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### ***Abstract***

San Diego's Land Use and Community Planning Element includes a series of goals which effectuate the amelioration of climate change through the mitigation of greenhouse emissions. One of these efforts is creating a "City of Villages," which is the goal to develop mixed-use activity centers within villages. This concentration of activity offers better access to pedestrian-friendly travel options, including walking, biking, and public transit. This will enable large numbers of people to make fewer and shorter auto trips, a large component of San Diego's goal to lower greenhouse gas emissions (LU-A).

City of Villages will have the added benefit of increasing social wellbeing, community vibrancy, localization of the economy, and overall physical health; it will increase general mobility and activity of citizens, preserve neighborhood character, improve local business, and improve air quality by reducing the use of and dependence on automobiles (ME-B).

### ***Resource***

#### **Discussion**

The City of Villages strategy is to focus growth into mixed-use activity centers that are pedestrian-friendly, centers of community, and linked to the regional transit system. The strategy draws upon the strengths of San Diego's natural environment, neighborhoods, commercial centers, institutions, and employment centers. The strategy focuses on the long-term economic, environmental, and social health of the City and its many communities. It recognizes the value of San Diego's distinctive neighborhoods and open spaces that together form the City as a whole. Implementation of the City of Villages strategy is an important component of the City's strategy to reduce local contributions to greenhouse gas emissions, because the strategy makes it possible for larger numbers of people to make fewer and shorter auto trips (see also Mobility Element, Introduction, and Conservation Element, Section A).

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San, Diego's Land Use and Community Planning Element can be found here:  
[https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/lu\\_2015.pdf](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/lu_2015.pdf)