LITTLE VILLAGE LAND USE STRATEGY
Housing, Retail, and Historic Preservation Community Workshop Agenda

• **Part 1: Open House** (5:30-6:00)
  – Roam & Review Maps

• **Part 2: Presentation** (6:00-6:30)
  – DPD and CMAP staff introduce findings and analysis

• **Part 3: Questions** (6:30-6:45)
  – Your opportunity to get more specific information

• **Part 4: Group Discussions** (6:45-8:00)
  – Your chance to share your ideas and offer feedback
**Planning Process Overview**

**Project Partners:**
- City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development (DPD) is leading the project
- CMAP is providing planning support through the LTA program
- CMAP has contracted with Pilsen Neighbors Community Council (PNCC) and Enlace Chicago to provide community outreach and engagement assistance

**Other partners / related projects:**
- Adler School of Professional Psychology’s Health Impact Assessment project
- Delta Institute and LVEJO’s Little Village Brownfield Revitalization project
Since the start of the planning process, the project team has:

- Held a community workshop on open space attended by 67 residents and stakeholders
- Met with 15 stakeholders, community groups, and/or local networks reaching approximately 120 people
- Held a focus group on opportunities and challenges in the community’s industrial areas
- Published a comprehensive existing conditions analysis

Upcoming engagement activities include:

- June 25th workshop on open space, the industrial corridors, and resilience
- A draft plan open house in Fall 2015
- Public hearings
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

- Regional Planning Agency created in 2005 by Illinois General Assembly in order to integrate planning for transportation and land use

- Created **GO TO 2040**, a comprehensive, long-range plan for the Chicago Metropolitan area, which was adopted in 2010

- Local Technical Assistance program implements **GO TO 2040** through direct assistance to communities
City of Chicago Land Use Strategies

- Green Healthy Neighborhood Land Use Plan for Englewood, West Englewood, Washington Park, and Woodlawn

- Recommended strategies for housing, retail, productive landscapes, manufacturing, open space, green infrastructure, historic preservation

- Plan was adopted by the Chicago Plan Commission in March 2014
A Land Use Strategy

• Describes where you live, work, play, shop and learn
• Identifies future places to live, work, play, shop and learn
• Confirms the places and the community character to preserve and improve
• Guide for a 10-20 year period
City Land Use Tools

- Land use plans guide future decisions
- Historic and conservation districts maintain the size of existing buildings and the front sidewalks
- Pedestrian street designations protect and promote dense, walkable retail environments
Building upon goals in Quality of Life Plans

Vision
As we plan our future in Little Village, we value our family, culture and community. Our vision is a community that is educated, peaceful, united, clean, and prosperous.

Quality-of-Life Plan Summary
The community engagement process created a plan with eight topic areas, each with specific goals.

A. Arts & Culture
A.1 Support and encourage collaboration among local artists
A.2 Strengthen community events and programs focused on arts and culture
A.3 Create and expand temporary and long-term spaces for arts and culture

B. Economic Development
B.1 Increase resources for entrepreneurs
B.2 Support branding and beautification efforts
B.3 Increase workforce development programs and job opportunities

C. Education
C.1 Strengthen and expand early childhood opportunities
C.2 Support children in elementary and middle school
C.3 Support youth in high school, in college and in their career goals
C.4 Enhance Adult Education

D. Green Space & Recreation
D.1 Maintain, support, and enhance existing green and recreational spaces
D.2 Develop new recreational spaces
D.3 Increase community impact through improved programming

E. Health
E.1 Improve access to quality healthcare for the entire community
E.2 Strengthen preventive health measures for residents
E.3 Reduce chronic illnesses

F. Housing
F.1 Increase sustainable home ownership and reduce foreclosures
F.2 Increase the affordability and quality of rental housing
F.3 Develop new housing options for a diverse range of incomes

G. Immigration
G.1 Promote leadership development around immigration issues
G.2 Strengthen the capacity of existing service providers and encourage partnerships to attract additional resources
G.3 Provide accurate and timely immigration information to the community

H. Safety
H.1 Continue to develop violence prevention programs for youth and families
H.2 Enhance and broaden educational opportunities for youth
H.3 Increase community engagement and leadership around safety issues
H.4 Strengthen the community and police relationship
H.5 Create a safer and cleaner physical environment
In Little Village, at least 50% of owners and renters spend more than 30% of their income on housing costs, and at least 25% spend more than 50% of their income on housing costs.

Since 2000, the share of cost-burdened owners and renters has increased. Compared to Pilsen and the City as a whole, Little Village had the highest rate of increase among renters.
Little Village is a vibrant, middle-to-lower income community.

Little Village has larger than average household sizes and little vacant residential land.
The housing stock is significantly older than the City’s and region’s.

2-4 unit buildings make up the majority of the housing stock—nearly 70% in Little Village.
Community Character – Density

Despite the prevalence of low-rise housing types, Little Village is a high density community.
Community Character – Little Village Historic Resources

Figure 4.18: Little Village Historic Resources
Community Character – Commercial corridors

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Citywide Character of Commercial corridors

- City-wide, more than 80% of all retail businesses are on major arterials.

- Historically, denser neighborhoods had businesses off the major streets particularly at corners.

- Pilsen and Little Village are unique in that both neighborhoods still support this pattern of use:
  - Both maintain long, nearly-continuous, pedestrian friendly retail districts on their major east-west streets.
  - These streets also contain a large number of housing units on the upper floors of retail buildings.
  - There are a number of vacant lots on these streets which could support new multi story buildings with retail on the first floor and residential units above.
Little Village Commercial Corridors
Little Village is projected to grow in population over the next 25 years. By 2040, Little Village could gain over 3,000 households. In keeping with current trends, average household size is projected to decline slightly.

Future heads of households are expected to be primarily younger baby-boomers (ages 45-64) and seniors (ages 65+)

New housing units will be needed to accommodate future growth.
Opportunities for increased residential density
Group Discussions (6:45 – 8:00)

- Group discussion topics:
  - Strategies for preserving community character
  - Strategies for infill and accommodating future projected growth
  - Strategies for enhancing the community’s retail environment
Group Discussions (6:45 – 8:00)

- Staff from CMAP, the City, and Enlace, as well as resident leaders will be available to answer questions and facilitate discussion.

- You are welcome to start anywhere that you want and talk to as many people as you want.

- Each participant should have a marker and sticky notes – feel free to write down your ideas as well as share them verbally!