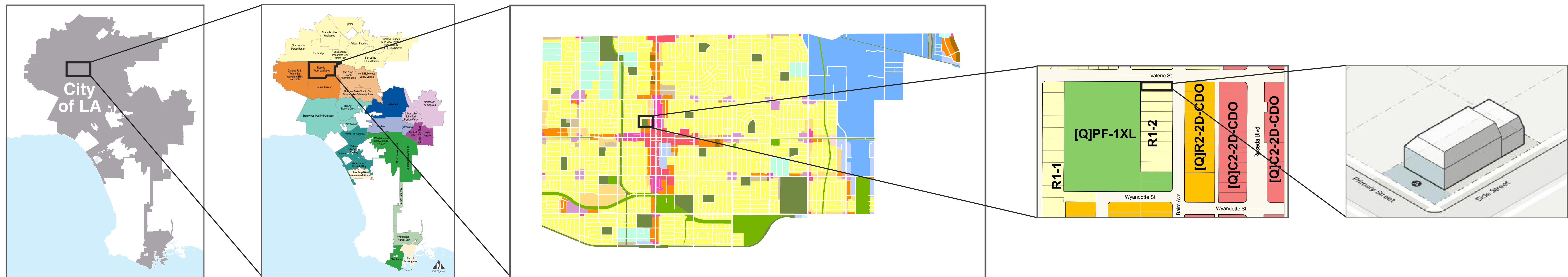


# UNPACKING PLANNING IN LA



## General Plan

The General Plan is the comprehensive plan for the City of Los Angeles. It lays out our values, sets forth a vision for the type of city we aspire to be, and provides guidance on how the city prepares for and responds to change.

The State of California requires each city to adopt a General Plan that covers a variety of topics, called Elements. Los Angeles' General Plan currently contains the following Elements:

- Framework
- Land Use
- Air Quality
- Conservation
- Health
- Historic Preservation & Cultural Resources
- Housing
- Infrastructure Systems
- Mobility
- Noise
- Open Space
- Public Facilities & Services
- Safety

## Community Plans

In Los Angeles, the General Plan Land Use Element is divided into 35 Community Plans, each with a policy document and a map of land use designations such as residential, commercial, industrial, and open space. Think of the plans as a blueprint to guide growth in our neighborhoods, by providing specific policies and strategies to achieve each community's vision and the broader objectives of the General Plan.

Community Plans are used to tell developers and homeowners generally what types of uses are allowed, and to ensure proposed projects meet the land use goals for that particular community.

## Zoning

Zoning is the primary tool to implement Community Plan land use policies. Each parcel of land in the City is assigned a zoning designation. Zoning defines allowed uses, maximum height, required yards, and other requirements specific to the property or lot.

Together, land use designations and zoning describe the vision for how land is used, and establish the rules for what may be built.

HAVE YOU HEARD?



The City is undertaking a comprehensive update to its General Plan. This initiative, OurLA2040, will result in an updated 20-year citywide plan, putting into place visionary and innovative policies to help create a more prosperous, livable, and sustainable Los Angeles.

For more information, visit [ourla2040.org](http://ourla2040.org).

## Community Plan Updates

The City has an ambitious schedule to update all 35 Community Plans in six years. In addition to updating plan policy documents and land use maps, this effort will apply updated zoning throughout each Community Plan area.

For more information and to check the status of your community plan update, visit [planning.lacity.org](http://planning.lacity.org).



re:code LA is the City's comprehensive effort to prepare a new zoning code that will help implement the vision of the updated Community Plans. The goal is a web-based zoning code that will serve Angelenos in a smart, functional, and easy-to-use way.

For more information, visit [recode.la](http://recode.la).



