



The **Noise Element** provides guidance to protect the community from excessive noise exposure.



#	Goal	Policy & Action Topics
N-1	Protect noise-sensitive land uses from excessive noise levels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Noise and Land Use Planning ■ Interior Noise Level Standard ■ Exterior Noise Level Standard for Residential Uses ■ Exterior Noise Level Standard for Parks and Playgrounds ■ Inclusive Outreach
N-2	Minimize unnecessary, annoying, or unhealthy noise.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Noise Regulation ■ Minimize Noise Impacts ■ Minimize Commercial Noise ■ Traffic Noise ■ Railroad Noise ■ Railroad Vibration ■ Construction Noise and Vibration Monitoring ■ Conditions of Approval for Noise Monitoring ■ Railroad Noise Reductions ■ Railroad Noise Barriers

Table N-1 Land Use Compatibility Guidelines

Land Use Category of Proposed New Use		Day-Night Average Exterior Noise Level, L_{dn} (dBA)				
		0 - 59	60 - 65	66 - 70	71 - 80	over 81
Noise-Sensitive Land Uses	Residential (all densities) *					
	Multifamily Common Open Space for Residents					
	Hotels, Motels, and Other Lodging					
	Schools, Libraries, Hospitals, Churches, Long-Term Care Facilities					
	Parks, Playgrounds, Privately Owned Publicly Accessible Open Space					
Office and Commercial						
Research and Development, Industrial						
		<p>Normally Acceptable. Specified land use is satisfactory based on the assumption that any buildings involved are of normal, conventional construction, without any special noise mitigation requirements.</p>				
		<p>Conditionally Acceptable. New construction or development should be undertaken only after a detailed analysis of the noise-reduction requirements is made and needed noise mitigation features have been included in the design.</p>				
		<p>Normally Unacceptable. New construction or development should not be undertaken.</p>				

* See residential land use designations in the Land Use Element of this General Plan.