

LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021 REGULAR MEETING
(VIA TELECONFERENCE)

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In accordance with Government Code Section 54953, subsections (e)(1) and (e)(3), and in light of the State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020 relating to COVID-19 and ongoing concerns that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees and/or that the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person, the City Planning Commission’s October 14, 2021 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

Commission President Samantha Millman called the regular meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-President Caroline Choe and Commissioners Helen Campbell, Jenna Hornstock, Helen Leung, and Renee Dake Wilson in attendance.

Commissioners Yvette López-Ledesma, Karen Mack and Dana Perlman were not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Vince P. Bertoni, Director of Planning; Lisa Webber and Arthi Varma, Deputy Directors and Nick Maricich, Principal City Planner along with Amy Brothers, Deputy City Attorney, Kathy Phelan, Deputy City Attorney and Oscar Medellin, Deputy City Attorney. Commission Office staff participation included Irene Gonzalez, Commission Office Manager, James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II, Diego Vasquez, Denise Otero and Denise Chavez, Administrative Clerks.

ITEM NO. 1

DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCE

Motion Required. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B)-(C), determination that due to COVID-19 State of Emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and possible Commission action.

Commission President Millman moved to adopt the Resolution. Commission Vice-President Choe seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Millman
Second: Choe
Ayes: Campbell, Hornstock, Leung, Dake Wilson
Absent: López-Ledesma, Mack, Perlman

Vote: 6 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Vince P. Bertoni, Planning Director, had no report.
- Amy Brothers, Deputy City Attorney, had no report.
- There were no Commission requests.

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION

No speakers addressed the Commission during Neighborhood Council presentations.

ITEM NO. 4

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 5

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no requests for reconsiderations.

ITEM NO. 6

CONSENT CALENDAR (No Items)

There were no items on the consent calendar.

ITEM NO. 7

[CPC-2020-1365-GPA](#)
[CPC-2021-5499-GPA](#)

CEQA: ENV-2020-6762-EIR; SCH. NO. 2021010130
Plan Area: Citywide

Council Districts: All
**Last Day to Act: 01-12-22

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Completed September 21, 2021 and September 22, 2021

LIMITED PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: Citywide

IN ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM WEBINAR/TELECONFERENCE:

Blair Smith, City Planner (Housing Element) and Ari Briski, (Safety/Health Element) City Planner; Matthew Glesne, Senior City Planner, Conni Pallini-Tipton, Senior City Planner, Craig Weber, Principal City Planner representing the Planning Department (DCP); along with Betty Barberena, Planning Assistant, Kora McNaughton, Planning Assistant (Spanish Interpreter), Wajiha Ibrahim, Planning Assistant, Emily Gable, City Planner, Cally Hardy, City Planning Associate; Marisol Romero, Staff, Joel Montano, Researcher, Jackie Cornejo, Analyst, Nancy Twum-Akwaboah, Analyst, Maya Abood, Analyst, Tricia Keane, Executive Officer and Ann Sewill, General Manager representing the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD)

During the discussion, the meeting was recessed for a short break at 10:07 a.m. and recovered at 10:15 a.m. with Commissioners Millman, Choe, Campbell, Hornstock, Leung, and Dake Wilson in attendance.

The meeting was recessed for a lunch break at 12:00 p.m. then recovered at 12:15 p.m. with Commissioners Millman, Choe, Campbell, Hornstock, Leung, and Dake Wilson in attendance.

The meeting was recessed for a brief break at 1:41 p.m. then recovered at 1:45 p.m. with Commissioners Millman, Choe, Campbell, Hornstock, Leung, and Dake Wilson in attendance.

The meeting recessed once more at 2:35 p.m. then recovered at 2:38 p.m. with Commissioners Millman, Choe, Campbell, Hornstock, Leung, and Dake Wilson in attendance.

MOTION:

Commission President Millman put forth the actions below in conjunction with approval of the following Project with modifications, if any, stated on the record:

An update to the City of Los Angeles General Plan consisting of the 2021-2029 Housing Element, Safety Element Update, and amendments to the Health Element (Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles).

