

Proposal Description

Step 1: Threshold Requirements

1.
 - a. This proposal does not promote urban sprawl. It proposes to invest into the existing community by enhancing energy and water efficiency of the existing building stock in order to reduce emissions. It also proposes to improve the existing infrastructure to promote alternative means of transportation such as walking, biking, car sharing, carpooling, and mass transit. The improvements to the infrastructure will promote infill development and redevelopment. These improvements will strengthen the economy since they create additional construction jobs and help the residents and businesses save money in energy and transportation costs which would in turn increase disposable income - further strengthening the economy. This proposal also promotes equity within the community since the funding to make the improvements will be partially funded through the city's existing Neighborhood Pride Program designed to assist low income families.
 - b. The proposal will indirectly protect, preserve and enhance environmental and agricultural lands, and natural and recreational resources as it promotes infill development; therefore, reducing urban sprawl which has a negative impact on the said resources.
 - c. City of Carson is a mostly built out community with some potential for in-fill development. Since the City's zoning ordinance includes a mixed use zoning that encourages high density development, the new in-fill developments will be built to use land efficiently, will be built adjacent to existing developed areas, will be located in an area appropriately planned for growth, and will be served by adequate transportation and other essential utilities and services, and will minimize ongoing costs to taxpayers. Furthermore, the Proposal includes measures that would reduce utility costs for the taxpayers. The Proposal will also include recommendations to improve alternative transportation infrastructure and services such as sidewalks, bike lanes, and transit service further encouraging in-fill development.
2.
 - a. California's Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006
 - i. The proposal reduces greenhouse gas emissions in two ways increased energy and water efficiency for buildings and reduced VMTs. The VMT reduction would be result of recommendations to improve alternative transportation infrastructure and services such as sidewalks, bike lanes, and transit service. These reductions will have more immediate impact in reducing green house gas emissions compared to long term land use policies which the city adopted in 1994 to promote high density mixed use development in our core along Carson Street.
 - ii. The proposal will develop tools to quantify the reductions for greenhouse gas emissions for every implementation measure that is proposed. For

