



REPORT: EQUITY AT THE CORE OF FUTURE LAND USE CONSIDERATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HOUSING ELEMENT

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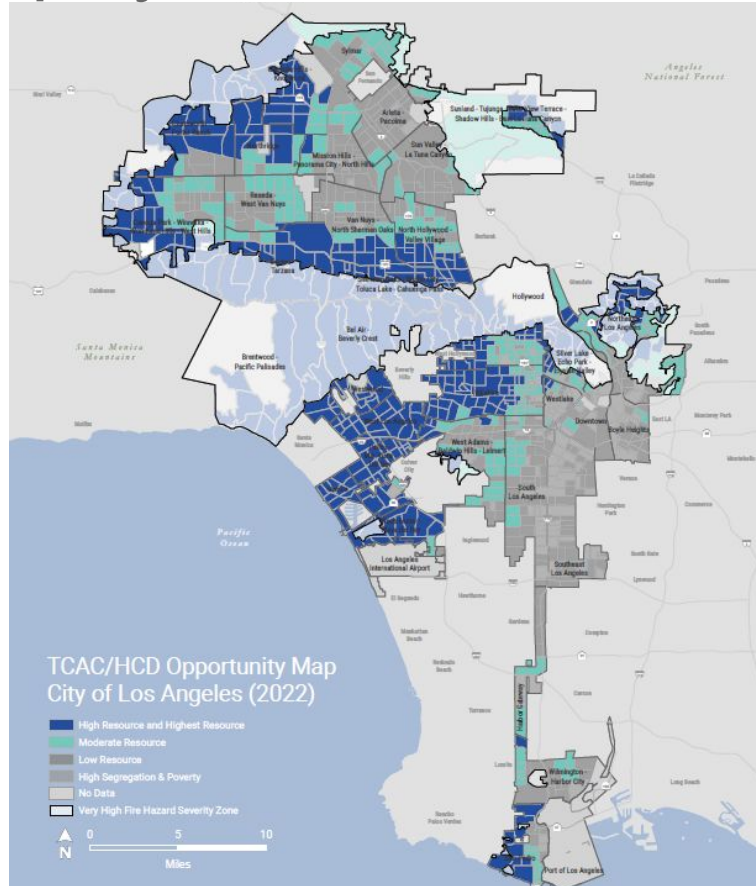
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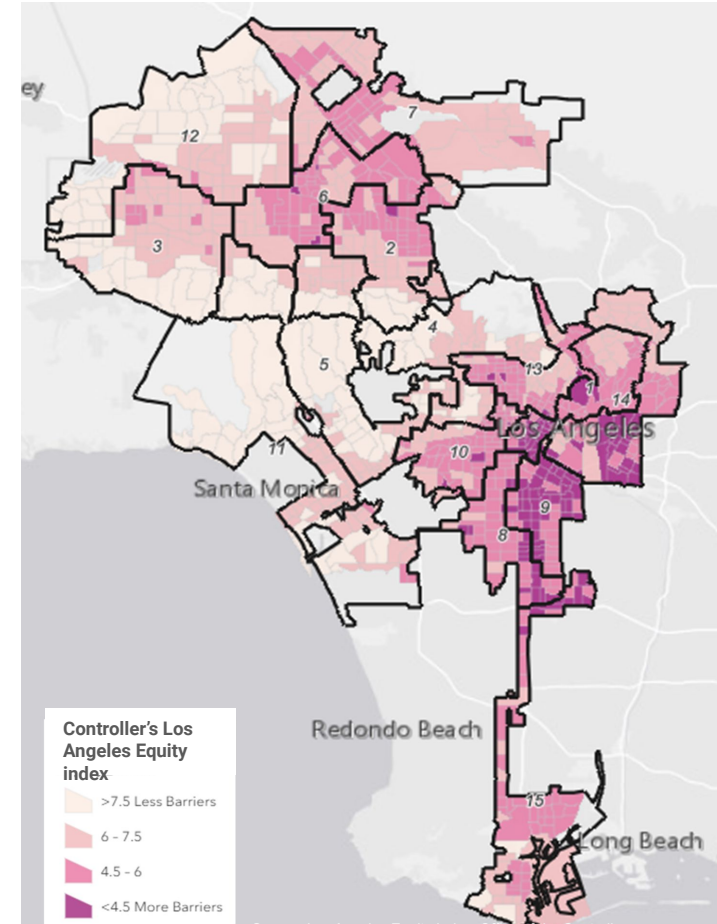
Equity Report Overview

