

**EAST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025 AFTER 4:30 P.M.
RAMONA HALL COMMUNITY CENTER
4580 NORTH FIGUEROA STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90065**

Meeting presentations will be made available here (<https://tinyurl.com/EastAPC3-12-25>) by Monday, March 10, 2025. Compliant Day of Submissions will be added to this drive.

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POLICY FOR DESIGNATED PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

Pursuant to the Commission's general operating procedures, the Commission at times must necessarily limit the speaking times of those presenting testimony on either side of an issue that is designated as a public hearing item. In all instances, however, equal time is allowed for presentation of pros and cons of matters to be acted upon. Every person wishing to address the commission in person must complete a speaker's request form and submit it to the Commission staff.

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Initial Submissions, not limited as to volume, must be received by the Commission Executive Assistant no later than by 4:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the week of the Commission meeting. Materials are to be emailed to apceastla@lacity.org. **Secondary Submissions** in response to a Staff Recommendation Report or additional comments must be received electronically no later than 48-hours before the Commission meeting. Submissions shall not exceed ten (10) pages, including exhibits, and must be submitted electronically to apceastla@lacity.org. Photographs do not count toward the page limitation. **Day of Hearing Submissions** within 24 hours of the meeting, up to and including the day of the meeting are limited to two pages plus accompanying photographs. Day of Hearing Submissions are to be submitted electronically to apceastla@lacity.org and 12 hard copies must be submitted at the in-person meeting. Submissions that do not comply with these rules will be stamped "**File Copy. Non-Complying Submission.**" Non-complying submissions will be placed into the official case file, but they will not be delivered to or considered by the Commission and will not be included in the official administrative record for the item at issue.

The Commission may RECONSIDER and alter its action taken on items listed herein at any time during this meeting or during the next regular meeting, in accordance with the Commission Rules and Operating Procedures and provided that the Commission retains jurisdiction over the case. If a Commission meeting is canceled or adjourned due to lack of quorum, all remaining agenda items shall be continued to the next regular meeting or beyond as long as the continuance is within the legal time limits of the case or cases.

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If you would like to receive a determination letter for any item on today's agenda, please email your request to apceastla@lacity.org. Please include your contact information (email or mailing address) and the case number associated with the item.

1. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- Items of Interest
- Advance Calendar
- Commission Requests
- Approval of Meeting Minutes - January 22, 2025

2. **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL POSITION STATEMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Presentations by Neighborhood Council representatives on any Neighborhood Council resolution, or community impact statement filed with the City Clerk, which relates to any agenda item listed or being considered on this agenda. The Neighborhood Council representative shall provide the Board or Commission with a copy of the Neighborhood Council's resolution or community impact statement by email to apceastla@lacity.org. At the Chair's discretion, presentations of Neighborhood Councils on any matter listed on the agenda for this Commission meeting may be taken at the time the agenda item is taken for consideration.

3. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Commission shall provide an opportunity in open meetings for the public to address it **on non-agenda items**, for a cumulative total of up to thirty (30) minutes, on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.

4. **RECONSIDERATIONS**

- a. **MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER** – The Commission may make a motion to reconsider a Commission Action on any agenda items from its previous meeting, consistently with the Commission Rule 9.3, provided the Commission retains jurisdiction over the matter.

b. MERITS OF ANY ITEM THE COMMISSION HAS VOTED TO RECONSIDER – If a majority of the Commission has approved a motion to reconsider a Commission Action, the Commission may address the merits of the original Commission Action.

5. [ZA-2021-5204-ZAD-1A](#)

Council District: 1 – Hernandez

CEQA: ENV-2023-5352-MND

*Last Day to Act: 03-12-25

Plan Area: Northeast Los Angeles

Continued from: 04-26-23, 07-12-23, 10-25-23

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 2824 – 2830 North Prewett Street

PROPOSED PROJECT:

Construction, use, and maintenance of a new two-story, 3,873-square foot single-family dwelling [and an attached 800-square foot Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) under separate Administrative review], three retaining walls measuring 62-feet, 35-feet six-inches, and 35-feet and three-inches long and up to six-feet in height, on a lot that measures 9,536-square foot vacant lot, that is within the Northeast Hillside Ordinance. The Project also proposes 745 cubic yards of grading and 645 cubic yards of exporting.

APPEAL:

An appeal of the January 17, 2023, Zoning Administrator's Determination which:

1. Denied a determination that the Project is categorically exempt. Based on the whole administrative record, the Project is NOT exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, Class 3, and there IS substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception contained in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines regarding location, cumulative impacts, significant effects or unusual circumstances, scenic highways, or hazardous waste site, or historical resources applies;
2. Denied, pursuant to Section 12.24 X.28 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a Zoning Administrator's determination to permit the construction, use and maintenance of a new single-family dwelling on a lot fronting on a Substandard Hillside Limited Street without providing a 20-foot wide adjacent minimum roadway adjacent to the property along Prewett Street as required by LAMC Section 12.21 C.10(i)(2);
3. Denied, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 X.28, a Zoning Administrator's determination to permit the construction, use and maintenance of a new single-family dwelling on a lot fronting on a Substandard Hillside Limited Street (Thomas Street) where a minimum 20-foot wide Continuous Paved Roadway is not provided from the driveway apron to the boundary of the Hillside Area, as required by LAMC Section 12.21 C.10(i)(3);
4. Denied, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 X.26, a Zoning Administrator's determination to permit the construction, use and maintenance of three retaining walls in lieu of the otherwise two retaining walls permitted per LAMC Section 12.21 C.8(a);
5. Adopted the Findings; and
6. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5), that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to "projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves."**

*On July 12, 2023, the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission heard the appeal of the Zoning Administrator's determination. The Commission continued the item to a date certain to October 25, 2023 for further environmental review. On October 25, 2023, the Commission continued the item to a date uncertain. Mitigated Negative Declaration, Case No. ENV-2023-5352-MND, dated January 23, 2025 has been prepared for the Project.

**If the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission elects to grant the appeal, either in whole or in part, and to overturn the Zoning Administrator's determination, the Commission may consider Mitigated Negative Declaration, Case No. ENV-2023-5352-MND, dated January 23, 2025, as the environmental clearance for the Project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15074.

**Applicant/
Appellant:**

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The next regular meeting of the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission
will be held on **Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.**

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