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, Harbor, Real Estate
      2. Early 20th Century: Water & Power/Politics of Progressivism
      3. Post World War II: Political, Social, and Economic Transformations
   E. The L.A. Five-County 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
   G. 21st Century Challenges
      1. Globalization, Economic Restructuring and Inequality
      2. Water Politics and Policymaking

II. COURSE REQUIREMENTS
   A. Books to be purchased
         (University of California, 1993)
         Angeles (Princeton University, 1993)
         Los Angeles (The John Hopkins University, 2001)
      4. Jennifer Wolch et al, Up Against the Sprawl: Public Policy and the
         Making of Southern California (University of Minnesota, 2004)
      5. Steven P. Erie, Beyond ‘Chinatown’: The Metropolitan Water District,
         Growth, and the Environment in Southern California (Stanford University, 2006)
   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 4, 6  A. Why Study Los Angeles?
    Fogelson, The Fragmented Metropolis, pp. xv-xxvii
    Wolch, Up Against the Sprawl, pp. vii-ix, pp. 1-41.
April 11, 13  
1. The 19th Century; From Pueblo to Town  
Fogelson, The Fragmented Metropolis, pp. 1-134.

April 18, 20  
B. The City of L.A.: Historical Development (II)  
2. Early 20th Century: Water & Power/Politics of Progressivism  
3. Post WW II: Political, Social, and Economic Transformations  
4/20 Guest Speaker: Professor Jim Ingram, “L.A. Charter Reform”

April 25, 27  
C. Mayor Tom Bradley: the Politics of Race and Growth,  
1973-1993  
Sonenshein, Politics in Black and White, all.  
4/27 Guest Speaker: Dan Garcia, former President, L.A. Boards of Planning, Police, and Airport Commissioners, “L.A. Mayors and Commissioners”

May 2, 4  
MIDTERM EXAMINATION

May 9, 11  
E. The L.A. Region (I): Governance and Planning  
Fulton, The Reluctant Metropolis, pp. 21-223.

May 16, 18  
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.  
5/18 Guest Speaker: Professor Cary Lowe, “Inland Empire Development”

May 23, 25  
F. Regional Policy Challenges  
2. Transportation  
3. Public Finance  
4. Smart Growth  
Wolch, Up Against the Sprawl, pp. 151-371.

May 30, June 1  
G. 21st Century Challenges:  
1. Globalization, Economic Restructuring and Inequality  
Erie, Beyond ‘Chinatown’, pp. 3-132.  
6/1 Guest Speaker: Zev Yaroslavsky, former L.A. County Supervisor, “L.A. County Governance and Policy Challenges”

June 6, 8  
G. 21st Century Challenges: Water Politics and Policymaking (II)  
Erie, Beyond ‘Chinatown’, pp. 133-265.  
6/6 Guest Speaker: Jeff Kightlinger, General Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, “21st Century Water Planning and Policy Challenges”

FINAL EXAMINATION: MONDAY JUNE 12TH, 3:00-5:59 PM