- **Housing Element Adopted in November 2021 and amended in June 2022**, setting forth a plan to link housing goals to equity outcomes.
- **Report Highlights:**
 - **Equity Definitions and Methodologies**
 - Opportunity Area Map (TCAC/HCD), LA Equity Index, Health Atlas
 - **Citywide Rezoning Program**
 - Program Goals
 - Rezoning Program Strategies and Concepts
 - Program Timeline, Key Milestones, and Outreach Strategies
 - Relationship of Citywide Rezoning with Community Plan Rezoning
 - **Related Housing Element Implementation Programs**
 - Tenant Protections and Anti-Displacement Strategies
 - Place-Based Strategies to Encourage Community Revitalization
 - Livable Communities Initiative
 - Citywide Housing Needs Assessment and Update to Growth Strategy

Equity Data Tools:



Source: California TCAC/HCD Opportunity Area Maps



Source: Los Angeles Equity Index, Office of the Controller

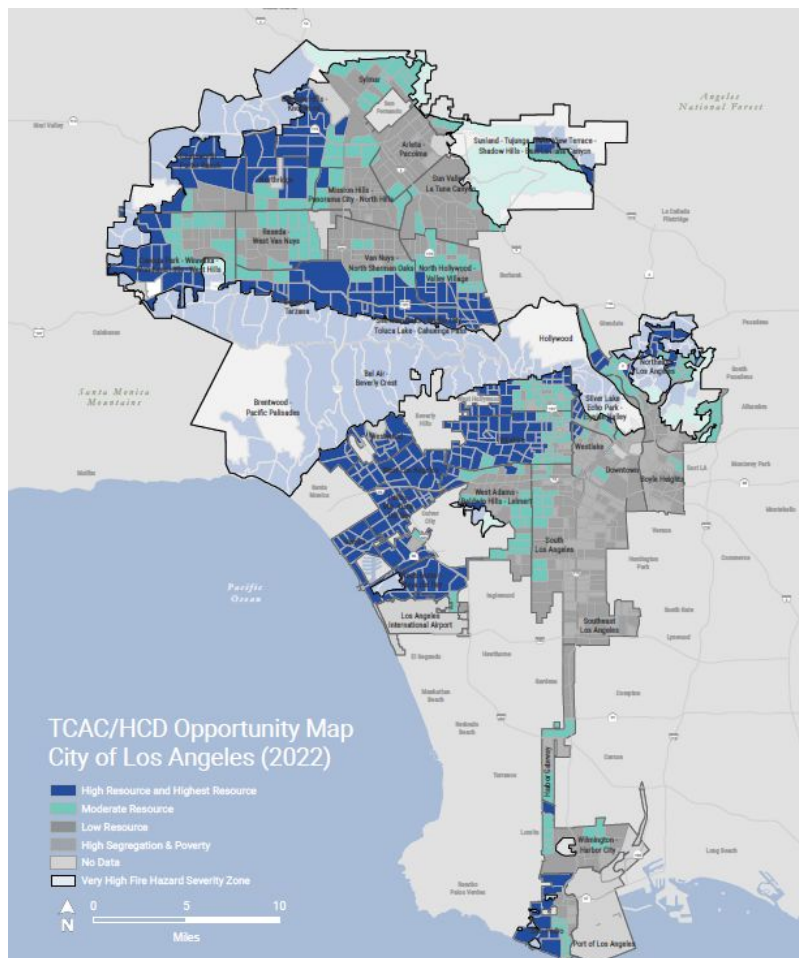
Equity In Land Use, Rezoning Methodology

