A Community Plan consists of Goals, Policies, and Programs (the “policy document”), and a map of land use designations.

A **GOAL** is a statement that describes a desired future condition or “end” state.

*Example: “Provide a safe, secure, and high quality residential environment for all economic, age, and ethnic segments of the Westchester-Playa del Rey community.”*

A **POLICY** is a clear statement that guides a specific course of action for decision makers to achieve a desired goal.

*Example: “Promote greater individual choice in type, quality, price and location of housing.”*

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How are Goals and Policies used?

**Implementation Programs**

A Program is an action. Programs accomplish the Goals and Policies of the Community Plan. Programs may be funded and involve one or more City Departments and outside agencies working together.

*Example: “Identify funding sources for increased code enforcement activities in order to address code violations that create blight and impact the quality of life.”*

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**Land Use Designations & Zoning Regulations**

Land Use designations set the permitted range of intensities, uses, and densities throughout the Plan area. Adopted Land Use designations are shown on a map. Each land use designation has a set of corresponding zones.

Zoning determines the uses permitted on a parcel and provides regulations for development including height, bulk, and setbacks.

*Example: The Plan Map identifies specific areas where multi-family residential development is permitted.*

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**Decision-Making**

Goals and Policies guide decisions on:

- Proposed development projects, so projects that have the potential to affect significant change will be consistent with the Plan’s vision
- New land use or zoning regulations and procedures to review development proposals, so the rules about what can be built are consistent with the Plan’s vision
- Funding of Programs, so the Plan’s vision is implemented

*Example: City Council adopts new design guidelines for a multi-family residential area to ensure quality and compatibility of new development.*