

# Downtown Community Plan & New Zoning Code

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING

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## Overview

Introduction

**Focused Topics** 

**Neighborhood-level Zoning** 

- Arts District
- Chinatown
- Skid Row

**Adaptive Reuse** 

**Character Frontages** 

Hotels

Housing

- Housing Stability
- Affordable Housing Covenant Length
- Inclusionary Housing















# Commissioner Requests

- Approaches to Industrial Areas:
   Arts District, Industrial Land,
   Alameda Street
- Chinatown
- Public Open Space & Parks
- Mobility
- Housing Stability
- Inclusionary Housing
- Covenant Length
- Skid Row History & Zoning

- Hotels
- Childcare & Schools
- Adaptive Reuse
- Character Frontages
- Electric Vehicle Parking
- Los Angeles River Zoning
- Community Benefits Program
- Community Benefits Fund
- Housing Affordability Levels

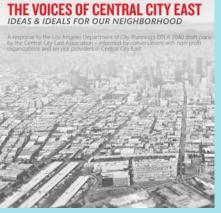
# Contributions of Key Partners



CCA White Paper

**Micro-Units in DTLA** 

NEW HOUSING CHOICES FOR LA'S FASTEST GROWING NEIGHBORHOO









CCA White Paper

**Adaptive Reuse** 

Reimagining Our City's Buildings to Address Our Housing, Economic and Climate Crises







# **Balancing Equity Considerations**

#### Regional / Citywide

- Reducing housing costs
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- Ensuring transit system access
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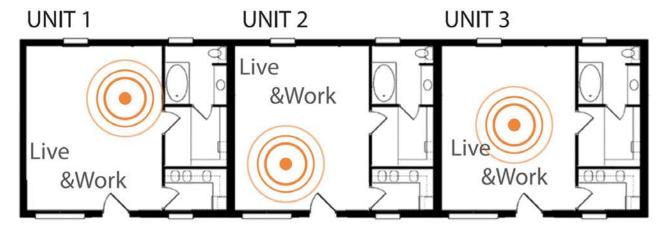






# Arts District (IX4) Live/Work Unit Requirements

- Requires minimum open floor area to accommodate movement of equipment and fabrication activities
- Average minimum unit size of 1,000 sf
- Unit design must be able to accommodate
   5 non-residential employees (i.e.
   commercial occupancy)









# Chinatown Key Issues





# Recognizing Skid Row as a Neighborhood















Lamp Community

Downtown Women's Center

Skid Row Housing Trust



# Adaptive Reuse Updates

#### **Applies to Both Downtown and Citywide**

- Rolling eligibility dates "pre 1974" changed to "25 years or older"
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- Additional exemption for unified development projects
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- Exemptions from many Form & Frontage requirements

#### Downtown

Expanded to all of Downtown

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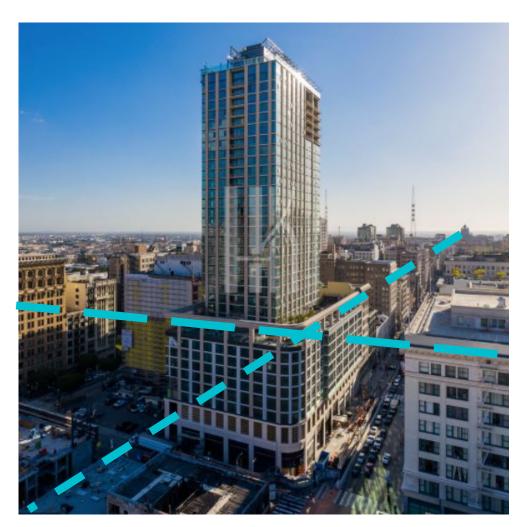
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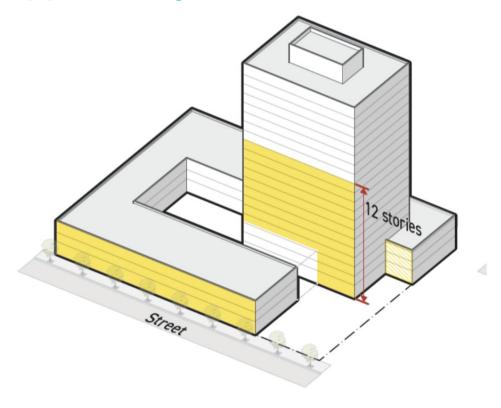
Upper Story Stepbacks in Historic Core