**Citywide Incentive
Program**

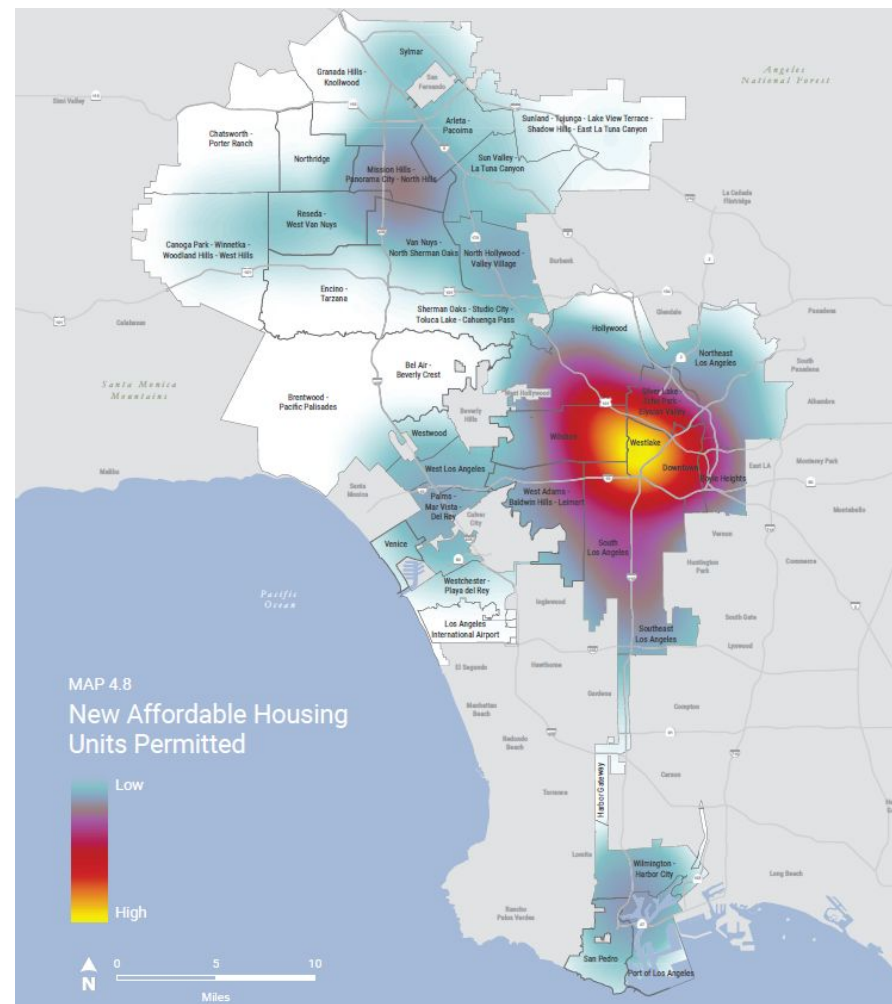
**16 Community Plans
&
3 Neighborhood Plans**



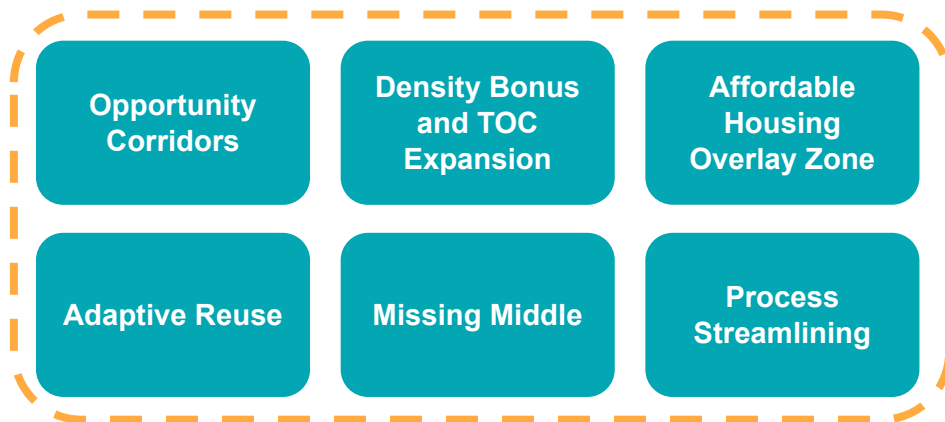
- Focus the majority of housing capacity in Higher Opportunity areas
- Protect communities vulnerable to displacement and housing pressures
- Maximize affordability and community benefits
- Promote housing near jobs and transit and away from environmentally hazardous areas



