

**La Cañada High School Workshop**  
**Senior Government Class (Mr. Reyes)**  
**General Plan Update 2030**  
**May 17, 2007**

**Community Assets / Things We Like / Things We Don't Want to Change\*:**

- The charming, homey feel. It is unusual.
- Small town feel
- The residential feeling – great place to live
- I would like to preserve the quiet, peaceful and safe feel about La Cañada
- A safe, charming, tradition-steeped, beautiful, family-oriented community
- I like the residential feel
- The town is peaceful
- I feel that too much commerce will make it a less residential area and more of a place crowded with random outsiders. If La Cañada becomes commercial people wouldn't have the freedom and peacefulness to take jogs and walk around.
- The fact that it's not too commercial.
- It's nice to have business separate from residential area – great place to live.
  
- It's safe
- The fact that I feel safe walking or driving around
- The security
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- The fact that you can walk around alone safely...crime is low
- Safety – no high crimes, etc.
- I like to be able to either drive or walk in this safe community, without having to worry about gang related crimes.
  
- School system is good (even though I don't like school, we're getting a good education)
- Good schools
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- Pretty good school system
- Great schools
  
- Dark, quiet residential streets
- It's a "quiet" town. A sort of sanctuary from accessible nearby industrial towns
- Relatively low level of construction, so there isn't so much noise
- Quiet
- Very quiet residential=peaceful sleep
- The quiet community
  
- I like Descanso Gardens
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- The trees, plants, Descanso Gardens

- Trees
- Lots of trees and plant life
- I like that there is a lot of greenery and trees
- We live in a “Tree City USA” – lots of green
- I like the greenery – trees, flowers
  
- Taylor’s Steak House
- Hill Street Café
- Lots of eatery variety
- Good Mexican food
- The food
- Pepe’s Mexican Restaurant
- Pepe’s
- Lupe’s
- Dóna Maria
- Taco Tuesday
- Good restaurants
  
- The environment
  
- My house
- Pretty houses
  
- Memorial Park
  
- The golf course
  
- I like the mountains and views
- No tall buildings – good views of mountains and LA
  
- Smells good
  
- Non-crowded, relatively non-polluted
- It’s not that crowded. If we add a major attraction it might crowd the city.
  
- Privacy
  
- Nice houses, nice cars, and generally nice people
  
- Nice to be able to experience the rich and famous Beverly Hills style of luxury, without having to make a trip over to Beverly Hills.
- Affluence
- All the exotic, expensive cars
- Rich town/community
  
- The location...very close to great places like Pasadena, Montrose, and then L.A., so though it doesn’t have these things itself – it’s kind of the best of both worlds.
  
- Farmers market
- Farmer’s market

- No traffic really, except during school and construction
- I enjoy the absence of traffic. I believe with more of these it'll become more congested.
- I like how a freeway runs parallel to Foothill and so we can use the freeway for longer trips and Foothill for shorter trips. I also like how there is one east-west freeway and one north-south.
  
- Commercial section in the middle along length of the city – makes it more accessible to residents on both sides.
  
- The movie theater
- The racquetball courts
- The YMCA
- Places to hang out like Imports and Georgee's
- Gas stations
- T.J. Maxx
- The churches
- The raccoons, and deer, and mountain lions
- High concentration of old people – they make me giggle
- The people
- Holiday enthusiasm: Christmas decorations, Memorial Day parade, Run for the Hungry
- I like the lack of a sheriff's department

\* Each student was given three 5x7 "sticky notes" and was asked to identify the three things he/she would liked best about the city and/or didn't want to change. The list above is verbatim, although some students wrote all three items on one sheet; in those cases, the items have been separated and grouped accordingly. The groupings were made by the consultants to assist in identifying themes; some items may fall in one or more groups.