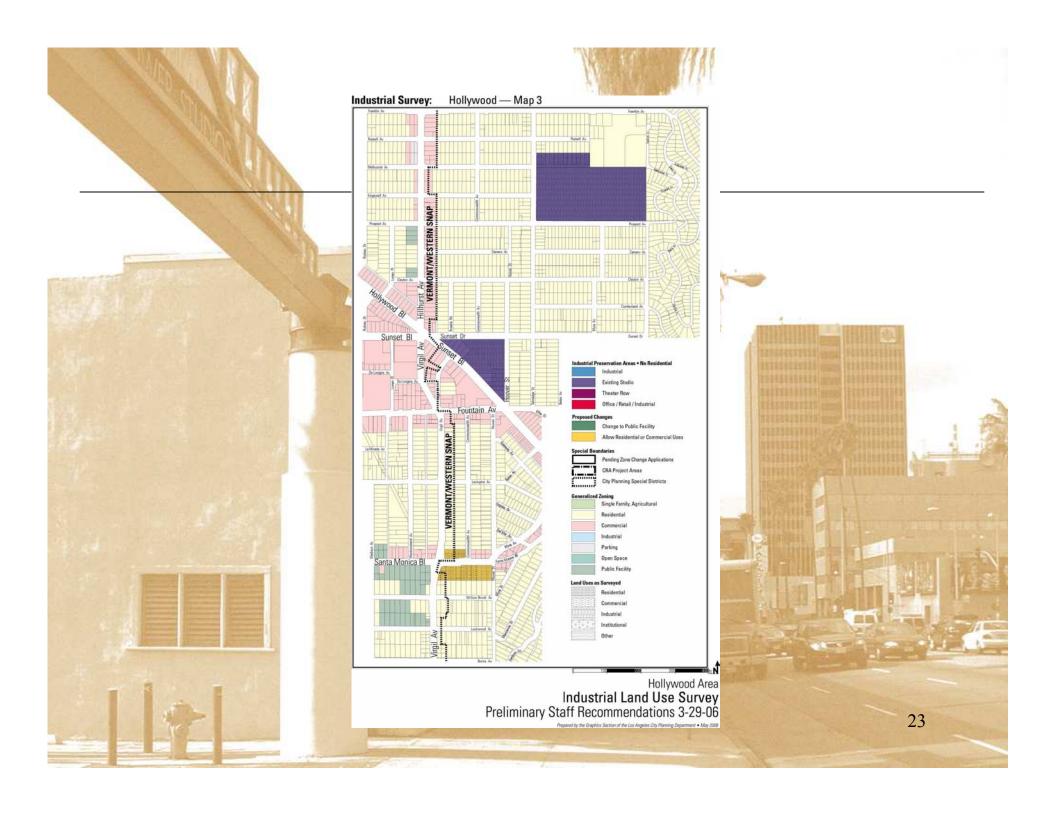
 Staff analyzed data and maps to develop the following recommendations: 20

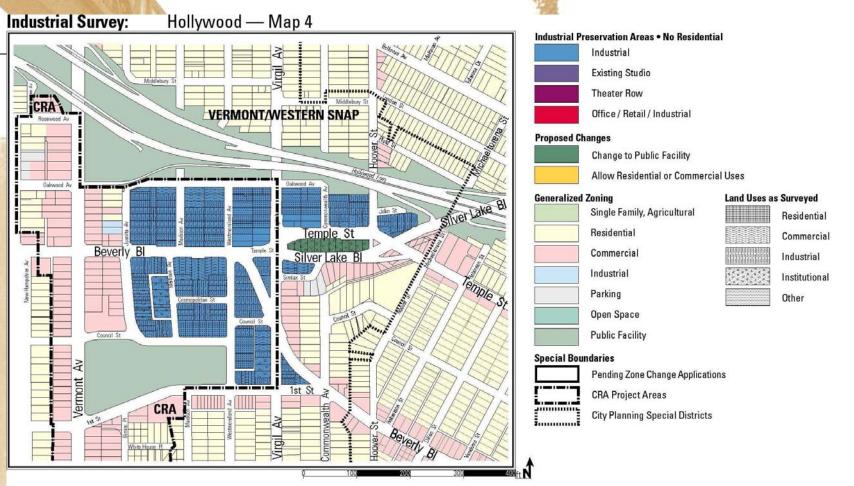


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# Unique Opportunity

Nebraska

Current Community Planning update process is well underway

 Offer policy recommendations that can be implemented as part of the CPU update

#### Next Steps

- Invite public comment tonight
- Allow additional comment through end of June
- Review input and revise as necessary
- Prepare recommendations to decision makers
- Public Hearing in Fall 2006



