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"But be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon 'em." — Shakespeare

PLANNING

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The General Plan revision, a report suggesting alternative processes to revise the General Plan, has been prepared to be presented to the City Council and Planning Commission. Based on Council action, the revision process will begin soon.

The three remaining Elements of the General Plan are either completed or nearly completed in draft form. On the Noise Element, the draft text is being reviewed and is in the process of being put in final form. Planning Staff has visually assessed every City street and has completed the first draft on scenic roads in the City for the Scenic Element. The first draft of the Seismic Safety and Safety Element is due for completion in mid-December.

The third quarterly report of the rehabilitation program will be presented to the Housing Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, and Council in December, along with policy changes. Questions and problems with administrating the program are fielded by staff weekly.

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Advance Land Acquisition Study - The first part of a three-phase study is complete and is under discussion and review by the Housing Advisory Committee. In the study, past experience with land banking in other areas is inventoried. The next two phases will see the testing of model programs and ultimate development of a land acquisition system consistent with Santa Cruz needs.

Revolving Fund - Historic Preservation - An explanation of various alternatives has been presented, and identification of one model has been made for further exploration by the Historic Preservation Commission. PROD is now providing technical assistance to the Commission and the Commission is drafting a proposed method for the operation of the fund.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Implementation for HCD-1975 is underway. The first project of the Neighborhood Improvement Program, a Spring Clean-Up Day for the Downtown