2021-2029 Housing Element

An update to the City of Los Angeles General Plan consisting of the 2021-2029 Housing Element. The Housing Element is one of the eight State-mandated elements of the General Plan and identifies the City's housing conditions and needs, establishes the goals, objectives, and policies that are the foundation of the City's housing strategy, and provides an array of programs to increase housing production, minimize displacement, provide greater access to opportunity and assist vulnerable populations. California law requires local governments to adopt land use plans

and regulatory systems that provide opportunities for, and do not unduly constrain, housing development; implement programs to maintain and monitor existing and future housing stock, and update the Housing Element every eight years. The Housing Element Update will revise existing and establish new citywide priorities, policies, goals, and programs for the City to accommodate the City's required housing needs allocation as determined by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). A new requirement of Housing Element law also requires a fair housing analysis to address, combat, and relieve disparities resulting from past patterns of segregation to foster more inclusive communities.

The Project involves State-mandated updates to accommodate the RHNA allocation through the year 2029, as established by SCAG. Under the RHNA allocation, the City is required to provide the zoned capacity to accommodate the development of at least 456,643 residential units using various land use planning strategies to plan for all income groups. The Housing Element Update includes revisions and additions to the goals, objectives, policies and implementation programs. The Housing Element Update also includes a Rezoning Program to create needed housing capacity for any identified shortfall in order to reach the required RHNA allocation and associated buffer by October 2024, as described in Chapter 4 of the draft Housing Element. A draft of the Housing Element is available as Exhibit B of the Staff Report.

Safety Element

A targeted update to the Safety Element to meet recent state requirements around climate change and related disasters, including wildfires and flooding, in addition to limited updates to reflect current disaster mitigation and planning practice.

Health Element

Technical amendments to the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles (Health Element) to clarify its role as the primary compilation of environmental justice policies and programs for the City.

Actions for the 2021-2029 update to the Housing Element:

1. Conduct a limited public hearing on the Proposed Plans, as described in the Staff Recommendation Report;
2. Approve the October 14, 2021 Staff Recommendation Report as the Commission Report, with those modifications in Attachment 1;
3. Approve and recommend that the City Council adopt the Findings in the Staff Recommendation Report, and directed staff to prepare the Final EIR, Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Findings, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP) for City Council consideration;
4. Find that the City Planning Commission has reviewed the Draft EIR (City EIR No. ENV-2020-6762- EIR and State Clearinghouse No. 2021010130), as shown in Exhibit N;
5. Recommend the City Council adopt the Resolution in Exhibit M to certify the EIR, adopt EIR Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adopt a Mitigation Monitoring Program; or in the alternative, if the Resolution to certify the EIR has been adopted in a prior action by the City Council and the Housing Element Update and/or the Safety Element Update and/or the Health Element Update has been approved, find, as applicable, that the Housing Element Update and/or the Safety Element Update and/or the Health Element Update, was considered in the EIR and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15164, no subsequent EIR or supplemental EIR, or addendum is required;
6. Approve and recommend that the Mayor approve and the City Council adopt the Resolution in Exhibit A to amend the Housing Element of the General Plan, as shown in Exhibit B, as modified by the City Planning Commission in Attachment 1; and
7. Authorize the Director of Planning to present the Resolution (Exhibit A) and General Plan Amendment (Exhibit B), as modified by the City Planning Commission in Attachment 1, to the

Mayor and City Council, in accordance with City Charter Section 555 and LAMC Section 11.5.6.