#### **Character Frontages Regulate:**

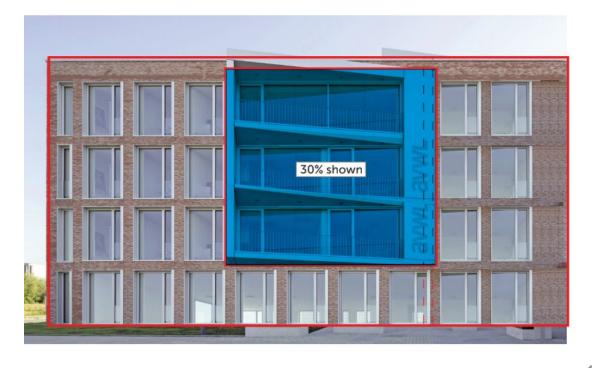
- Facade Banding
- Recessed Windows
- Street Wall/Upper Story
   Stepback
- Facade Material Palette

# Increased Flexibility in Rules - Examples

#### **Applicability Narrowed**



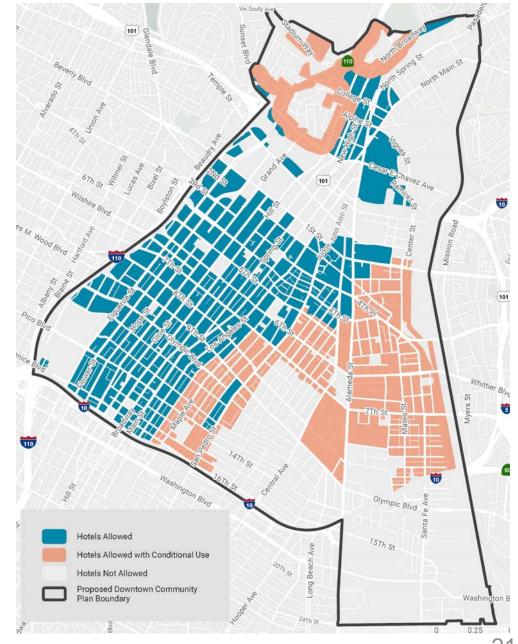
#### **Banding can be Interrupted**





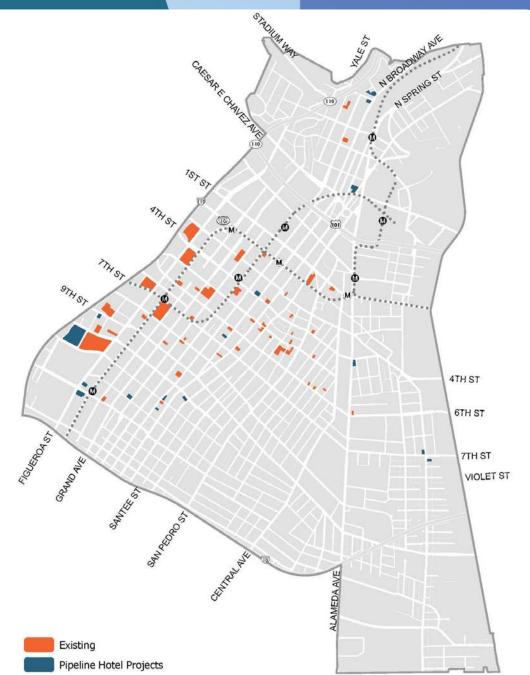
# Hotels: Proposed Zoning & Conditional Use