# OUTREACH SUMMARY

## SOUTHWEST VALLEY COMMUNITY PLANS UPDATE





# REASONS FOR CHANGE

## SOUTHWEST VALLEY COMMUNITY PLANS UPDATE

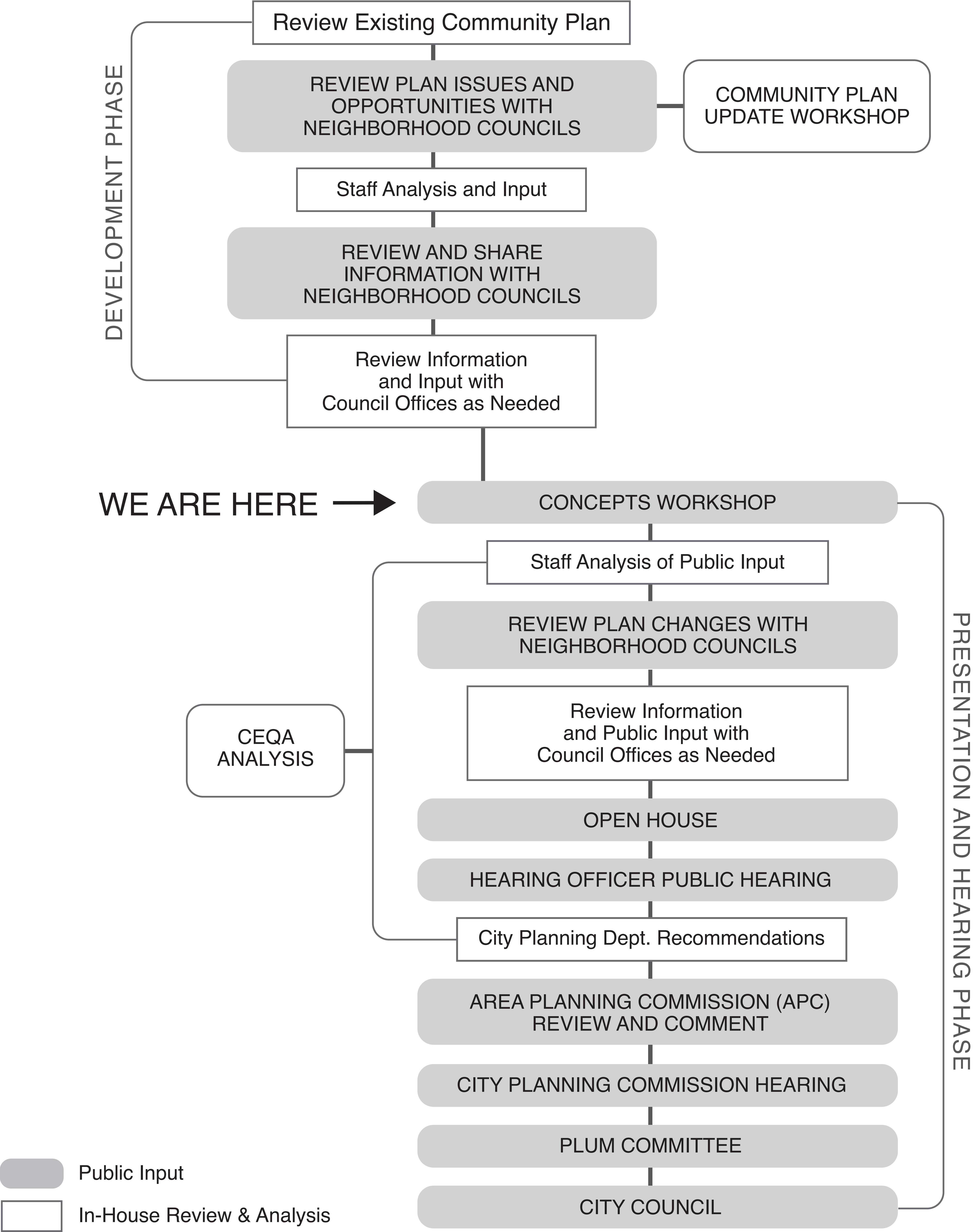


- Community Plans - Last Updated in 1998 or 1999
- Inconsistent Land Use Designations and Zones, allowing incompatible development
- Evaluate existing conditions and potential environmental impacts of future growth
- Establish a new vision, goals, policies and implementation programs
- Consistency with the adopted 2035 Mobility Plan and the proposed 2040 General Plan Update
- Evaluate how to appropriately accommodate future growth in the area
- Provide a variety of housing for all income levels
- Ensure new projects provide better transitions to residential neighborhoods through new development standards
- Implement the new zoning code (re:code LA) to provide flexibility through the creation of a unique package of zoning tools based on the desired character of neighborhoods
- Support a greater mix of uses and increased density near transit, where appropriate
- Integrate the proposed Orange Line Transit Neighborhood Plans into the Community Plans

