

CULVER CITY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE EVENT 10.11.18

A CITY FOR EVERYONE



In the second in a series of five community events preceding the launch of Culver City's [General Plan Update](#), the City of Culver City welcomed [Dr. Manuel Pastor](#), Professor of Sociology and American Studies & Ethnicity at the University of Southern California, for an insightful presentation and discussion around issues of equity in cities.

Dr. Pastor began the evening by presenting key trends to keep in mind while planning for an inclusive city. He drew upon recent and wide-ranging demographic, economic and social data to paint a picture of the changing demographics of California, the region, and Culver City. His analysis framed crises facing California now and in the future and helped the audience understand how the world today looks different than the world our children will inhabit. Key points he made in his presentation include:

- While recently slowed, the legacy of high immigration rates into LA County is a remaining immigrant population for whom integration is essential.
- Older folks depend on working-age Californians to fund the services they need, creating an economic imperative to bridge generational and racial divisions.
- The housing crisis is felt by everyone, but in LA County - which is the 7th least affordable in the country for renters - the burden is carried disproportionately by the younger generation and ethnic and racial minorities.
- Improving racial inclusion and income equality are central to sustaining economic growth.

Following the presentation, an engaged audience of about 70 community members joined Dr. Pastor and Culver City Mayor Thomas Small in a discussion about issues specific to Culver City. Audience members recognized the mobility and housing challenges that are expected to worsen as Culver City youth grow older and considered ways that civic participation and intergenerational collaboration can help create a more sustainable path forward. Dr. Pastor noted with optimism that California continues to lead the nation in finding policy solutions to difficult challenges like climate change and economic transformation, and pointed to the upcoming General Plan Update process as an opportunity to implement an ambitious vision for a more equitable future in Culver City.

We would like to extend our appreciation to [La Ballona Elementary School](#) for hosting, [Sprouts](#) for feeding everyone, and [Parks, Recreation & Community Services](#) staff for childcare!

The next event in our series, '[How we move](#),' features Craig Hodgetts, co-founder of local design studio [Hodgetts + Fung](#), in a conversation about how we use our greatest public space asset: our streets. This event will be held on November 7, 2018 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Veterans Memorial Building Garden Room.



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