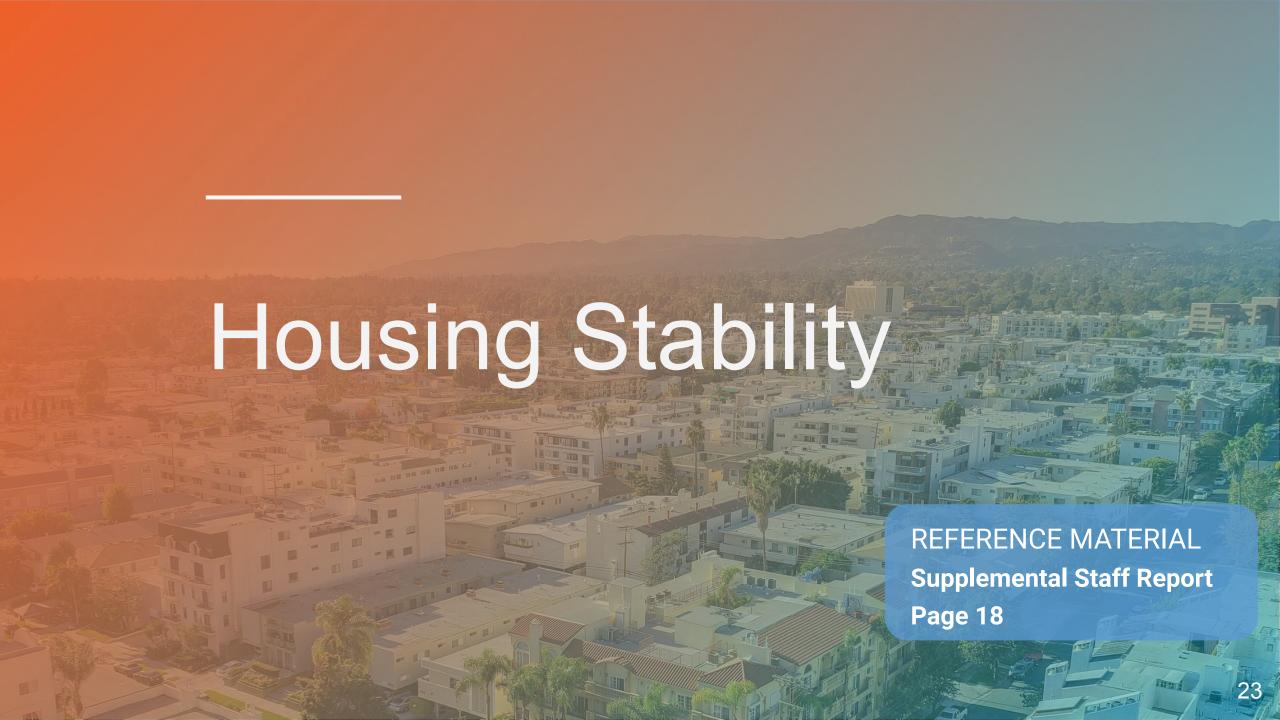
- A Conditional Use is required for hotels in Commercial districts, if proposed within 500 feet of a residential or agricultural use district, unless the hotel is within a Transit Core or Traditional Core General Plan land use designation.
- Conditional Use is required for hotels and lodging in Industrial-Mixed use districts.
- Hotels are not permitted in Light and Heavy Industrial Areas
- Throughout the Plan area, projects cannot convert residential units to hotels
- Limitations on the number of hotel rooms shown in previous drafts have been removed



# Hotels: Existing & Proposed







# **Housing Protections**

#### **Existing**

- Affordable Housing Linkage Fee requires commercial and residential projects to pay a fee for affordable housing and an additional fee is charged when residential units are lost.
- **The Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO)** regulates replacement of demolished units, allowable rent increases, registration of rental units, legal reasons for eviction, and the causes for eviction requiring relocation assistance payment to tenants.
- Residential Hotel Unit Conversion and Demolition Ordinance (RHO) offers protections for preservation of existing residential hotels and tenant rights and prohibits conversion or demolition of dwelling units in a residential hotel without approval from LA Housing Department.
- The Interim Motel Conversion Ordinance facilitates the interim use of existing motels, hotels, Apartment Hotels, Transient Occupancy Residential Structures and Hostels as Supportive Housing or Transitional Housing for persons experiencing homelessness or those at risk of homelessness.
- **Development Guidelines and Controls for Residential Hotels** in the City Center, and Central Industrial Redevelopment Project Areas requires residential hotel proposed for conversion or demolition, replace these units one for one, to ensure there is no net loss of the residential hotel units.

# Housing Protections

#### **Downtown Plan**

#### **Community Benefits Program**

- Housing Replacement Requirements will require all housing projects participating in the Community Benefits Program to replace lost affordable housing units.
- Community Benefit Fund program will extend financial assistance to buy out or extend expiring affordability covenants that would minimize displacement of low-income households.

#### **Implementation Programs:**

- Racial Justice and Equity Analysis: Explore the creation of a Racial Justice and Equity Analysis, that outlines recommended transformative or restorative strategies, such as targeted plan and code amendments, if harm is identified.

#### State Wide (SB 8)

- 1:1 Replacement - Relocation Benefits - Right of Return



# Affordable Housing Covenants Study Findings

Mixed-income Projects

Extending the 55-year Affordability Covenants to 99 years is **feasible** 

X Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Projects (LIHTC) 100% Affordable Low Income Housing

Extending 55-year Affordability Covenants to 99 years pose significant feasibility challenges



# Proposed Base/Bonus System

#### Base/Bonus introduces in Downtown:

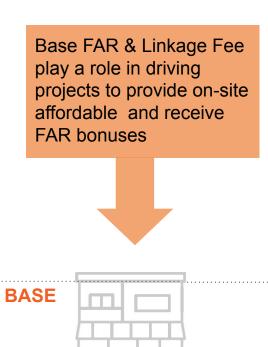
- Prioritization of Affordable Housing
- Ministerial review for housing developments that are under 500 units
- Transparent and predictable outcomes
- Support from an array of Downtown and regional stakeholders and organizations

