Laying the foundation for a **healthy** Los Angeles

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**12/6/14**

**Planning Commission hearing on Negative Declaration**

**12/18/2014**

The Planning Commission hearing to adopt the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles is scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2014. As part of the environmental review process for the Health Plan, it was determined that a Negative Declaration was appropriate. The staff recommendation report is now available for online. Once the Planning Commission has approved the Plan and the […]

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**11/6/14**

**Negative Declaration Notice for Plan for Healthy LA**

As part of the environmental review process for the Health Plan, it was determined that a Negative Declaration was appropriate. The noticing period for the Negative Declaration will begin on November 6, 2014 and last 30 days until December 8, 2014. Public comments may be submitted at any time during this period. Additionally, the revisions […]

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**Blog**

**8/15/14**

**City Planning Commission recommends approval of the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles**

The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the Plan for a
Healthy Los Angeles at today’s afternoon hearing. We want thank all of our partners and friends who have played a key role in shaping the policy vision for a healthier Los Angeles.

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Blog

8/4/14
Staff report available for Aug. 14 review of the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles

The Planning Commission will review the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles on Aug. 14, and the project’s Addendum to the Framework Element’s EIR and staff report are available on the project’s website.

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Blog

7/31/14
Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles heads to Planning Commission on Aug. 14

The Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles is scheduled for review by the Planning Commission on Aug. 14. Please join us that day to support the adoption of a new vision for a healthier Los Angeles.

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Blog

4/11/14
One month left to give feedback on the draft Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles

There is one month left in the public comment period for the draft Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles. For those who couldn’t make it to the community planning forums, we are offering a survey option. Please share your vision for a healthy Los Angeles, and enter to win a $100 gift card grand prize.

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Blog

4/5/14
Interview with Manal Aboelata, Prevention Institute

The success of the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles depends on
collaboration and input from a wide range of partners involved with community health. We are excited to present a new series of interviews highlighting the people and organizations that are doing important work around the health issues at the heart of the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles.

For our first interview, we spoke with Manal Aboelata, Managing Director at the Prevention Institute. Manal was part of the Expert Panel that has given policy advice to the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles.

Blog

3/28/14
Healthy Changes on the Block: Top 5 Reasons to come to the March 29 Grand Re-opening of a Healthy Neighborhood Market in South LA

Our friends at the Los Angeles Food Policy Council are hosting a grand re-opening on March 29 of a market in South Los Angeles that they helped transform into a healthy food hub. Clare Fox, director of policy and innovation with LAFPC invites you to the festivities.

Blog

3/27/14
Guest blogger: Rudy Espinoza, Leadership for Urban Renewal Network

Today’s guest blogger is Rudy Espinoza, executive director with the Leadership for Urban Renewal Network. He shares his ideas on how street vendors can help increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables in communities with limited options for groceries.

Blog

3/13/14
Guest blogger: Yvette Lopez, Pacoima Beautiful

As part of the conversation about how to make Los Angeles a healthier city, the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles has invited guest bloggers to share their vision for the City. Today, we host Yvette Lopez, Deputy Director at Pacoima Beautiful.
The neighborhoods that Angenelos live in influence their health and wellbeing

The Health Atlas for the City of Los Angeles is a data-informed analysis of health issues and outcomes in Los Angeles. The data in the Health Atlas highlights the geographic concentration of health disparities throughout Los Angeles, underscoring a key issue: the neighborhoods that Angenelos live in influence their health and wellbeing. The data will inform the goals and policies that should be prioritized in the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles. The Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles website provides a user-friendly, interactive format for the public to view and interact with the health data.

The Health Atlas has been covered by The Huffington Post, California Healthline, Curbed LA, and Planetizen.

The Health Atlas is organized into the following chapters:

- **Cover, Acknowledgements, Table of Contents, List of Acronyms, and Description of Community Plan Areas**
- **Chapter 1: Introduction and Chapter 2: Regional Context** includes maps showing all the different geographic scales used in the Health Atlas.
• **Chapter 3: Demographic and Social Characteristics** examines information on age characteristics, racial and ethnic groups, and linguistic isolation.