Source: California TCAC/HCD Opportunity Area Maps



Overview of Citywide Incentive Program



Equitable Outreach Strategies:

Conduct traditional outreach alongside intentional efforts to involve hard to reach and vulnerable populations.

Partner with CBOs to engage Angelenos at a local level in accessible language(s) to ensure Citywide representation in developing the program.

Timeline



Thank you

Equity In Land Use

The report acknowledges that like much of the United States, systemic inequity exists in the city's land use patterns, zoning policies and practices. The current land use framework has failed to provide sufficient housing supply, choice, and affordability throughout the city, and this has disproportionately harmed low-income people of color. Disparities have compounded over time to exacerbate the current housing crisis, further entrench racial and economic segregation, and undermine the city's social, environmental, and racial justice goals.

The report is introduced with by defining Equitable Land Use using the APA's definition and the CPC's Value Statement:

American Planning Association defines equitable land use as the:

"just and fair inclusion into a society in which all can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential...by challenging those planning practices that result in policies, programs, and regulations that disproportionately impact and stymie the progress of certain segments of the population more than others."

The **City Planning Commission** ratified a Value Statement that will serve as a living, guiding principle to center future decision-making on planning-related projects and policies around the Department's commitment to equity:

"Equitable planning demands that race does not determine whether or not one thrives in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles City Planning Commission prioritizes a planning process that centers the needs of those most harmed by systemic racism. Our goal is the creation of affordable, prosperous, resilient and healthy communities where all Angelenos experience the feeling that they belong."

Equity Data Tools:

The report describes available equity based data tools including:

- Opportunity Area Map (TCAC/HCD)
- LA Equity Index
- Health Atlas

All three mapping tools combine important inputs related to environmental air/health quality, education level, poverty rates and home ownership, with some variation on other factors.

The Opportunity Area Map and LA Equity Index then score census tracts based on their access to opportunities and barriers to equity, respectively.

Related Housing Element Implementation Programs

- Tenant Protections and Anti-Displacement Strategies
 - o Just Cause eviction protections, Program 85
 - o City's Eviction Defense Program (right to counsel and emergency rental assistance, Program 88)
 - o Anti-tenant harassment (Program 86)
 - o Community land trusts (Program 4)
 - o Promoting tenant and shared ownership (Program 90), and
 - o Purchase of naturally occurring affordable housing projects (Program 30).
- Place-Based Strategies to Encourage Community Revitalization
 - o Consolidated Plan (Program 52)
 - o Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) (Program 123)
 - o Numerous non-housing related place-based efforts (Programs 133 to 136)
- Livable Communities Initiative (Program 131)
- Citywide Housing Needs Assessment and Update to Growth Strategy (see Program 50)

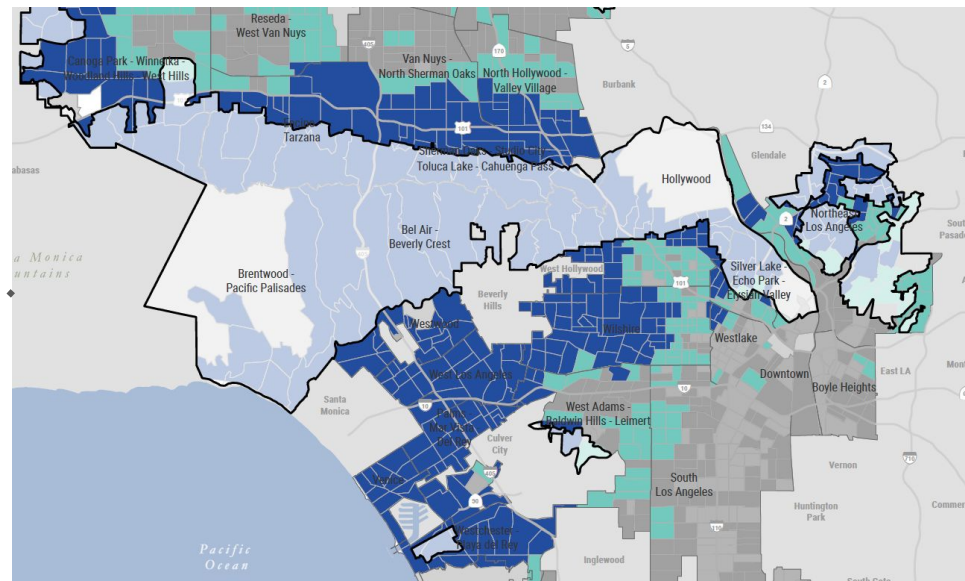
Citywide Housing Needs Assessment and Update to Growth Strategy (Program 50):