#### **Base/Bonus Level 1 Affordable Housing Requirements**

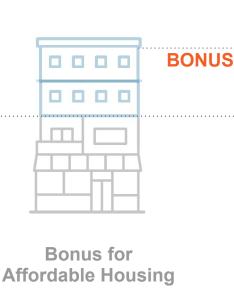


# Base/Bonus & Inclusionary Housing

#### Program Structure for Housing Development Projects



Base zoning







Bonus for
More Affordable Housing or
Open Space/Community
Facilities

Bonus for More Affordable Housing or Open Space/Community Facilities or Community Benefit Fund 3

# Inclusionary & Linkage fee

Requirements	"Inclusionary Housing"	"Linkage Fee"
\$ Fee	Alternative Available	Program Emphasis
On-site provision	Program Emphasis	Alternative Available
Off-site provision	Alternative Available	X Not Available

# Affordable Housing Linkage Fee

#### **Market Areas**

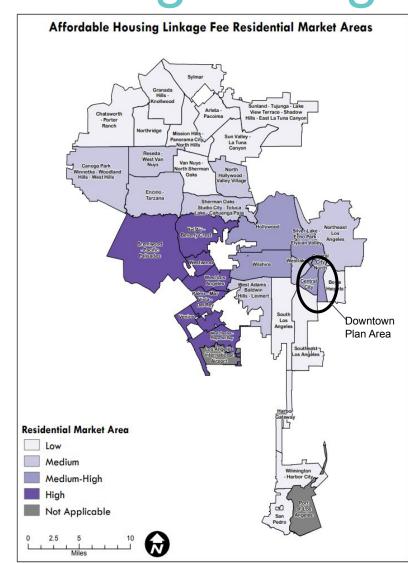
# Market Areas by Community Plan Areas

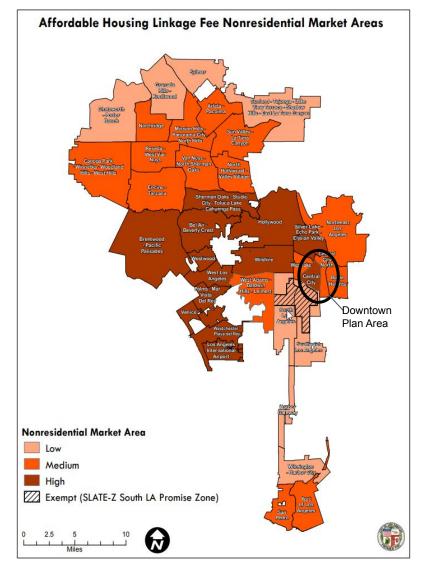
#### Residential Fee (\$ psf)

Low Market \$8.31 Medium Market \$10.38 Medium-High \$12.46 High Market \$18.69

#### Non-Residential Fee (\$ psf)

Low Market \$3.11 Medium Market \$4.15 High Market \$5.19





# Affordable Housing Linkage Fee

Of the multi-unit projects (7 units or more) subject to linkage fee and issued building permits since July 2017

Approximately 97% chose to build affordable units on-site

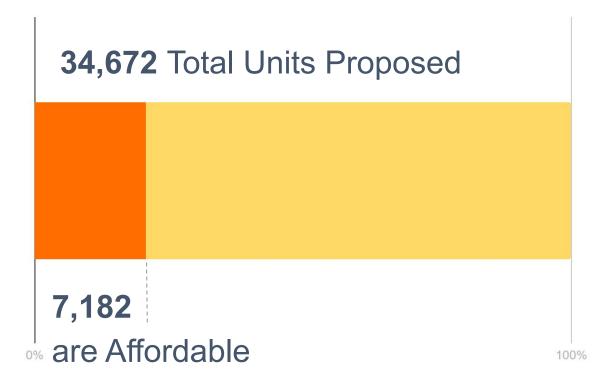


# Base/Bonus Incentive System

Today's TOC Guidelines have shown to be effective in bolstering housing and affordable housing production

Between 2017 and March 2021:

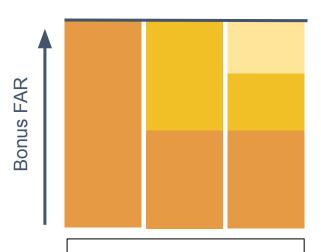
**21%** of total units proposed are affordable



# Downtown Plan Community Benefits Program

#### **Housing Development Projects**

Scenario Scenario Scenario



Base FAR (By-Right Development) Affordab

**Contribution to Community Benefits** Fund **On-Site Public Open Space** or Community Facilities, or **TDR for Historic Preservation Affordable Housing** 

