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TO: Members of the General Plan Advisory Committee
FROM: Michael Kelly, Associate Planner, and Art Henriques, Director of Planning
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RE: **Considering Health Policy**

In response to an earlier discussion by Committee member Schneider, the following is a list of jurisdictions that included health policy in their General Plans as of 2008. This list was created by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), which performed a survey asking jurisdictions whether they have established health policy. The results were included in OPR's 2008 edition of the annual *Book of Lists*.¹

A short description follows some of the jurisdictions' names to explain the extent and nature of their policies. These policies address various topics such as physical safety (including natural and artificial hazards), health facilities, air quality, noise, recreation, and transportation (including non-motorized forms). Further topics that health policy could address include education, food access, water quality, and housing issues. The Committee is encouraged to view some of these General Plans and to discuss at a future meeting how and whether to include health policies in the County's future General Plan.

Jurisdiction	Example (If provided by respondent)
Alpine County	
Arcadia	GENERAL POLICIES RELATED TO FOSTERING A HEALTHY COMMUNITY.
Bakersfield	
Baldwin Park	To promote a pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use environment within our downtown area.
Benicia	Goal: Make community health & safety a high priority for Benicia.
Brawley	Promoting pedestrian and bicycle usage
Brea	
Brisbane	
Calistoga	Promotes walking and biking
Carlsbad	The General Plan contains policies regarding avoidance/mitigation of noise impacts, hazardous materials exposure, aircraft hazards, and natural hazards such as floodplains, high fire hazard areas and geologic hazards.
Carpinteria	
Cerritos	Goal OSR-4: Provide for a broad range of recreational facilities. Goal OSR-7: Provide a high level of community outreach to inform residents of the variety of recreational programs available.
Chico	PP-I-50: Continue to assist health-care facilities and services designed to meet regional and community needs.
Chino Hills	
Chula Vista	
Claremont	Chapters 5 and 7 of the General Plan - Example of Goals/policies include: Goal 7-2;and Policies 7-2.8,7-4.2, 7-4.3 etc.

¹ Governor's Office of Planning and Research, *The California Planners' Book of Lists 2008*, February 2008, <<http://www.opr.ca.gov/planning/publications/2009bol.pdf>>.

Cloverdale	
Concord	
Contra Costa County	Various policies and implementation measures in the Contra Costa County General Plan (2005-2020) that address community health-related goals described in Land Use, Circulation, Facilities, and Safety elements.
Crescent City	Only as relating to public health affected by hazards, e.g., "Goal 7.A. To protect the public health, safety, and welfare and minimize the damage to structures, property, and infrastructure as a result of seismic, geologic, fire and flood hazards."
Davis	
Desert Hot Springs	Objective is to acquire more health care clinics, treatment, and offices that use the city's resource of hot water.
Downey	Personal Health section within "Safety" Chapter example: Goal 5.9-Promote the well being and general health of those that live and work in Downey Policy 5.9.1. Support the provision of health care services
Exeter	Creating walkable neighborhoods that minimize the use of cars and maximizes the opportunities for riding and walking.
Fairfax	
Farmersville	"Encourage residents to ride bike for good health as well as for environmental reasons." (Circulation Element Issue 11, Goal I. "Encourage residents to walk in Farmersville" (Circulation Element Issue 11, Goal III).
Fort Bragg	
Fresno	Policies related to air pollution and noise reduction and recreational facilities
Fresno County	
Glendora	Utilize recreation programs and facilities to increase public access to health information and services.
Hesperia	S.G.4 Promote development which will minimize potential risks and maximize public safety.
Highland	Regulate the location and design of sensitive receptors from excessive and hazardous emissions to air pollution
Humboldt County	There are policies in the 1979 Trails Plan that encourage walking, biking and horseback riding or health benefits.
Huntington Beach	Reduction of emissions; Creation of buffers between sensitive uses and toxic emission sources
Indian Wells	*Mitigation of negative environmental impacts such as noise, traffic, light and glare. *Ensuring that residential is located within proximity to health care facilities, open space and residential. *Prohibiting heavy polluting industry.
Irvine	
Irwindale	Open space opportunities
La Habra	Air Quality Element.
La Mesa	
Laguna Hills	Goal - Achieve air quality that is conducive to good health and enjoyment of the area's climate for all citizens.
Lakeport	Policy 25-- Conservation, Open Space and Parks Element: "Maintain a high air quality standard in Lakeport to protect the public health."
Lassen County	
Lincoln	
Loma Linda	Criteria designed to integrate noise consideration into land use planning to prevent noise/land use conflicts.
Lompoc	
Long Beach	Air Quality Element: Monitor emissions and their health effects. Promote non-motorized transportation. Support legislation promoting cleaner fuels. Minimize emissions from ships (port)
Los Alamitos	Conservation Element: Goal Two-Improve air quality. Open Space and Recreation Element: Goal Two- Provide a variety of quality recreation programs that serve the diverse interests and needs of Los Alamitos' youth and adults.
Los Gatos	HS.P.2.1: ENCOURAGE THE RETENTION OF THREE NEARBY HOSPITALS
Mammoth Lakes	Town goal S-1 supports a high quality of health and child care for Mammoth Lakes residents and visitors.
Marin County	Goal PH-1: Improve individual and community health through prevention, screening, education, and treatment strategies regarding nutrition and physical activity related health issues.
Millbrae	"To the extent feasible, separate air pollution sensitive land uses from sources of air pollution."
Monrovia	Circulation element encourages pedestrian activity
Monte Sereno	
Monterey	
National City	Lead monitoring program
Nevada County	
Palm Springs	Air quality measures
Palmdale	Air quality, groundwater quality protection

