



General Plan – Design Element Checklist

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

Questions to Consider:

Is my building plan compatible with the neighborhood?

Does my plan incorporate energy efficiency and other appropriate building principles?

How well does my plan fit with the design concepts below?

Overall Design Characteristics

Plan Policy

Maintains character of area while functional and suitable for business needs	D-1a, D-6
Compatible and consistent with architecture, scale, mass, and bulk of other buildings in the immediate vicinity; ornamentation encouraged where suitable	D-2e, D-2g , D-2h, D-6a
Facades should face sidewalk, loading docks and vehicular access at side or rear	D-6a.1
Drive-through service windows for restaurants only in Valley West area	D-a.4
Design includes noise and visual buffers, and screening where appropriate	D-6a.5, D-6a.6
Design accomodates pedestrians and bikes	D-6a.3
Signs may not obscure building detail, be visible from highways 101 or 299, contain advertising copy; flush mounted signs are preferred; signage must be compatible with other signs; illumination should minimize glare; off-site signs prohibited	D-6d

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Plan Policy

Renewable and green building concepts, including solar access, are incorporated	D-6a.7
Incorporates renewable green building concepts	D-1i
<u>Plaza Area</u> : Basic historical pattern or design retained; buildings sited at sidewalk	D-2a , D-2h
Changes to streetscapes improve amenities and safety for all	D-2b , D-2c
Trees encouraged; retain existing facades; off-site parking preferred	D-2d
Signs oriented to pedestrians, amenity features encouraged	D-2i, D2-j