Action for the Update to the Safety Element:

1. Conduct a limited public hearing on the Proposed Plans, as described in the Staff Recommendation Report;
2. Approve the October 14, 2021 Staff Recommendation Report as the Commission Report;
3. Approve and Recommend that the City Council adopt the Findings in the Staff Recommendation Report, and directed staff to prepare the Final EIR, Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Findings, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP) for City Council consideration;
4. Find the City Planning Commission has reviewed the Draft EIR (City EIR No. ENV-2020-6762-EIR and State Clearinghouse No. 2021010130), as shown in Exhibit N;
5. Recommend the City Council adopt the Resolution in Exhibit M to certify the EIR, adopt EIR Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adopt a Mitigation Monitoring Program; or in the alternative, if the Resolution to certify the EIR has been adopted in a prior action by the City Council and the Housing Element Update and/or the Safety Element Update and/or the Health Element Update has been approved, find that the Housing Element Update and/or the Safety Element Update and/or the Health Element Update, was considered in the EIR and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15164, no subsequent EIR or supplemental EIR, or addendum is required;
6. Approve and Recommend that the Mayor approve and the City Council adopt the attached Resolution in Exhibit F to amend the Safety Element of the General Plan, as shown in Exhibit G, including incorporation by reference of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) and subsequent updates, as shown in Exhibit H; and
7. Authorize the Director of Planning to present the Resolution (Exhibit F) and General Plan Amendment (Exhibit G) to the Mayor and City Council, in accordance with City Charter Section 555 and LAMC Section 11.5.6.

Action for the Update to the Health Element:

1. Conduct a limited public hearing on the Proposed Plan, as described in the Staff Recommendation Report;
2. Approve the October 14, 2021 Staff Recommendation Report as the Commission Report;
3. Approve and Recommend that the City Council adopt the Findings in the Staff Recommendation Report, and directed staff to prepare the Final EIR, Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Findings, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP) for City Council consideration;
4. Find the City Planning Commission has reviewed the Draft EIR (City EIR No. ENV-2020-6762-EIR and State Clearinghouse No. 2021010130), as shown in Exhibit N;
5. Recommend the City Council adopt the Resolution in Exhibit M to certify the EIR, adopt EIR Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adopt a Mitigation Monitoring Program; or in the alternative, if the Resolution to certify the EIR has been adopted in a prior action by the City Council and the Housing Element Update and/or the Safety Element Update and/or the Health Element Update has been approved, find that the Housing Element Update and/or the Safety Element Update and/or the Health Element Update, was considered in the EIR and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15164, no subsequent EIR or supplemental EIR, or addendum is required;
6. Approve and Recommend that the Mayor approve and the City Council adopt the attached Resolution in Exhibit F to amend the General Plan as follows:
 - a. Amend the Health Element, as shown in Exhibit J, and as modified by the City Planning Commission on October 14, 2021, to add a new Program 91 to the Health Element as follows:

- i. Environmental Justice in the General Plan: Periodically review the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles and other General Plan Elements to ensure emerging environmental justice concerns are addressed. Emerging concerns may include: the identification of new sources of contamination and new research on related health impacts, changing environmental and economic conditions that alter risk and exposure for specific communities, and new concerns raised through continued public engagement. Evaluate policies and programs to ensure they meaningfully center race and environmental racism, as well as the disproportionate impacts of climate change on vulnerable communities. Actively pursue funding for implementation of environmental justice programs and evaluate the feasibility of a dedicated implementation unit within the Department of City Planning. Center environmental justice as a key priority when updating the growth strategy (Framework Element), as detailed in 2021-2029 Housing Element Program 50. Establish a timeline for comprehensive updates to the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles to ensure the Element exceeds state standards and exemplifies best practices in environmental justice planning; and
7. Authorize the Director of Planning to present the Resolution (Exhibit F) and General Plan Amendment (Exhibit J), as modified by the City Planning Commission on October 14, 2021, to the Mayor and City Council, in accordance with City Charter Section 555 and LAMC Section 11.5.6.

Commissioner Dake Wilson seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Millman
Second: Dake Wilson
Ayes: Campbell, Choe, Hornstock, Leung
Absent: López-Ledesma, Mack, Perlman

Vote: 6 – 0

MOTIONS PASSED

There being no further business before the Commission President Millman adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

Samantha Millman

Samantha Millman, President
Los Angeles City Planning Commission

Cecilia Lamas for (Electronic Signature due to COVID-19)

James Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II
Los Angeles City Planning Commission

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