

General Plan

Land Use Element

Excerpt from the General Plan on The Civic Center - “An additional way the City can strengthen its commercial, cultural, and governmental core is to encourage residential uses to be located downtown above the stores, shops, and offices in the CBD. Such a mix of commercial, governmental office, and residential activity would enhance and enliven Santa Barbara’s downtown, and would provide an interesting environment in which some people would like to live.”

Policy 4.1 – Residential development shall be considered the highest priority of development in the future.

Implementation Strategy 4.1.1: Study the potential for possible residential reuse of existing nonresidential uses.

Policy 4.2 – Options for providing additional housing opportunities shall be explored where appropriate in nonresidential zones.

Implementation Strategy 4.2.1: Create a Mixed-Use Zoning package.

Implementation Strategy 4.2.2: Study the feasibility of a new, high-density residential zone in the Downtown.