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A general plan may not be a "wish list" or a vague view of the future but rather must provide a concrete direction. In essence, the general plan is a "constitution for development," the foundation upon which all land use decisions in a city or county are to be based.

According to California State Government Code Section 65300.5, a general plan must be integrated and internally consistent, both among the elements and within each element. This requirement applies to any optional Elements adopted by the City as well as the mandatory elements.

The internal consistency requirement also applies to the community plans which collectively comprise the City's Land Use Element. All principles, goals, objectives, policies, and plan proposals set forth in the general plan must be internally consistent.

All adopted elements have equal status and no element may be made subordinate to another.

Apparently, the City doesn't get the point of it's own plan and they sure don't seem to honor it in theory or in practice. It seems the City needs to be sued to make sure it does the things that it is legally required to do by its general plan, to wit the suit filed the the La Brea Willoughby Coalition to require the City to complete the annually required assessment of growth and infrastructure which it has not done since 1998.

No wonder development has run amok. Without a basis in fact of the actual conditions that exist in the City today, development has been allowed to happen blindly and certainly with with no strategic vision for the future.

Knee jerk politics and the Church of What's Happening now seem to be the basis for what passes as thoughtful and considered development in Los Angeles.

If ever things are to be made right, the City needs to "Honor the Plan" now and apply it to all development so it will contribute to the economic, social and physical health, safety, welfare and convenience of the people who live and work in its communities.

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