



## City of Compton

### Planning and Economic Development Department



The **City of Compton** is one of the oldest cities in Los Angeles County and the eighth to incorporate in the county. The City was officially incorporated on May 11, 1888. The City is a vibrant suburban community with a growing population of approximately 100,000 residents.

Known as the "Hub City" because of its unique position in almost the exact geographical center of Los Angeles County, the City covers approximately 10.2 square miles and is centrally located within the boundaries of five freeways (I-91, I-105, I-710, I-110, and I-405). Compton is also strategically located along the Alameda Corridor, a passageway of 25 percent of all U.S. waterborne international trade. Additionally, the City is served by the Metro Light Rail Blue Line with two rail stations, the Compton Station and the Artesia Station and three additional stations within a 10 minute drive from the City.

Compton has a diversified economy, comprised of strong industrial and manufacturing sectors and thriving retail districts. Moreover, Compton is rapidly emerging as a large industrial center in Los Angeles County for manufacturing and distribution, business services, technology, home and lifestyle products, metals, financial services, and textile manufacturing. In addition, the City offers an array of housing options, from charming single-family homes to newly built town-homes, condominiums, and lofts. Compton is a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

The City's **Planning and Economic Development Department (PEDD)** promotes the orderly development and growth of Compton's commercial districts and residential neighborhoods through the expeditious delivery of technical expertise and financial resources. PEDD is comprised of three divisions - Planning and Zoning, Business Services, and Grants Management.

The Planning Division reviews development proposals for consistency with City plans, ordinances and design guidelines and facilitates the creation of a community vision and land use policies for the future growth of Compton.

The Economic Development Division supports ongoing business investment in the community through business development workshops, low-interest loans and grants. The Division is charged with carrying out all business attraction, business retention, and marketing activities as well as administering all business assistance programs including Commercial Revolving Loan Program, Commercial Façade Improvement Program and the Enterprise Zone.

The Grants Management Division is responsible for the acquisition and management of Local, State and Federal grant funds to support city initiatives, non-profit organizations, and housing services, including programs from the Departments of Housing and Urban Development, Justice, and Energy.

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