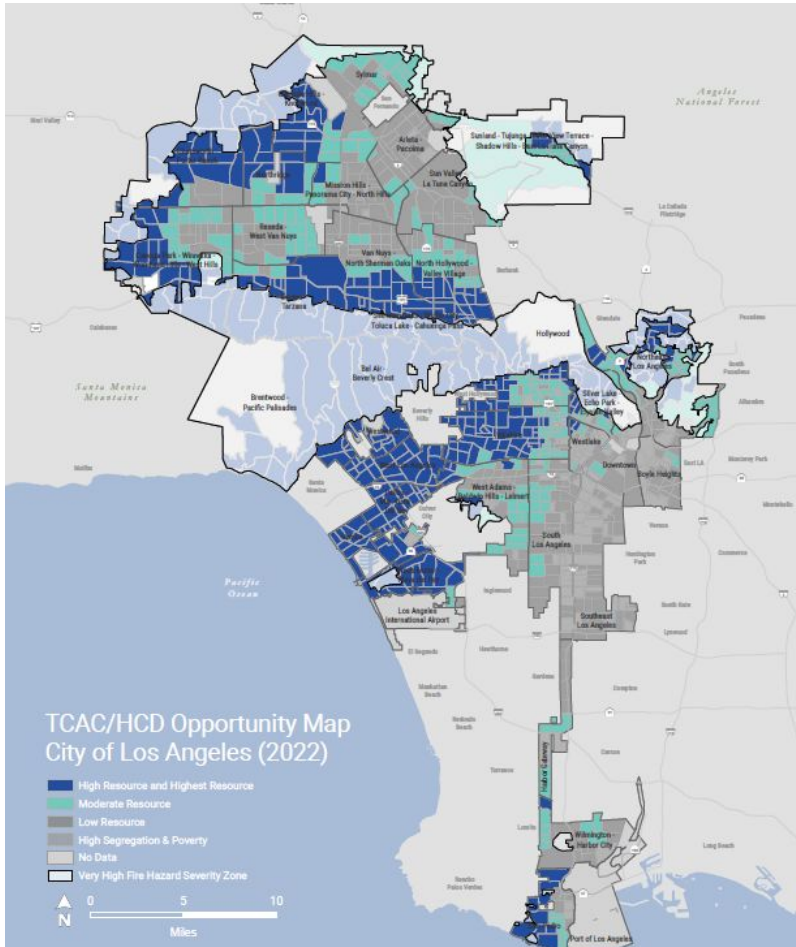
- Create a citywide methodology to allocate housing capacity targets across communities in a manner that balances traditional citywide growth criteria alongside equity considerations such as access to opportunity, addressing segregation and anti-displacement.
- As equity considerations are developed, DCP will consult with the Controller, the Office of the CAO, and BOE to develop potential methodological criteria, including potential incorporation of the Controller's Equity Index. These targets will guide future local planning efforts such as Community Plan Updates.



High Resource and Highest Resource
 Moderate Resource
 Low Resource
 High Segregation & Poverty
 No Data
 Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone

Source: California TCAC/HCD Opportunity Area Maps





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Community Plan Update Program

In Progress

Upcoming

Completed

