

**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009, 8:30 A.M.
CITY HALL 3RD FLOOR, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER ROOM
200 N. SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

William Roschen, President
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POLICY FOR DESIGNATED PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS No(s). 4.

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. All requests to address the Commission on public hearing items must be submitted prior to the Commission's consideration of the item. **EVERY PERSON WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION MUST COMPLETE A SPEAKER'S REQUEST FORM AND SUBMIT IT TO THE COMMISSION STAFF.**

The Commission has adopted rules regarding written submissions to ensure that it has reasonable and appropriate opportunity to review your materials. The mailing and email addresses, deadlines, page limits, and required numbers of copies for your advance submissions may be found at www.planning.lacity.org under "Forms and Instructions". Day of hearing submissions (15 copies must be provided) are limited to 2 pages plus accompanying photographs, posters, and PowerPoint presentations of 5 minutes or less. Non-complying materials will NOT be distributed to the Commission.

The Commission may ADJOURN FOR LUNCH at approximately 12:00 Noon. Any cases not acted upon during the morning session will be considered after lunch. TIME SEGMENTS noted * herein are approximate. Some items may be delayed due to length of discussion of previous items.

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 Policies and Procedures and provided that the Commission retains jurisdiction over the case.

If you challenge these agenda items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing agenzized here, or in written correspondence on these matters delivered to this agency at or prior to the public hearing. **If you seek judicial review of any decision of the City pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5, the petition for writ of mandate pursuant to that section must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the City's decision became final pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. There may be other time limits which also affect your ability to seek judicial review.**

AGENDAS are posted for public review in the Main Street lobby of City Hall East, 200 No. Main Street, Los Angeles, California, and are accessible through the Internet at www.planning.lacity.org. Click the Meetings and Hearings" link. **Commission meetings may be heard on Council Phone by dialing (213) 621-2489 or (818) 904-9450.**

GLOSSARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL TERMS:

CEQA - Calif. Environmental Quality Act
EIR - Environmental Impact Report
CE - Categorical Exemption

ND - Negative Declaration
MND - Mitigated Negative Declaration

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Update on City Planning Commission Status Reports and Active Assignments
 - 1. Ongoing Status Reports
 - 2. City Council/PLUM Calendar and Actions
 - 3. List of Pending Legislation (Ordinance Update)
- B. Legal actions and rulings update
- C. Other items of interest

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Advance Calendar
- B. Commission Requests

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Commission shall provide an opportunity in open meetings for the public to address it, 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. (This requirement is in addition to any other hearing required or imposed by law.)

PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK MUST SUBMIT A SPEAKER'S REQUEST FORM. ALL REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Individual testimony within the public comment period shall be limited as follows:

- (a) For non-agendized matters, up to five (5) minutes per person and up to ten (10) minutes per subject.
- (b) For agendized matters, up to three (3) minutes per person and up to ten (10) minutes per subject. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THESE ITEMS WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS EACH ITEM IS CALLED FOR CONSIDERATION. The Chair of the Commission may allocate the number of speakers per subject, the time allotted each subject, and the time allotted each speaker.

4. [CPC-2009-0008-CA](#)
CEQA: ENV-2009-0009-ND
Plan: All

Council District: All
Expiration Date: N/A
Appeal Status: N/A

PUBLIC HEARING – CONTINUED FROM FEBRUARY 26, 2009

Location:
Citywide

Requested Action:

1. Amend Article 4.4 and related provisions of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.
2. Direct the Planning Department to provide additional explanation and supplemental information to the City Council prior to its consideration or approval of the CEQA clearance for the sign ordinance.

Proposed Ordinance:

A proposed ordinance amending Sections 11.5.7, 12.05, 12.21, 12.22, 12.23, 13.11 and Article 4.4 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to replace content-based sign regulations with time, place, and manner regulations; prohibit off-site signs and digital displays; strengthen enforcement and impose new penalties for violations of the sign regulations; establish limits on the area, height and number of signs, including supergraphics; create new relief provisions for certain deviations from the sign regulations; enact stricter criteria for the establishment of sign districts; and enact related technical corrections and other measures to reduce visual clutter and otherwise mitigate the potential impacts of signs on the visual environment.

Applicant: City of Los Angeles

Recommended Action:

1. Adopt the initial and supplemental staff reports (dated January 22, February 19, and March 18, 2009) as its reports on the subject;
2. Adopt the attached findings;
3. Recommend approval of the proposed ordinance (Appendix C) to the City Council; and
4. Direct the Planning Department to provide additional explanation and supplemental information to the City Council prior to its consideration or approval of the CEQA clearance for the sign ordinance.

Staff: Alan Bell, (213) 978-1322

***The Commission may ADJOURN FOR LUNCH
at approximately 1:00 pm.
Any cases not acted upon during the morning session
will be considered after lunch.***

The next regular meeting of the City Planning Commission
will be held at **8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2009,**
Van Nuys City Hall, 14410 Sylvan Street
Council Chamber, 2nd Floor
Van Nuys, CA 91401

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