

# CHANGES ARE COMING TO OLD TOWNE AND THEY'RE **NOT** GOOD!

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The City's General Plan update is in process. Many of you probably received notification from the City...**but did you understand it?** Here are just some of the proposed changes that you need to know about. ***These will affect you directly so please read.***

Full implementation of the Plan, within the City of Orange, would result in:

- A **110%** increase in total housing units (23,478 units)
- A **354%** increase in non-residential building square feet (35.7 million square feet!)
- **46%** increase in traffic (1,456,700 daily trips vs. the current 995,000)
- North & South Glassell Streets would become **4 LANES!**
- La Veta to Cambridge would become **4 LANES!**
- Traffic at the Plaza will remain 2 lanes, causing major bottlenecking. The General Plan states: .... parallel roadways such as Almond Ave., Palmyra Ave., Lemon St., Olive St., Shaffer St., Grand St., Palm Ave., and Maple St. will offer relief. That means that if you live on or near these streets, traffic will increase tremendously on your street.
- Elimination of on-street parking along Chapman & Glassell streets. That means more spillover parking on all surrounding streets.
- The original proposed Plan would have concentrated much development along Lincoln Avenue and on the Mall of Orange property. A lot of vocal resident opposition caused this development to be dropped from the Plan—resulting in much of the development now being concentrated in and around Old Towne. We need to get active, angry and speak up, too!
- Proposed development could potentially allow for multi-story buildings **2 TO 3 TIMES** larger than what currently exists along Glassell & Chapman. So much for our quaint Old Towne.
- Adverse effects on our quality of life and property values.

The City's decision makers do not have to accept and approve the plan in its current form, but instead can request the plan ***be modified to better protect your investments and quality of life.***

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:** We urge you to complete the enclosed form letter and mail it to the City in the enclosed postage paid envelope. It must be received at the City ***no later than MARCH 30, 2009.*** Don't delay, do it today!!

Copies of the proposed General Plan and impact report are available for public review at the City's three libraries, the Planning Counter at the City, the City Clerk's Office and on the City's website, **[www.cityoforange.org](http://www.cityoforange.org)**

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