

[Library ebook] Planning Los Angeles

Planning Los Angeles

From Brand: APA Planners Press

*DOC | *audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF | ePub*

PLANNING LOS ANGELES

Edited by David C. Sloane



 Download

 Read Online

#1007605 in Books APA Planners Press 2012-09-27Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 8.43 x .74 x 5.451, 1.01 #File Name: 1611900042224 pages | File size: 40.Mb

From Brand: APA Planners Press : Planning Los Angeles before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Planning Los Angeles:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Small, faint, non-serif font makes book excruciating to read; lack of e-book option makes matters worse.By Michael T. DoyleIt's a massively interesting, 5-star book in terms of content. But APA Press has no idea how to print anything readable. The font is sans serif, meant for a brochure or a computer screen, not a 300-page book. Making matters worse, the type is also surprisingly faint and small. A non-serif font

printed in small, faint type means this book is surprisingly hard to read. (I tested this out with my partner. He handed the book immediately back to me and told me trying to read the print made him feel dizzy.) The worst part is APA refuses to make this book series available in e-book format. (It's the same thing--and the same awful font--with the next book in the series, *Planning Chicago*, which was an unnecessary chore to read, as well.) Style over substance is obnoxious when you're paying thirty bucks for a paperback. It's 2015. E-book format is not optional anymore. All in all, just a needlessly obnoxious experience of a good book.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful.

interesting essays
By Michael Lewyn
This book contains about forty planning-related essays about Los Angeles- some as short as a page, some longer, some boring, some interesting. Most of the essays emphasize, of course, that Los Angeles has been planned as much as any other American city. Some of the more interesting points:
*Los Angeles's car-oriented streets were shaped in large part by the city's 1924 Major Traffic Street Plan, which created a grid of widened streets; by contrast, a similarly ambitious plan for parks was never implemented. One essay suggests that the Chamber of Commerce opposed the plan because it did not give them enough power (though that doesn't make sense to me because they could have lobbied for amendments).
*The city has aggressively downzoned in recent decades, causing a housing shortage and high rents. Until the 1960s, developers and homeowners usually agreed. But once the city's open land started to dwindle, infill became more popular with developers, causing tensions with homeowners.
*Los Angeles is much more like its suburbs than most cities- whether you look at the city's ethnic diversity or its poverty rate or its density levels and urban form.
*Why didn't Los Angeles build new rail in the 1950s and 1960s? In 1948, the city council voted a rail proposal 8-6. Suburban business interests lobbied against it, because they had no interest in making it easier for people to reach downtown stores.
*The city tried to subsidize downtown housing in the 1980s without much success. But once the city modified regulations that precluded such housing (such as parking/setback/density rules designed for suburbs), landowners were able to reuse older buildings and downtown started to become residential.

1 of 9 people found the following review helpful. *Planning Los Angeles*
By SL55
Book arrived on time and as advertised. Our City's Planning Division staff intends to use it as a reference in our department library.

Los Angeles isn't planned; it just happens. Right? Not so fast! Despite the city's reputation for spontaneous evolution, a deliberate planning process shapes the way Los Angeles looks and lives. Editor David C. Sloane, a planning professor at the University of Southern California, has enlisted 30 essayists for a lively, richly illustrated view of this vibrant metropolis. *Planning Los Angeles* launches a new series from APA Planners Press. Each year Planners Press will bring out a new study on a major American city. Natives, newcomers, and out-of-towners will get insiders' views of today's hot-button issues and a sneak peek at the city to come.

Los Angeles presents a planning challenge of global/local importance. These newly minted, masterful essays honestly face the losses and gains of planning in a City of Angels that belongs to all of us. -- Kevin Starr, University of Southern California
About the Author
David C. Sloane is a professor in the School of Policy, Planning, and Development at the University of Southern California.