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The Future of Development in San Diego Post-Redevelopment
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The New Civic San Diego and Post-Redevelopment Opportunities

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A New Approach for a New Era

Civic San Diego

Created in response to the State’s dissolution of redevelopment, Civic San Diego is the merger of Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC) and Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) and charged with the mission of

- winding down redevelopment;
- the management of former redevelopment agency housing and non-housing assets; and
- leveraging its talent, creative culture, and entrepreneurial spirit to advance community development, neighborhood investment and revitalization, and urban planning and permitting.
Organizational Structure
Civic San Diego

- Merger of CCDC and SEDC
- Public benefit, non-profit corporation
- Wholly owned by the City of San Diego
- Nine-member Board of Directors
- Staff departments
  - Neighborhood Investment (P3’s, Affordable Housing, & Economic Development)
  - Public Works
  - Planning (Entitlements, Permitting and Long-Range)
  - Finance / Accounting
  - Parking District
  - Community Engagement & Legislative Analysis
- Roughly 30 staff positions (60% reduction)
## Current Authorities

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Currently no funding for community engagement
Consequences of Redevelopment Dissolution

- Loss of critical funding for
  - Site acquisition, assembly and soils remediation
  - Affordable and homeless housing
  - Long-range planning
  - Parks, fire stations, and libraries
  - Capital improvements for arts and culture
  - Sidewalks, streetlights, streetscape
  - Capital improvements for social service providers
  - Home rehabilitation and first-time homebuyer loans
  - Historic preservation
  - Storefront improvements
  - Loss of Polanco Act and Eminent Domain for Redevelopment
Affordable Housing Assets

- Affordable Housing Master Plan
  - 1,045 new housing units (including approx. 400 units for homeless)

- Excess Housing Bond Proceeds
  - Approximately $33 million

- 23 Real Properties
  - Ownership transferred to the City as Housing Successor Entity in January 2013
  - 10 properties with existing housing developments and rent restrictions
  - 8 properties to be held for future affordable housing projects
  - 5 downtown properties proposed to be competitively sold for high density, mixed-use development
    - minimum of 15% of residential units must be affordable
    - proceeds from sale dedicated to Affordable Housing and City-wide NOFA for housing projects
Non-Housing Assets

- Numerous real properties City-wide
  - Completion of Non-housing Due Diligence Review (audit)
  - Payments to County of excess TIF (housing & non-housing)
  - Issuance of Finding of Completion by the DOF
  - Approval of Long-Term Property Master Plan by the DOF
    - Transfer to the City for a Public Purpose
    - Transfer to the City to hold for Redevelopment Purposes
    - Competitively sell
  - Transfer real properties from Successor Agency to the City

- Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds
  - Completion of public improvements or P3’s denied by the DOF
Community Development

- **People-based** *(increase economic mobility)*
  - Child care
  - Job training
  - Home ownership
  - Quality schools
  - Small business development and lending
  - Social services

- **Place-based** *(attract private capital investment)*
  - Real estate and infrastructure
  - Affordable housing
  - Commercial development
  - Green space
  - Community facilities
  - Transit
Potential New Strategies for Neighborhood Revitalization and Economic Development

- Public-Private Investment Fund
  - Transit-oriented Development (TOD)
  - Site assembly
  - Infrastructure
  - Affordable Housing
  - Public-Private Partnerships

- In addition to Community Plan Updates….
  - TOD Specific Plans or Overlays
    - Programmatic EIRs & Design guidelines
    - Updates to the PFFP
    - Attracts private investment
    - Creates certainty and predictability
TOD Priority Sites
Mid-City Bus Rapid Transit
Potential New Strategies for Neighborhood Revitalization and Economic Development

- Land Value Recapture
- Affordable Housing Master Plan
- Community Facilities Districts (CFDs)
- Joint Powers Authorities
  - City / CivicSD / County / School District
- EB-5 Financing for Infrastructure
- Alliances with foundations
- Grants – planning and capital
- CDBG
- New Market Tax Credits
Potential New Tools through Legislation

- Infrastructure & Revitalization Financing Districts
  - AB 229, AB 243, AB 1080, SCA 9
- Infrastructure Financing Districts (IFDs)
  - AB 294, AB 662, AB 690, SB 33, SB 628
- Restoration of Polanco Act
  - AB 427, AB 440
- Restore powers of local Oversight Boards / reduce reporting requirements
  - AB 564, AB 569
- Sustainable Communities Investment Authority
  - SB 1
- Funding for Affordable Housing
  - SB 391
Community Engagement