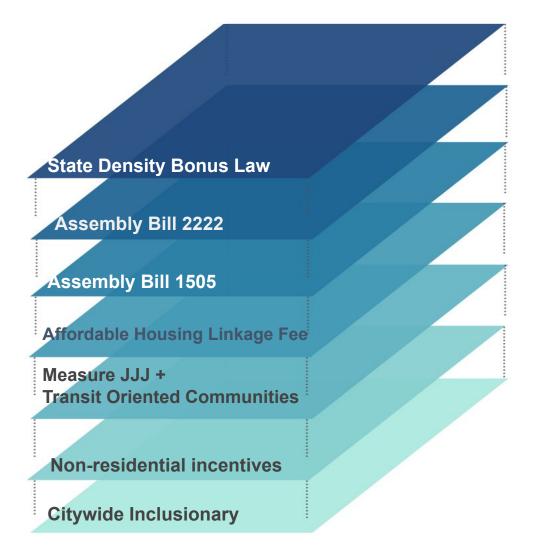






# Affordable Housing Capture

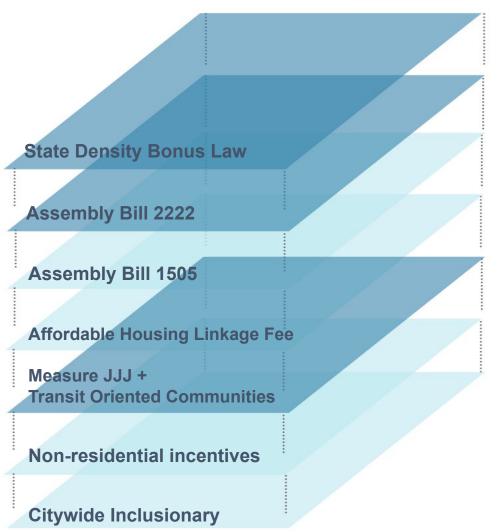
- The base/bonus program and Affordable Housing Linkage Fee will likely yield the greatest capture of affordable housing
- Modifying the linkage fee to incentivize on-site provision is likely to yield even more affordable units
- Per AB 1505 in-lieu option for providing on-site housing will always be required to be made available



# Affordable Housing Loss

Due to local programs and State Law, inclusionary zoning will always exist in tandem with base/bonus

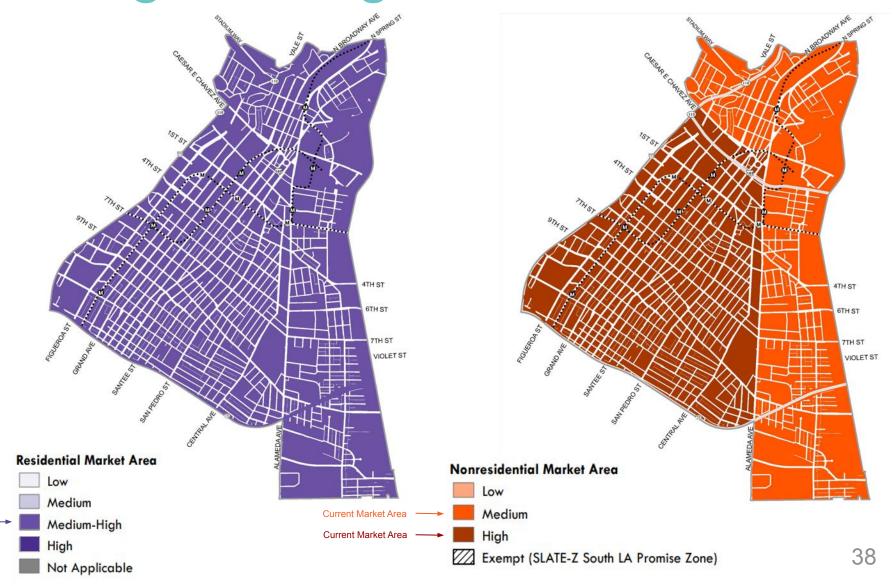
To ensure feasibility of inclusionary requirements, the base FAR would need to be increased. This allows projects to double count affordable units and results in less affordable housing



Inclusionary Zoning - Linkage Fee

- The housing department has allocated resources to evaluate the <u>feasibility of a citywide Inclusionary Housing program</u>

 This would study the calibration of the linkage fee as the market conditions of Downtown evolves



# Inclusionary Zoning

### Initiatives in Support of Future Inclusionary Zoning

The Proposed Plan includes an implementation program, P18, that calls for further study of inclusionary housing policies that can work with the Plan's Base/Bonus system

P18

**Citywide Inclusionary Housing:** Develop a program to study the implementation of inclusionary housing policies that support the Downtown Community Plan's base and bonus zoning system and that can further expand affordable housing opportunities.

