

**WEST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025 AFTER 4:30 P.M.
FELICIA MAHOOD MULTIPURPOSE CENTER
11338 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES, CA 90025**

**Meeting presentations will be made available here (<https://tinyurl.com/WestAPC10-15-25>) by Monday, October 13, 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.

YOU CAN ACCESS THE MEETING VIA ZOOM AT: <https://planning-lacity-org.zoom.us/j/84805236400> OR BY CALLING (213) 338-8477 OR (669) 900-9128. USE MEETING ID 848 0523 6400 AND PASSCODE 509771. For hybrid meeting participation information, please click [here](#). The ability to provide public comment remotely, an optional participation feature, cannot be guaranteed. If staff is unable to establish a strong remote connection the in-person meeting shall continue to be conducted. **Applicants, Appellants, and/or Representatives are required to attend the meeting in person.**

Written submissions, which are optional, may be submitted prior to, or at, the meeting. These submissions are governed by the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Rules and Operating Procedures posted online at <https://planning.lacity.org>. However, please see submission guidelines below which have been modified to accommodate the hybrid meeting format.

Initial Submissions, not limited as to volume, must be received by the Commission Secretary 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 apcwestla@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 apcwestla@lacity.org. Photographs do not count toward the page limitation. **Day of Hearing Submissions** within 48 hours of the meeting, up to and including the day of the meeting are limited to 2 pages plus accompanying photographs. Day of Hearing Submissions are to be submitted electronically to apcwestla@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.

Requests for reasonable modification or accommodation from individuals with disabilities, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act can be made by contacting the Commission Executive Assistant at (213) 978-1389 or by email at apcwestla@lacity.org no later than three working days (72 hours) prior to the meeting. For Telecommunication Relay Services for the hearing impaired, please see the information located on the last page of this agenda.

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 described in this notice, 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.

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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 apcwestla@lacity.org. Please include your contact information (email or mailing address) and the case number associated with the item.

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1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Recognition of former Commissioner Esther Margulies
- Items of Interest
- Advance Calendar
- Commission Requests
- Approval of Meeting Minutes - June 4, 2025, June 18, 2025, July 2, 2025 and September 17, 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 apcwestla@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. [DIR-2025-213-ADJ-1A](#)

CEQA: ENV-2025-214-CE

Plan Area: Brentwood - Pacific Palisades

Council District: 11 – Park

Last Day to Act: 10-18-25

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 835 North Haverford Avenue

PROPOSED PROJECT:

Construction, use, and maintenance of a new 2,122 square-foot, 20-foot-three-inch-tall, two-story single-family dwelling with an attached one-car garage.

APPEAL:

An appeal of the July 18, 2025, Director of Planning Determination which:

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15303 (Class 3), and that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Chapter 1A Section 13B.5.2 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), an Adjustment to allow westerly and easterly side yard setbacks of three feet in lieu of the four feet otherwise required for a 20-foot-three-inch-tall building in the R2 Zone by LAMC Section 12.08 C.2; and
3. Adopted the Conditions of Approval and Findings.

Applicant: George Brent and Lisa Helen St. John
Representative: Nick Leathers, Crest Real Estate

Appellant: Farhard Ashofteh, Farhad Ashofteh, Inc.

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6. [APCW-2023-2315-SPE-SPP-CDP-MEL-HCA](#)

CEQA: ENV-2023-2316-CE

Plan Area: Venice

Council District: 11 – Park

Last Day to Act: 10-31-25

PUBLIC HEARING – Completed August 4, 2025

PROJECT SITE: 414 East Carroll Canal

PROPOSED PROJECT:

The Project consists of the demolition of an existing one-story, 576 square foot single-family dwelling and the after-the-fact demolition of a one-story, 391 square foot single-family dwelling, and the construction of a new two-story, 2,195 square-foot duplex, including a 1,834 square foot unit and a 361 square foot unit, with a roof deck and a two-car garage, providing five (5) parking spaces on-site. In addition, the Project includes a front yard permeable deck.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Sections 15301 (Class 1) and 15303 (Class 3), an Exemption from CEQA and that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Section 11.5.7 F of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a Specific Plan Exception from the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan to permit a partial over-in-height deck (landing, stairs and wall) in the front yard with a height of 36 1/2 inches in lieu of 18 inches, as otherwise permitted by Section 10.E.3.b of the Specific Plan;
3. Pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.7 C, a Project Permit Compliance for a project within the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan;
4. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.20.2, a Coastal Development Permit for the proposed project on a lot located within the Dual Permit Jurisdiction of the Coastal Zone; and
5. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 65590 and 65590.1 and the City of Los Angeles Interim Mello Act Administrative Procedures, a Mello Act Compliance Review for the demolition of two (2) Residential Units and the development of two (2) Residential Units in the Coastal Zone.

Applicant: Dan Simon
Representative: Susan Beningfield, Susan Beningfield Design

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The next regular meeting of the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission
will be held on **Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.**

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Notice to Paid Representatives:

If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.01 et seq. More information is available at ethics.lacity.org/lobbying. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or ethics.commission@lacity.org.

Reasonable Accommodations Consistent with Federal and State Law

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