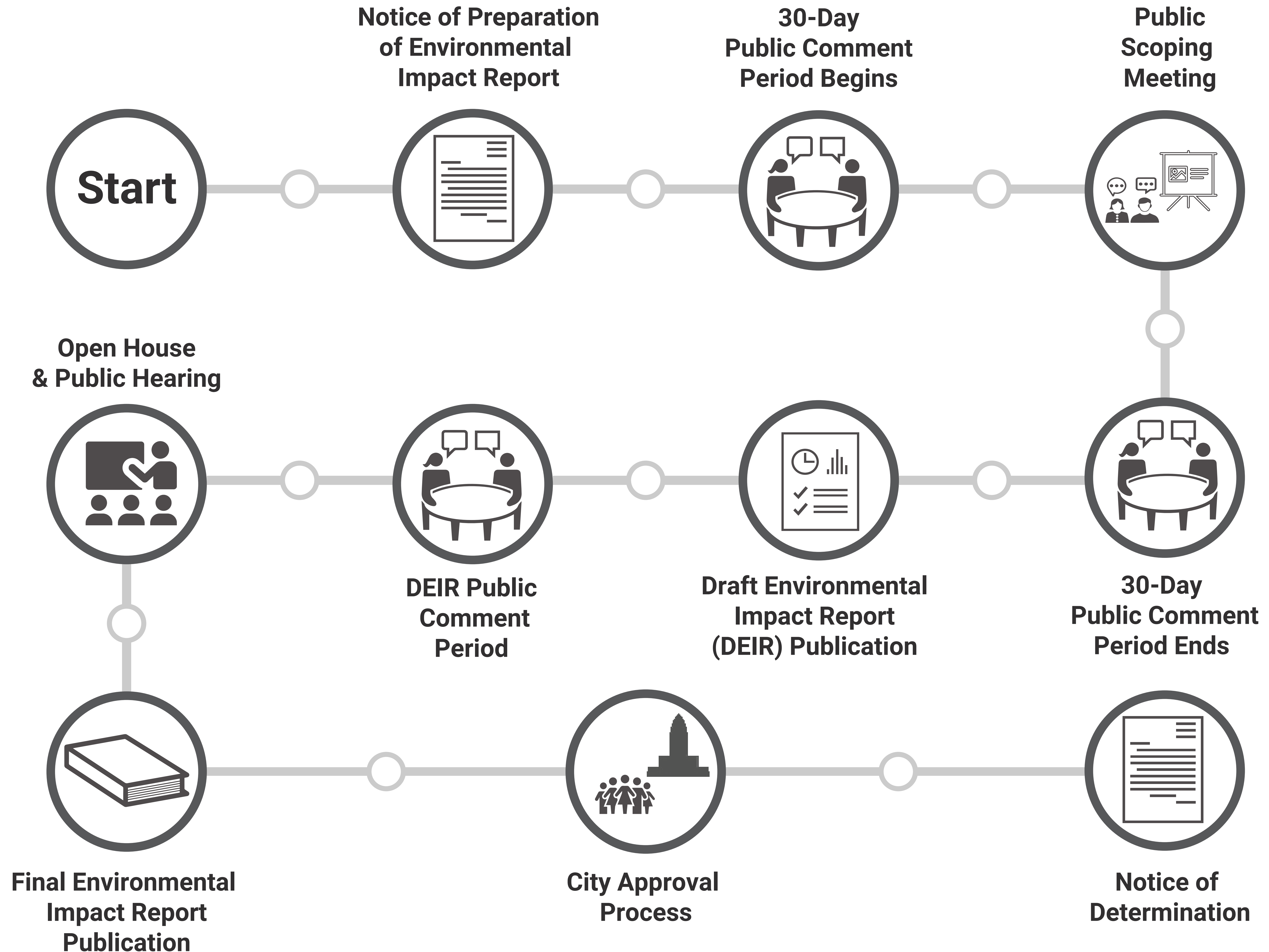




# COMMUNITY PLANNING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS



# CEQA PROCESS





# CEQA IMPACTS



## What is CEQA?

CEQA, or the California Environmental Quality Act, is a statute that requires state and local agencies to identify the potential significant environmental impacts of projects and land use plans and to avoid or mitigate those impacts, if feasible. A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared to analyze the proposed land use changes and the potential significant environmental impacts related to implementation of the Proposed Community Plan Update. Where there is potential for a significant adverse effect, the report will identify mitigation measures that would either eliminate the impact or reduce the effect to a less-than-significant level, where possible. The Draft EIR will be provided to the community for review and comment prior to the adoption of the Proposed Plans.

