



# City of Sacramento Planning Academy

*City of Sacramento Planning Department*

## How Can I Participate?

The Planning Academy is free and open to area residents and business owners who are interested in planning. Our next session will take place September 3 through November 5, 2008. The application deadline is 5:00 pm on July 29, 2008.

An application is available online starting July 1, 2008 at :  
<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/planning/academy/>

## Tentative Fall 2008 Schedule:

- 9/3: Planning 101 part 1:  
Overview
- 9/10: Regional Planning & Smart Growth
- 9/17: Planning 101 part 2:  
Zoning & CEQA
- 9/20: Saturday Tour #1
- 9/24: Planning 101 part 3:  
Design & Preservation
- 10/1: Design, Health & Livability
- 10/4: Saturday Tour #2
- 10/8: Land-Use & Transportation
- 10/15: Infill and Econ. Dev.
- 10/22: Sustainability
- 10/29: The General Plan
- 11/5: Smart Growth & Effective Involvement

## What is the Planning Academy?

The Fall 2008 Planning Academy is a ten week course designed to educate and engage residents, business and community leaders in the City's planning process. As part of the City's Smart Growth implementation strategy, the objective is to assist participants in becoming more effective Smart Growth advocates in future City of Sacramento Planning efforts.

Sessions are designed to include discussion, Q&A, interactive group exercises, and field trips.

Classes cover a broad spectrum of planning topics and issues, including:

- An overview of planning in Sacramento
- How development projects are reviewed
- The City's 2030 General Plan
- Smart Growth and the regional context
- Affordable housing and infill development
- The transportation-land use connection
- Sustainability, health, and livability
- Economic development

The Planning Academy will give students the tools needed to:

- Identify the regional costs and impacts associated with urban sprawl versus smart growth
- Identify elements of successful development projects
- Participate in future City of Sacramento planning efforts
- Educate other community members about smart growth and how they can support smart development proposals

Instructors include City staff, local planning professionals, architects, and building industry leaders. Each class will include approximately 25 participants.

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## Time and Location

The Fall 2008 Planning Academy will take place **September 3 through November 5, 2008.**

Classes will be held on weeknight evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Complementary dinner is provided free of charge. Evening classes will be held at the new City Hall, 915 I Street.

There will be two Saturday morning field trips from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Field trip locations and travel arrangements will be arranged during the course.

Participants should be willing to devote ten week-day evenings and two Saturday mornings over a period of ten weeks. Participants who finish the ten week course will participate in a graduation reception with the City Council and the Mayor.

Applicants who are selected to participate will be notified by e-mail and US mail by August 15, 2008.

