



# Glendora Community Plan 2025



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## Overview

Every 10 to 20 years, cities and counties throughout California revisit their general plans to ensure that an up-to-date connection exists between residents' values, visions and objectives, and the physical development of their community. In the spring of 2003, the City of Glendora, in conjunction with RBF Consulting, initiated the Glendora General Plan update process. Over the next two years, Glendora community members will participate in the creation of an updated general plan, which will be titled *Glendora Community Plan 2025*.

## What is a General Plan?

General Plans are often referred to as the “blueprint” for the community, and serve as the comprehensive, long-range plan that provides the framework for future physical growth and enhancement. General Plans are required for State law, and act as the City’s constitution by establishing a long-term vision and setting forth policies and strategies that guide and shape the community. General Plans are consolidated in to a series of integrated “elements” that address different aspects of our community. These “elements” provide the specific policy actions on a wide range of issues such as land use, circulation, open space and housing.

## How Does a General Plan Work?

The General Plan ensures that all future growth and development occurs in a orderly and sensible fashion, consistent with the City’s overall vision. When future projects or activities require approval by the City Council or other boards and commissions, consistency with the General Plan will be a factor that is considered.

## Why is Glendora Updating its General Plan?

Many of the “elements” that make up the existing General Plan were drafted over 10 years ago and no longer provide contemporary guidance for planning the City. Glendora’s most recent update occurred in 1992. Since that time, many things have changed in Glendora. The community must now reflect on the past accomplishments, evaluate new challenges and begin looking forward again to ensure that the future provides for the same quality of life the citizens of Glendora enjoy today. Drafting a new General Plan offers the community the opportunity to develop a comprehensive, modern plan that addresses current community needs, effectively plans for Glendora’s future and is consistent with current State planning law.

## What Elements are Included in the General Plan?

The Glendora General Plan contains “Elements,” which address a broad range of issues in the community. The State of California requires each city to include seven mandated elements. The Glendora General Plan also includes one additional element. The Elements of the Glendora General Plan include:

**Land Use Element.** The Land Use Element serves as a long-range planning guide for development within the City. It provides an indication of the location and extent of development to be allowed over the next 20 years. The Land Use Element also identifies the goals and policies that will guide development. This Element contains a Land Use Policy map that serves as a visual tool to assist with the implementation of the guidelines that are established in this and other elements.

**Circulation Element.** The Circulation Element provides programs and policies to establish a roadway system that adequately accommodates future growth consistent with the Land Use Element. The Circulation Element seeks to provide for a safe, convenient and efficient transportation system allowing for the movement of people and goods throughout the City and the region. Additionally, the Circulation Element includes polices for bike lanes, street improvements, and other transportation-related issues.

**Conservation Element.** The Conservation Element provides an inventory of water resources, energy resources, solid waste generation and reduction, and historic/cultural resources in the City. This element provides direction regarding the conservation, development and utilization of natural resources within the City and the policies and programs to achieve them.

**Open Space/Recreation Element.** The Open Space/Recreation Element outlines strategies and actions to preserve and enhance open space areas in Glendora to meet the recreational needs of our residents. Open space in the City includes, neighborhood, community and regional parks, as well as community centers, trailways, golf courses and open space easements.

**Safety Element.** The Safety Element is intended to reduce the potential risk of death, injuries, property damage, and the economic and social dislocation from hazards such as fires, floods, earthquakes, landslides, and other hazards. It serves as a guide for City government and the general public in understanding the hazards facing the City of Glendora and how to reduce the impacts of these hazards.

**Noise Element.** The Noise Element describes the existing noise environment within the City and its relationships with Federal, State and city noise regulations. The element also provides a framework to limit noise exposure with the City that considers both the existing and future noise environments and the compatibility of land uses.

**Air Quality Element.** The Air Quality Element is intended to protect the public’s health and welfare by implementing measures that allow the South Coast Air Basin to attain federal and state air quality standards. To achieve this, the element sets forth a number of programs to reduce current pollution emissions and to require new development to includes measures to comply with air quality standards. In addition, this element contains provisions to address new air quality requirements.

**Housing Element.** The Housing Element provides programs and polices that assist the City, the region and the State in meeting the goal of providing housing affordable to all socioeconomic segments of the population. The Housing Element addresses citywide housing and population demographics, regional fair-share housing allocations, and implementation strategies to assist Glendora in providing a full range of housing opportunities.