- Interactive social media
  - Greater community involvement
  - Priority setting
  - Vision creation
  - Fundraising and sense of ownership
  - Code for America / Center for Civic Engagement
  - Open access to public data sets
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Downtown Community Plan
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Downtown Community Plan
• Population Goals: 90,000 residents
  17,000 to 36,000+ in ten years
• Employment Goals: 165,000
  (currently 75,000)
• Focus on Parks
  and Mobility Improvements
Civic San Diego’s Development Entitlement Process

- Downtown Community Plan adopted in 2006
- Three Planned District Ordinances tailored to downtown
- Program FEIR
- Community Planning Group representing all interest groups (property owners, business owners, residents (owners and renters) with staff accessibility
- Staff well-versed in regulations and focused on single community
- Non-political decision-making
Incentivizing Investment
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- Updated Community Plans
- Specific Plans for targeted investment areas
- Updated Public Facilities Financing Plans
- Design Guidelines
- Program/Master FEIR and CEQA Reform
- Community Planning Group engagement
- Non-political decision-making
- Market is the ultimate driver
Financing Infrastructure
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- Public Facilities Financing Plans – Development Impact Fees
- Capital Improvement Program
- Federal and State Grants
- Downtown FAR Bonus Payment Program
- Infrastructure Financing Districts
- Parking Districts
Maintaining Infrastructure
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• "Enhanced Maintenance Services"
  • Property-based Improvement Districts
  • Maintenance Assessment Districts
  • Conservancies/Foundations
  • Maintenance Agreements
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Key Focus Areas

• Redevelopment over the past four decades
• Redevelopment: Downtown vs. Southeastern
• Redevelopment Post AB 1x 26: Where Do We Go From Here Without Redevelopment as a Tool?
Redevelopment

• Role & Impact of Redevelopment
• General Plan
• Community Plans
Role & Impact of Redevelopment

- Revitalization
- Tax Increment Financing
- Renaissance
General Plan
General Plan

The City’s **General Plan** is its constitution for development. It is comprised of ten elements that provide a comprehensive slate of citywide policies and further the City of Villages smart growth strategy for growth and development.

The General Plan was comprehensively updated by unanimous vote of the City Council in 2008. The City Council also certified the General Plan Program Environmental Impact Report and adopted associated amendments to the Land Development Code. The General Plan update did not include land use designation or zoning changes, which is the purview of the City’s community plans.

Community plans work together with the General Plan to provide location-based policies and recommendations in the City’s 50+ community planning areas. Community plans are written to refine the General Plan’s citywide policies, designate land uses and housing densities, and include additional site-specific recommendations as needed. Read more about how the General Plan and Community Plans work together.

Additional background information on the development of the General Plan, the public hearings, and the update process is available in the General Plan Project Information section.
General Plan

• Set the Foundation for Smart Growth Development
• Transit Oriented Development
• City of Villages
Community Plans

• Not updated in 20+ years
• Lacks the components for smart growth development
• Southeastern Community Plan adopted in 1987
Redevelopment – Downtown vs. Southeastern

• Downtown – CCDC Process
• Southeastern – City Entitlement Process
Downtown – CCDC Process

• Unique from all other redevelopment areas
• Takes three months
• Model for redevelopment
• Authority currently rest solely in Civic San Diego
Southeastern – City Entitlement Process

• Burdened with layers of over regulation
• State & Federal Mandates
• Local ordinances and development overlay rules
Southeastern – City Entitlement Process

• City of San Diego General Plan
• Southeastern San Diego Community Plan
• City of San Diego Land Development Code
• Southeastern San Diego Planned Development Ordinance
• SEDC Commercial Corridor Urban Design Guide
• SEDC Multi-family Development Guidelines
• Chollas Creek Enhancement Plan
• Chollas Creek South Branch Implementation Plan
• Project First Class
• Community Street Tree Master Plan, Southeastern San Diego
• Urban Ecosystem Analysis: San Diego, California
• SANDAG Smart Growth Guidelines
• SANDAG Regional Transportation Plan and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Planning
Development Services Department
Where Do We Go From Here?

• Development Services Department vs. Civic San Diego

• Financing of Community Planning & Development
Financing Options

- General fund Revenue
- Reduction/Deferral of Permits and Fees
- Density Bonus Law
- Reduction in Development Standards
- Reduction in Parking Standards
- New Markets Tax Credits (NMTCs)
- Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTCs)
- Proposition 1C Funds
- Multi-Family Housing Program (MHP)
- CalHome
- Community Facilities District (CFD)
- Special Assessment District
- Landscaping Districts/Parking Districts
- Property-Based or Business Improvement District (PBID or BID)
- Development Impact Fees
- Development Services Department vs. Civic San Diego
- Financing of Community Planning & Development
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Thank You!

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QUESTIONS