POLITICS AND POLICYMAKING IN LOS ANGELES

I. COURSE OUTLINE
   A. Why Study Los Angeles? Regional, State, National and Global Significance
      1. The 19th Century: From Pueblo to Town; Railroads and Real Estate
      2. Early 20th Century: the Politics of Progressivism
      3. Postwar World War II Political and Economic Development
   E. The L.A. Region: An Overview
      1. Fragmented Regional Governance
      2. Regional Planning and Growth: Suburbanization and Sprawl
      3. Demography and Economy
   F. Regional Policy Challenges
      1. Immigration and Housing
      2. Transportation
      3. Public Finance
      4. Smart Growth
      5. Globalization and Economic Restructuring
   G. W(h)ither Southern California? Water Politics and Policymaking

II. COURSE REQUIREMENTS
   A. Books to be purchased

   B. Grades: Your course grade is based upon a midterm and non-cumulative final examination. Essay and short answer questions cover both lectures and readings.

III. TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

April 1, 3
   A. Why Study Los Angeles?
      Fogelson, *The Fragmented Metropolis*, pp. xv-xxvi
April 8, 10  B. The City of L.A.: Historical Development, 1850-1973 (I)
   1. The 19th Century

April 15, 17  B. The City of L.A.: Historical Development (II)
   2. Early 20th Century: the Politics of Progressivism
   3. Post World War II Political and Economic Development
      April 17th Guest Speaker” UCSD and SDSU Professor Jim Ingram, “The History of L.A. Charter Reform”

      Sonenshein, *Politics in Black and White*, all.


MIDTERM EXAMINATION

May 6, 8  E. The L.A. Region (I): Governance and Planning
       May 6th Guest Speaker: San Diego Planning Director and Author Bill Fulton, “Reflections on The Reluctant Metropolis”

May 13, 15  E. The L.A. Region (II): Demography and Economy
       F. Regional Policy Challenges
          1. Immigration and Housing
             Wolch, *Up Against the Sprawl*, pp. 71-150.

May 20, 22  F. Regional Policy Challenges
       2. Transportation
       3. Public Finance
       4. Smart Growth

May 27, 29  F. Regional Policy Challenges
       5. Globalization and Restructuring
       G. W(h)ither Southern California? Water Politics and Policymaking
          May 29th Guest Speaker: General Manager Jeff Kightlinger, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, “Southern California’s 21st Century Water Challenges”

June 3, 5  G. Water Politics and Policymaking (continued)
       Erie, *Beyond ‘Chinatown’*, pp. 133-265

June 9  FINAL EXAMINATION: June 9th 3:00-6:00 pm