**American Planning Association – Central Coast Section**
**Ventura County Citizen Planning Academy**
**Syllabus**

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Mission Statement:
To educate citizens on community planning, public involvement, governmental organization and other related issues facing Ventura County and its ten cities. To encourage educated and meaningful citizen participation in the planning process.

Summary of Lesson Plans:
The Academy will be divided into eight sessions to be held once a week for two months. Each class is three hours long with a 15-20 minute break. Several texts or portions of texts will be used as reading material.

**Session 5 Expanded Agenda May 13, 2010 6:30-9:30 p.m.**

**1. Affordable Housing** — **Barbara Macri-Ortiz, Esq.**
*Affordable Housing Advocate*

a. State Mandates
b. Economic benefits and impacts
c. City Compliance – steps to achieve
d. Who needs affordable housing?
e. Common misconceptions

**2. Historic Preservation** — **Cynthia Thompson**
*Historic Resources Consultant*

a. Sense of Place – History as a continuing story
b. Cultural Tourism
c. Mills Act, CEQA
d. Historic Districts – meaning and implementation
e. Secretary of the Interior's Standards - overview

**3. Urban Design** — **Nicholas Deitch/Dao Doan**
*Architects and Urbanists*

a. What is Sprawl?
b. What is Urbanism?
c. Introduction to Form-based Codes
d. Transforming Sprawl