## The environmental impact categories to be analyzed:



Aesthetics



Agricultural &  
Forestry Resources



Air Quality



Biological Resources



Cultural Resources



Energy



Geology & Soils



Greenhouse  
Gas Emissions



Hazards &  
Hazardous Materials



Hydrology &  
Water Quality



Land Use & Planning



Mandatory Findings  
of Significance



Mineral Resources



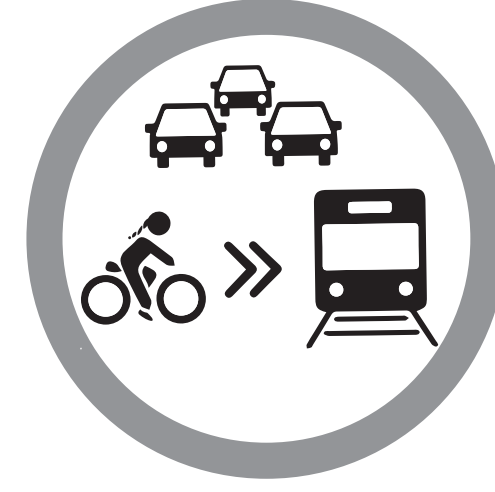
Noise



Population, Housing



Public Services



Transportation



Tribal Cultural Resources



Utilities & Service Systems



Wildfire



# PURPOSE OF A SCOPING MEETING



This meeting is required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to:

- Inform the public that an environmental impact report (EIR) is being prepared by the City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning
- Gather public comment on existing conditions and environmental topics that should be analyzed in the EIR
- Present proposed concepts for new zoning within the Southwest Valley Community Plans

## What is an Environmental Impact Report?

The EIR is an informational document that will inform public agency decision makers and the public of:

- A project's potential significant environmental impacts
- Potential ways to minimize or avoid significant environmental impacts, as feasible
- Reasonable alternatives to the project that would reduce any significant impacts

## Providing Comments Today

If I already gave comments at other workshops and meetings, why are my comments so important for this EIR Scoping Meeting?

- Comments received at past Outreach Meetings help envision and shape the concepts and goals for each Community Plan
- Comments received at today's Scoping Meeting will:
  - Help identify environmental categories you believe could be affected
  - Help identify potential alternative scenarios for consideration