• **Chapter 4: Economic Conditions** provides information about the location of economic hardship, income, poverty, and unemployment.

• **Chapter 5: Education** includes information about education attainment, academic performance, and free- and reduced-price lunches.

• **Chapter 6: Health Conditions** examines information on life expectancy, causes of death, obese and overweight populations, asthma and other respiratory diseases, birth weight, tobacco use, and access to health care.

• **Chapter 7: Land Use** assesses data and information on land use, block size and structure, parks and open space, and employment areas.

• **Chapter 8: Transportation** examines information on transportation demand, infrastructure, and safety.

• **Chapter 9: Food Systems** incorporates information about the location of healthy and unhealthy food sources, alcohol outlets, and food security program participants and vendors.

• **Chapter 10: Crime** describes the physical location of criminal activity within the City and the spatial concentration of specific types of violent crime.

• **Chapter 11: Housing** includes data and information on housing density, diversity, overcrowding, and cost.

• **Chapter 12: Environmental Health** assesses information on a number of exposures to pollution and the burdens that many communities face from different environmental pollutants.

• **Chapter 13: Community Health and Equity Index** combines demographic, socio-economic, health conditions, land use,
transportation, food environment, crime, and pollution burden variables into a single index to compare health conditions across the City of Los Angeles.

The complete Health Atlas for the City of Los Angeles (PDF size: 64 MB)
Explore your neighborhood health profile

→ Launch Interactive City Maps

→ Launch Interactive Neighborhood Profiles
Making Los Angeles a healthier place to live, work and play

About the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles

The Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles is a new Health and Wellness Element of the city’s General Plan. The General Plan is the blueprint for how and where the city will grow and develop, commonly known the city’s planning constitution. The Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles elevates health as a priority in the city’s future growth and development, establishing a policy framework to make Los Angeles a healthier place to live, work and play.

The current [draft of the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles](#) is available online.

Project Team

The project team is comprised of the following partners:

Los Angeles Department of City Planning

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

The California Endowment

Raimi + Associates

Advisory Committees

The Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles has been guided by advisory committees that meet regularly with the project team to assist with community outreach and help shape the goals and policies in the document. The advisory groups consist of leaders from community based organizations, community health experts, and city staff who have a role and stake in creating healthy neighborhoods.

Community Advisory Committee

The CAC includes over 40 representatives from community based organizations and business groups that have a role in community health issues throughout Los Angeles.
Technical Advisory Committee
The TAC consists of representatives from city agencies that influence community health issues through the city services they provide.

Expert Panel
The Expert Panel is made up of 15 innovative thinkers on community health issues. Participants include experts from academia, health services, housing, policy, and community advocacy who will help the project team develop a roadmap on actionable projects and strategies to implement the goals and policies in the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles.

Expert Panel members include:

Manal Aboelata, Managing Director at Prevention Institute

Raphael Bostic, Director, Bedrosian Center; Judith and John Bedrosian Chair in Governance and the Public Enterprise at the University of Southern California

Malcolm Carson, General Counsel and Policy Director at Community Health Councils

Paula Daniels, Senior Advisor at Los Angeles Food Policy Council

Cecilia Estolano, Co-founder, Director, and Member at Estolano Lesar and Perez Advisors

Dr. Jonathan Fielding, Health Officer and Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

David Hayes-Bautista, Professor of Medicine and Director of the Center for Study of Latino Health and Culture at the School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles

Richard Jackson, Chair, Environmental Health Sciences; Professor, Urban Planning Environmental Health Services; Member, Internal Advisory Board CTSI at the University of California, Los Angeles

Susan Lee, National Director of Urban Peace at The Advancement Project California

Jessica Meaney, Southern California Policy Director at The Safe Routes to School National Partnership

Manuel Pastor, Professor of Sociology and American Studies and Ethnicity at the University of Southern California

Linda Rudolph, Co-Director of the Climate Change and Public Health Project at The Public Health Institute

Ann Sewill, Vice President, Housing and Economic Development at California Community Foundation

David Sloane, Professor of Urban Planning and Development and History
Beatriz Solis, Director, Healthy Communities at The California Endowment