LU 2.1; LU 2.4; LU 2.10; LU 3.3;

LAHD

# Inclusionary Zoning - Considerations

- Proposed plan is substantially inclusionary, look to calibration of base FARs and linkage fee amount
- Most projects will participate in the base/bonus system and provide onsite affordable, thereby being exempt from the Linkage fee
- Proposed plan has support from wide array of stakeholders
- Shifting to inclusionary system would be adding to, not replacing there will always be a tiered system due to existing regulatory context
- DTLA Plan is carefully calibrated to yield the greatest number of affordable units, in concert with other Community Benefits.
- DTLA Plan offers unprecedented streamlining for housing production, including removal of TFAR and changes to SPR Threshold among others



# Community Plan Topics (AKA "Buckets")

### Chinatown

- 2:1 FAR Base
- 5-Story Height Limit
- TDR
- CX1-10k Ground Floor Tenant Limitation

### **Skid Row**

IX1 expansion

### **Arts District**

- Live/Work for all dwelling units
- Live/Work avg size of 1,000 sq. ft.

### **Design Regs**

- Character Frontage in Arts District & Historic Core
- Tree Regs

### **Parking**

 Parking Maximums near transit or planwide

# **Community Benefits**

- Mod & Above-mod
- Linkage & Inclusionary
- CBF Committee
  Lived Experience

### **Housing Stability**

- Covenant Length
- SB8 protections







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### June 17 Overview

#### Introduction 10 min.

Context and Background

Plan Framework and Fundamental Issues

**Community Engagement** 

Plan Timeline

#### Downtown Plan 25 min.

Goals and Objectives

**Plan Components** 

General Plan Land Use

### Implementation 45 min.

**Zoning and Implementation** 

Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO)

**Community Benefits Program** 

### Key Issues and Considerations 25 min.

Key Partners and Contributions Key Issues

Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) & Next Steps 2 min.































# Community Planning - General Plan



# The Downtown Community Plan is updated to...

Outline a vision for the Downtown community's long-term physical and economic development, and community enhancement, through the year 2040.

Set a new direction for the future of Downtown, guide the physical development of neighborhoods, and establish goals and policies for land use in addition to a range of planning topics, including streets and open space, urban design, mobility, and arts & culture.

Provide strategies and specific implementing actions that help accomplish this vision.

### Fundamental Issues

**Climate Change** 

Access to Housing

**Equity** 

Shifting Economy

Mobility & Public Realm

**Environmental Justice** 

# **Balancing Equity Considerations**

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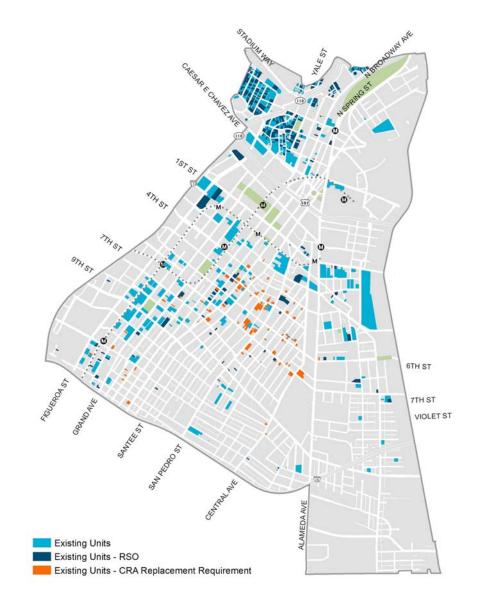
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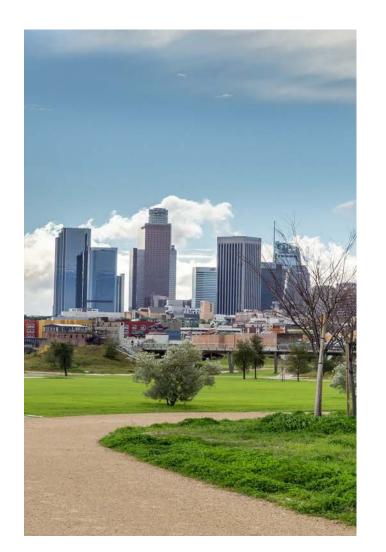
# Displacement Risk

- Today Downtown is predominantly a commercial and industrial district with pockets of residential uses
- 36% of total existing units Downtown-wide are protected under the RSO ordinance; 20% have CRA Replacement Requirement
  - 9% of existing units in Skid Row are RSO; 66% have CRA Replacement Requirement
  - 64% of existing units in Chinatown are RSO
- Certain neighborhoods in the plan area are particularly vulnerable to displacement
- The Plan fine-tunes anti-displacement approaches within these neighborhoods



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# Community Engagement - Plan & Code



Since 2014, the DTLA 2040 team has held and participated in hundreds of community events to garner feedback.