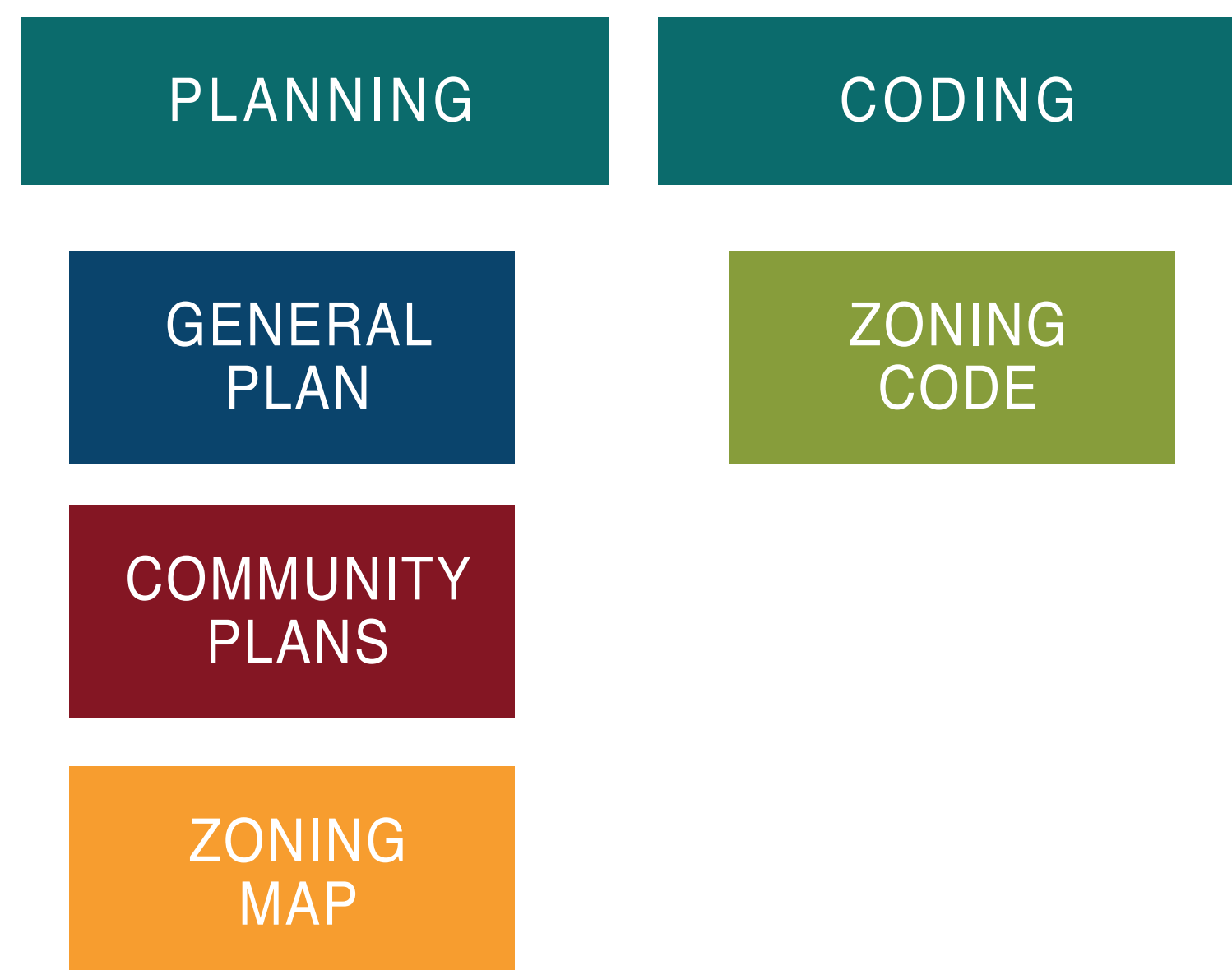
# COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

## A NEW ZONING CODE FOR 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY LOS ANGELES



The new Zoning Code will offer a more responsive set of zoning tools that provide a wider variety of solutions that meet the needs, and help implement the visions, of the many neighborhoods that make up the City of Los Angeles. Through the Community Plan Update, every parcel of the Community Plan will be rezoned using new zoning tools from the New Zoning Code. These tools will be represented in a zone string containing five modular components: **Form District**, **Frontage**, **Development Standards**, **Use District**, and **Density**. The zone string assigned to a property will appear on the zoning map for the community. The early stages of work have begun with the planning efforts listed under project milestones.

### Planning & Implementation



### Goals for New Code

- Equipped with the tools to implement community vision
- Adaptable to current and future policy needs
- Comprehensive and the singular source for zoning regulations
- Visual, easy to understand and navigate

### Roll-Out: Project Milestones

- ✓ New R1 Variation Zones EFFECTIVE MARCH 2017  
*(single family zones)*
- ❑ New processes and procedures
- ❑ Zoning options for the Downtown Community Plans and zoning code operational provisions
- ❑ Zoning options for Boyle Heights Community Plan
- ❑ Zoning options for the Orange & Purple Line TNPs, Venice Local Coastal Program, and Southwest Valley Community Plans
- ❑ Zoning options for the Southeast Valley, South Westside, and Harbor Community Plans
- ❑ and so on...

