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**“As the City Grew: Historical Maps of Los Angeles” Exhibit  
Traces Growth of Nation’s Second Largest City  
Now on View Through November 4, 2012 at  
Central Library, 630 W. Fifth St., Downtown**

Tracing the growth of Los Angeles, the nation’s second largest city, is the topic of the new exhibit, “As the City Grew: Historical Maps of Los Angeles,” on display through November 4, 2012 at the Central Library, First Floor Galleries, 630 W. Fifth St., downtown.

The 34 historical maps in the exhibition are from the Los Angeles Public Library’s 100-year-old map collection, which contains more than 100,000 items and represents local, national and international cartography. It is one of the largest collections owned by a public library in the U.S. and is noted for materials relating to Los Angeles and the West including historical topographical maps, road maps, street guides, and fire insurance atlases.

“The new exhibit documents Los Angeles’ evolution from a Wild West frontier town that lived mostly outside the law, through cycles of boom and bust to the world-class city it is today,” said exhibitions coordinator Toria Aiken.

“As the City Grew: Historical Maps of Los Angeles” is sponsored by Farmers Insurance Group. Funding is made possible by the Library Foundation of Los Angeles, which supports and enriches the capabilities, resources, and services of the Los Angeles Public Library.

For more information and images from the exhibition, visit [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org).

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