Zoning Advisory Committee Forums Workshops & Open Studio Events

### **Outreach Highlights**

- October 2016 shared draft plan and New Zoning Code concepts with weeklong public open studio "storefront"
- February 2017 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) scoping meeting
- 2017-2019 outreach at community events,
   Neighborhood Councils, CBO meetings
- Summer/Fall 2019 release of the draft Plan; draft zoning map and Downtown zones
- November 2019 series of public Open House events
- January/February 2020 office hours events, outreach at community events and meetings
- February 2020 July 2020 preparation of Draft EIR
- December 2020 virtual Open House and Public Hearing
- 2013-2020 Held informational forums across the City to introduce and refine New Zoning Code concepts

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### What did we hear?

Allow for increased density near transit

Improve systems to build affordable housing in Downtown

**Protect and preserve special places** 

Increase safety and comfort for people walking, bicycling, rolling, and accessing transit

Adopt zoning rules that set clear expectations and streamline development in Downtown

**Expand the public open space network** 

Promote a healthier environment









### Plan Process Timeline



### 2014-2015 Listen

Conduct background research, field visits, land use surveys, data collection, and gather initial input.



### 2016-2017 Share

Draft the Plan vision, goals and policies, and identify initial zoning concepts.



#### 2018 Consult

Further develop the plan policy document, select new zones, and draft the environmental document (EIR).



#### 2019-2021

#### Refine

2019: Release of draft policy document and land use changes, and zoning.

2020: Release of updated policy document and zoning code, followed by Draft EIR.

#### WE ARE HERE:



#### 2021

### **Adopt**

Appointed and elected officials review the proposed Community Plan and make final decisions regarding proposed policy and zoning recommendations.

Plan Refinement Throughout **Public Engagement Process** 

Plan Version evolved to incorporate community feedback



Fall 2016

Winter 2017



Summer 2019



Fall 2020

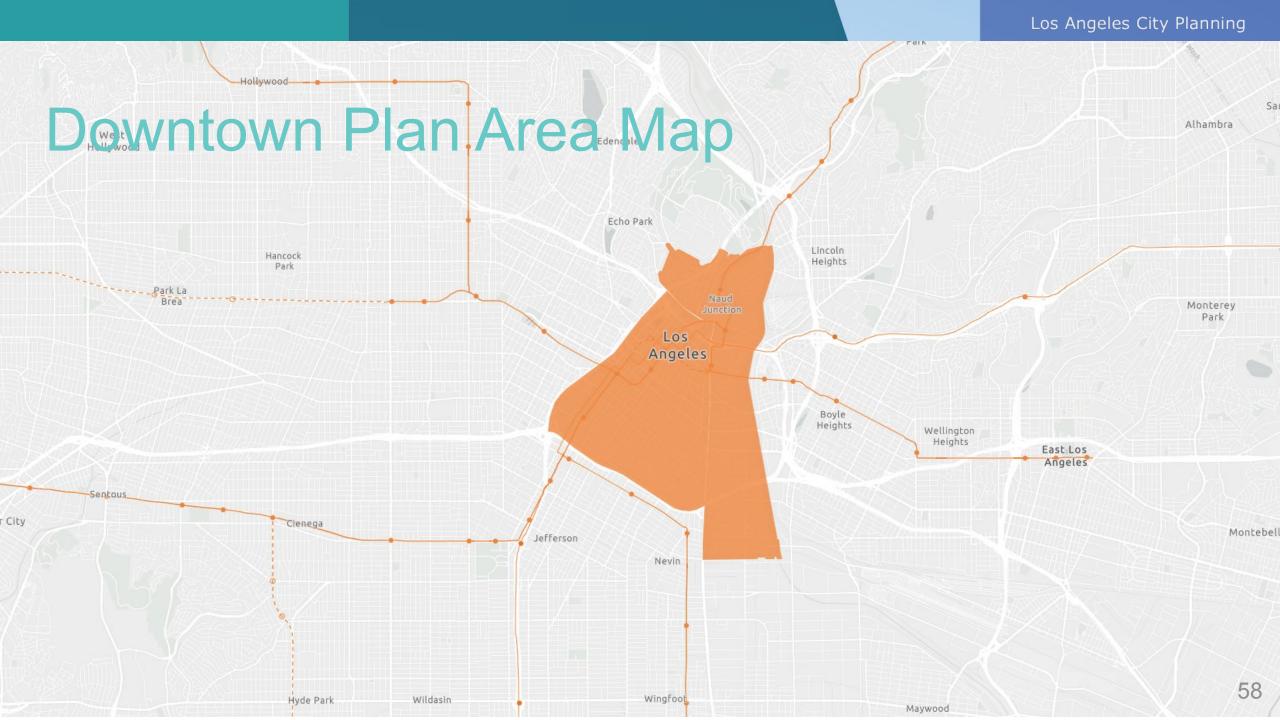
Winter 2020 Public Hearing Draft

Spring 2021 **CPC** Draft

We are here

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# **Growth Projections**

DOWNTOWN HAS SIGNIFICANT GROWTH PROJECTIONS.

