

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

**Issues / Things We Would Like to Have / Things We Would Like to Change or Improve / Things We Don't Like\*:**

- Something to do – bowling alley, arcade, indoor shooting range
- More places for us to hang out
- Indoor shooting range
- I think that we need more places to hang out. Places that include activities, bowling, maybe?
- More public attractions for youth
- More things to do for the youth in this city
- There should be some places that are open past 10:00 p.m. (we used to have a cool place, a coffee place, where kids could hang out after hours).
- 10:00 p.m. curfew is ridiculous. (I'm 18, but it's still ridiculous)
- Everything closes at 9:00 p.m....nothing to do on a weekend night except party...so maybe more potential "hang out" spots could stay open later
- An arcade (video games!)
- Places open later (past 10:00 p.m.), i.e., coffee shops, arcade, bowling for kids
- Arcade
- Maybe an arcade, some hangout for kids that is better than a parking lot or someone's garage.
- Go-cart track
- Less taxes on property. More public comment on the spending that takes place so that the money can be saved for a better skate park.
- Kids in La Cañada don't have much to do. It seems like the only way someone can do something is to go somewhere else. This is the main reason why the only thing high school students are excited about each week end is to get drunk or high. We need public transportation (a shuttling service) to various places: Old Pasadena, Dodgers Stadium, the Staples Center. Maybe even places like Hollywood, various beaches, and various theme parks. Asking the City Council to come up with things to do for kids might be too much and probably unsuccessful. A shuttling service would be convenient and very satisfying.
- I think we should have an availability of things to do at night. La Cañada goes to sleep at 8:30 p.m. I'm not sure if this is a General Plan issue, as I hope La Cañada never has a nightclub. Parks are good, but none of our parks have lights. The shuttle is good, but it doesn't run late. We should have a few more restaurants, and some that would be open late.
- La Cañada is boring, lacking entertainment
  
- Public park where we could play football/soccer/basketball with lights so we can play when dark as well. *The only active facilities are at the schools.*
- Public athletic facilities (like a field/pool/courts on the park...not a school one)
- More local parks
- I would like there to be more parks in La Cañada. More parks with greenery (grass, trees). Similar to Memorial Park, but not like the park near the freeway entrance on the west side.

- Existing parks aren't big enough for several groups to use at once.
- Public pool
  
- In & Out
- In 'n' Out
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- In N Out
- We need In n' Out
- Build a new street with places to eat like In-n-Out
- Add a few more restaurants
- More restaurants
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- Better places to eat
- More restaurants should be implemented because there are a limited amount of nice sit down restaurants
- Replace some of the meaningless stores on Foothill. There are so many of them that I don't even realize are there unless I take a close look at them. We should take them all out and put in an In n Out.
- Replace McDonald's with In n Out
- Take out a bank or two because there is so many and replace them with In n Outs.
- Replace all the coffee shops and put a IHOP
  
- A plaza with more commercial stores
- More shopping (either department stores or major chains)
- Stores (bigger) for books and music and clothes. La Cañada lacks a good selection.
- Marc Jacobs or designer department stores
- More clothing stores
- A music/record store
- More shops to attract younger people
- Too many frame stores! Need a bookstore!
- Need a book store
- Large book store (example: Barnes & Nobles)
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- Replace some of the banks (if possible), we have too many
- Less banks
- A nice movie theater (another one)
- Replace all the shops that no one goes in and put in a Walmart
  
- Pave the streets evenly, so that the roads aren't bumpy with random dips everywhere. Some streets are extremely bad (example: Alta Cañada)
- Better and more improved roads that need resurfacing
- Re-pave all the bumpy roads
- If possible Foothill may need another lane because of traffic
- Traffic in the morning caused by the closeness of schools.
- Not having all children/youth in the same place – day care, schools=traffic in the morning
- Eliminate 2-hour parking around the school
- Sometimes I wish there were limits on the smaller streets so that cars could only park on one side. Otherwise the street gets very narrow.
- The Trader Joe's/Starbucks parking lot! (*It's dangerous*)
  
- Source separation recycling

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- More recycling bins around the town
- Having a more efficient clean-up crew – stop littering campaign – recycling more
- Trash/littering problem
  
- More sidewalks!
- Sidewalks (wider streets in some places)
- Sidewalks along side streets
  
- A streetlight on all public/private streets
- Streetlights on Commonwealth and Gould
- *The lack of streetlights makes it scary to walk around. Maybe add them sporadically, like on some streets or just the ends of streets.*
  
- Horse trails need a make-over
- Condition of the horse trail. It is in very bad shape.
  
- No speed limits, or at least raise it
- We need higher speed limits
  
- *Bike lanes*
  
- I don't really think we should change anything. The point of La Cañada is to be a residential community, so making it more commercial changes the residential feeling. People buy houses here because they want to live here and for the schools, not for entertainment. It really is not that hard to go to Montrose or Pasadena for entertainment or activities, so I think it should be kept a residential community – maybe a few less banks.
  
- Try to make the community a bit younger, not so much older average, try to bring in youth
  
- Invest in sound walls for the residential areas that border the freeway. The freeway is very noisy to be honest.
  
- The “bubble” of La Cañada – this city is not like the real world, not sure how to change that
  
- Not too many public attractions or LC will become cramped, crowded, and not as peaceful
  
- La Cañada's decision not to industrialize comes off as arrogance.
  
- Raging Waters
  
- Redo/remodel school – new gym, pool
  
- Repaint some of the older shops on Foothill
  
- Cute, new library, but not like LCHS classic library

\* Each student was given three 5x7 “sticky notes” and was asked to identify the three things he/she would like to change, add, or didn’t like about the city. The list above is verbatim, except that *comments from the discussion portion of the session are shown in italics*. 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.