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City Planning Standardizes Project Review System

LOS ANGELES – Today, City Planning unveiled a set of updated procedures which will cut the project review process by nearly one-half. The new system simplifies the approval process making it easier for residents and developers to understand how projects in the City of Los Angeles are handled.

The new procedures were initiated as part of a larger effort to update the City's Zoning Code, commonly referred to as *re:code LA*. They will lay the groundwork for a more user-friendly set of guidelines.

re:code LA is a comprehensive revision of the City of Los Angeles' Zoning Code, and is one of the City's largest planning initiatives to date. It will put in place a modernized Zoning Code which will better match the needs of a 21st Century Los Angeles and its diverse population.

Currently, there are nearly 115 different paths for project review scattered throughout the Zoning Code. For example, there are four types of adjustments for projects covered by overlays, which provide an additional layer of design and building standards for projects within a geographic area. While the same process applies for all types of adjustments, they have varying names and are located in different sections of the Zoning Code.

The proposed changes address these redundancies, consolidating the 115 processes into a more consistent and standardized set of procedures. To help users navigate the Code, a new section was added outlining the authorities by the decision makers and providing a summary describing the steps necessary for projects requiring multiple approvals.

Pending Council adoption, the City will have in place a new, consistent format for the review of development projects. Whether a homeowner is looking to apply for a fence height adjustment or a developer is interested in obtaining a conditional use permit for a hotel project, these updated procedures add greater clarity to planning considerations.

"Anyone – regardless of their level of expertise – will now be able to pick up our Zoning Code and navigate from one section to the next," said Vince Bertoni, Director of the

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City Planning will hold a series of open houses and public hearings in September, after which time the recommendations will be considered by the City Planning Commission and City Council for approval. Below is the list of hearings:

Hearing #1:

Location: City Hall, Room 1050,
200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles
DATE: **Tuesday, September 19, 2017**
TIME: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Hearing #2:

Location: Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Center, Community Room,
11338 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles
DATE: **Tuesday, September 19, 2017**
TIME: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Hearing #3:

Location: Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center, Community Rooms 1a & 1b,
6262 Van Nuys Blvd, Los Angeles
DATE: **Wednesday, September 20, 2017**
TIME: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Hearing #4:

Location: Constituent Service Center, Community Conference Room,
8475 S. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles
DATE: **Thursday, September 21, 2017**
TIME: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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