

EAST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022
(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 East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission's February 9, 2022 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

Commission President Jacob Stevens called the regular meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with Commissioners Denise Campos and Sarah Rascon in attendance.

Commissioners Christopher Arellano and Rudy Espinoza were not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Debbie Lawrence, Senior City Planner and Oscar Medellin and Liliana Rodriguez, Deputy City Attorneys. Commission Office staff participation included, Irene Gonzalez, Commission Office Manager, Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistant, and Marcos Godoy, Administrative Clerk.

ITEM NO. 1

DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCE

Commissioner Rascon moved to adopt the resolution under which the Commission finds that holding meetings in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Campos seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Rascon
Second: Campos
Ayes: Stevens
Absent: Arellano, Espinoza

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Debbie Lawrence, Senior City Planner, on behalf of the Director of Planning, reported on one item

of interest.

- Department Hiring Progress: City Planning is trying to actively fill vacant positions. Department continues to work with the Personnel Department to fill remaining vacancies and reduce its vacancy rate. City Planning is working internally with its rotations committee and the Office of Racial Justice to develop a fair selection process that will promote the departments diversity and social equity goals.

- Oscar Medellin, Deputy City Attorney, had no report.
- The Commission reported on one item of interest.
 - Commission President Stevens acknowledged that we are occupying the ancestral and contemporary lands of the Gabrielino Tongva San Gabriel band of Indians. The movement of these people set the stage for what would eventually become the City of Los Angeles. Acknowledging them reminds us of our important connection to this land where we work, live, and learn. We recognize, honor and respect these nations of their traditions storage of these lands and water of which this City of Los Angeles is now present
- Commissioner Campos moved to approve the Minutes of Meeting for September 22, 2021 and January 12, 2022. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Campos
Second: Stevens
Ayes: Rascon
Absent: Arellano, Espinoza

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION

There were no 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.

There being no further business before the Commission, President Stevens adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Jacob Stevens Electronic Signature

Jacob Stevens, President
East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

Alice Inawat Electronic Signature

Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistant
East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

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