



Preamble

GENERAL PLAN
HUNTINGTON BEACH

A STATEMENT ABOUT IDEALS

Dreams are the power which drive us to the creation of a reality.

The General Plan of Huntington Beach translates the dreams of its citizens into the practical considerations which will enhance their quality of life.

Today's society is replete with the hard realities of every day living. Many say our culture is degenerating in ways similar to those of the great societies of the past. We believe, however, that Huntington Beach can be the beacon which will light the way for other communities to successfully reverse this trend. The Huntington Beach General Plan is not only a blue print but is also a road map to lead us to an ideal. It can serve as a model for others, nation-wide, even world wide to emulate. Thus we have the opportunity to leverage the ideals to which we aspire into far reaching impacts which can change communities the world over. Thus, by influencing communities around itself, Huntington Beach can be more assured of sustaining its desired quality of life.

We are all born into what must appear to the new-born child, a hostile environment. Yet the parents of that child will provide a nurturing environment so that he or she can grow and mature into productive adulthood. In old age, nurturing for the individual often begins again, but this time from another generation. Similarly, a city can provide a multi-dimensional, nurturing environment, which through its open space, housing, schools infrastructure, parks, cultural opportunities, recreational opportunities, and public safety facilities, will allow the individual and the family to grow and mature into that ideal we all cherish. Ultimately the city should provide access to housing, to health care and to the multiplicity of leisure time activities which make being a senior citizen a pleasure not a nightmare.

The General Plan of Huntington Beach is more than a technical summary which defines land use. It is a comprehensive document which reflects all dimensions of the ideals put forth by the community that created it.

The General Plan is not a dry and dull encyclopedic document, it is a dynamic living compendium full of idealism which emphasizes the human aspects of the City of Huntington Beach.



Ralph Bauer, Councilmember
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The City Council has made a strong commitment to ensure that future development in the City be in conformance with the newly adopted Goals, Objectives and Policies of this General Plan. These Goals, Objectives and Policies have been designed to ensure that the ideals, as stated on the preceding page, for enhancing the quality of life for current and future residents and visitors of Huntington Beach are carried out.

The following information has been compiled to further familiarize the reader with the City of Huntington Beach community characteristics, assets and accomplishments, adopted City goals and fiscal policies. This information is included at the beginning of this document to encourage you to be aware as you review the General Plan that it has truly been molded to capture and further the essence of the desired community characteristics and assets, and to carry out the overall City goals and fiscal policies.

The last item we wish to share with the reader before going into the Introduction to the General Plan is the Huntington Beach Service Mission, Vision, and Values Statement written by, and carried out on a daily basis, by the Huntington Beach City employees.