### Thinking Ahead

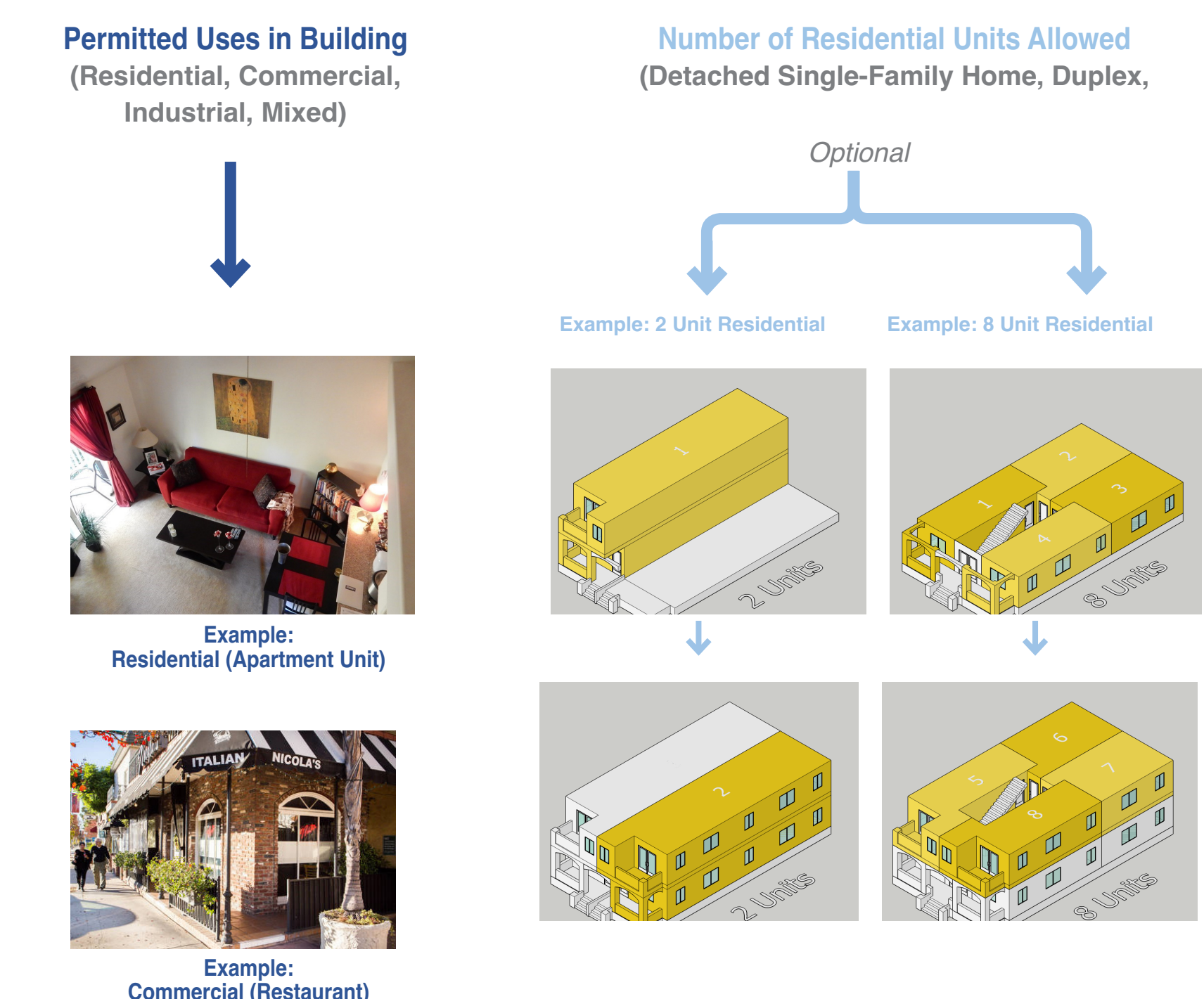
- What scale should your neighborhood be? [FORM]
- How should buildings be experienced from the street/sidewalk? [FRONTAGE]
- How walkable or auto-oriented should the neighborhood be? [STANDARD SETS]
- What sorts of goods and services should be available? [USE]
- How do we accommodate population growth? [DENSITY]

### Examples

#### Physical Building [ FORM - FRONTAGE - STANDARDS ]



#### Inside the Building [ USE - DENSITY ]



#### Physical Building [ FORM - FRONTAGE - STANDARDS ]



#### Inside the Building [ USE - DENSITY ]

