ES 125B: LAND USE AND PLANNING LAW  
Spring 2016 – Linda Krop

This course is a continuation of ES 125A: Introduction to Environmental Law. Whereas ES 125A focused primarily on constitutional principles and federal environmental laws, this course will provide an overview of the role of state and local agencies in environmental law and regulation. The course will cover California land use and planning constitutional and legal principles, general plans, zoning, subdivisions, environmental review, coastal development and resource protection, initiatives and referenda. We will also address the administrative and judicial processes that apply to land use and planning functions, and limitations on the exercise of agency regulatory power. Class discussions and guest speakers will provide an opportunity to relate course readings to current topics and issues.

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Office hours: Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Bren 4015.

Schedule:  
Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 8:50 p.m., in the Bren Seminar Room 4016, from 3/30/16 – 6/1/16.

Final Exam: Friday, June 10, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Bren 4016


Supplemental materials are posted on GauchoSpace. These materials include both required and optional readings.

Grading: Students will be graded on a midterm, final exam and a writing assignment. In addition, class attendance and participation will be considered in assigning final grades for the class.

Syllabus: Students should read each assignment prior to class to facilitate an informed discussion.

Week 1 (3/30/16) Police Power, Land Use Decision-Making  
Curtin, Chapters 1, 17  
Guest Speaker: James Joyce, Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson

Week 2 (4/6/16) General Plans, Specific Plans  
Curtin, Chapters 2, 3  
Video: This is our Land

Week 3 (4/13/16) Zoning, Initiatives and Referenda  
Curtin, Chapter 4, pp. 39-65; Chapter 13, pp. 357-374
Week 4 (4/20/16)  Subdivision Map Act  
Curtin, Chapter 5  
*Guest Speaker: Anne Wells, City of Goleta, Advanced Planning Manager*

Week 5 (4/27/16)  Midterm

Week 6 (5/4/16)  California Environmental Quality Act  
Curtin, Chapter 6  
“The California Environmental Quality Act: On the Front Lines of California’s Fights Against Global Warming,” Center for Biological Diversity  
*Writing Assignment: CEQA comment letter (due May 27)*  
*Guest Speaker: Laurel Perez, Suzanne Elledge Planning & Permitting Services*

Week 7 (5/11/16)  Coastal Act  
Curtin, Chapter 9, pp. 258-264  
California Coastal Commission handouts  
*Bolsa Chica Land Trust v. Superior Court*  
*Guest Speaker: Molly Troup, California Coastal Commission staff*

Week 8 (5/18/16)  Takings  
Curtin, Chapter 11, pp. 287-310

Week 9 (5/25/16)  Land Use Litigation  
Curtin, Chapter 19, pp. 503-548  
*Writing Assignment due*

Week 10 (6/1/16)  Exactions  
Curtin, Chapter 12

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