Palo Alto	Air Quality Goal N-5: Clean Healthful Air for Palo Alto and the San Francisco Bay Area
Pasadena	
Patterson	To ensure that City emergency response procedures are adequate in the event of natural or man-made disasters.
Pittsburg	
Placer County	Goal 8.I To provide municipal-type environmental health services to the unincorporated urban development areas in western Placer County.
Placerville	
Rancho Mirage	The General Plan has a subsection under the Public Services & Facilities Element that discusses the local health care facilities. This element is to provide information on the various health care facilities and services available in the City and Vicinity.
Rancho Santa Margarita	Protection of water supply
Redondo Beach	
Sacramento	PHS 5.1 Well-Planned Urban Areas and Healthy Communities. Improve public health through well-planned urban areas, and consideration of the health needs of community.
Sacramento County	Public Health/Land Use Connection -- Objective: Increased opportunities for every resident of Sacramento County to be more physically active.
San Bernardino County	
San Gabriel	Chapter 5,"Public and Environmental Safety" establishes goals regarding water contamination, toxins, and hazards and sets goals to minimize potential risks.
San Joaquin County	
San Luis Obispo	
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Santa Clarita	Medical Services
Santa Rosa	Promote livable neighborhoods. Ensure that everyday shopping, park and recreation facilities, and schools are within easy walking distance of most residents.
Sebastopol	Policies concerning emergency medical services.
Shasta County	Air Quality and Water Resources Elements objectives and policies concerning healthful air quality and water quality
Simi Valley	Air Quality Element Policy #XII-1.7: "The City shall make efforts to protect Simi Valley residents from exposure to toxic air pollutants."
Solvang	To minimize hazards to public health, safety and welfare resulting from natural and man-made phenomena.
Sonoma County	Housing Element
Stanton	
Sunnyvale	Goal H: identify pressing health and social needs of the sunnyvale community, encouraging appropriate agencies to address these needs in an adequate and timely manner Policy H.2 Support non-discriminating efforts to cure catastrophic diseases (such as AIDS) and prevent their spread in the community.
Susanville	Broad concepts developed in 1990 plan.
Tehama County	Air Quality Water Quality Noise
Tustin	Reduce air pollution through proper land use, transportation, and energy use planning.
Twentynine Palms	
Union City	Policies relate to supporting non-profits and working cooperatively with our hospital district.
Vernon	Contribute to the continued gradual improvement of air quality in the South Coast Air Basin.
Walnut Creek	Provide facilities and programs that meet the recreation needs of people of all ages, physical abilities and economic means. Section on Community Health, Chapter 2, Quality of Life. Goal 11: Promote a healthy community.
Waterford	
Wheatland	Policy 9.A. 6 The City shall permit development only in areas where the potential danger to health and safety of people can be mitigated to an acceptable level.
Woodlake	