SCAG Projection

**+125,000** new residents

+70,000 housing units

**+55,000** jobs

THE DOWNTOWN PLAN HAS CAPACITY FOR **EVEN MORE** 

Plan Reasonably Anticlpated Development

**+175,000** new residents

+100,000 housing units

**+100,000** jobs

80% of the Plan capacity is within ½ mile of major transit stops





Downtown Plan Area
Neighborhoods Map

CENTER



HEAVY INDUSTRIA

HILL

HISTORIC CORE

**FINANCIAL** 

**SOUTH PARK** 

# Core Objectives

Accommodate anticipated growth in an equitable and sustainable manner

Support and sustain Downtown's ongoing population & job growth Grow and support the residential base

Reinforce Downtown's job orientation



Promote a transit, pedestrian, and bicyclefriendly environment Strengthen neighborhood character and identity

Create linkages between districts

Create a world-class public realm



# Housing Strategies



Capturing more affordable housing in vulnerable neighborhoods & new deeply low income category



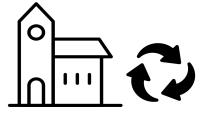
Expanding areas where housing is allowed



Removing per unit requirements for open space

Removing residential density limits in Central City North









Removing parking requirements

Expanding and streamlining Adaptive Reuse

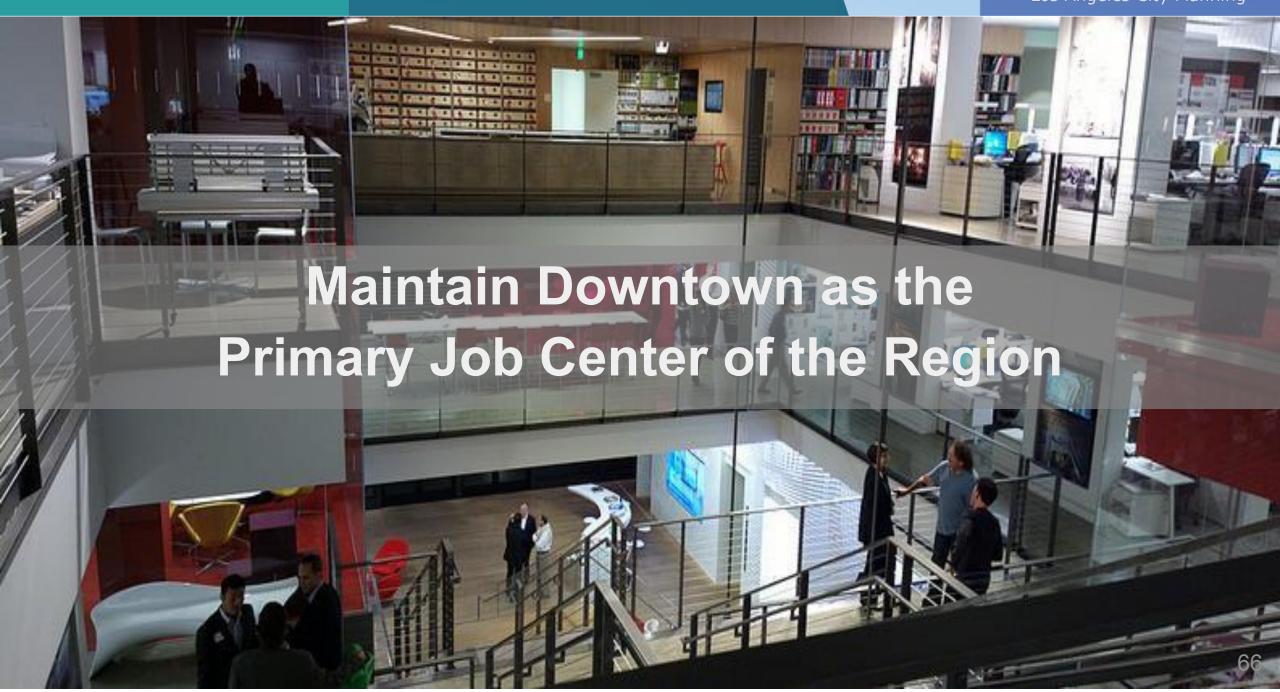
Range of housing types to address various household sizes and needs

Introducing a Community
Benefits Program to generate
affordable housing.
Replacement Requirements in
Benefits system

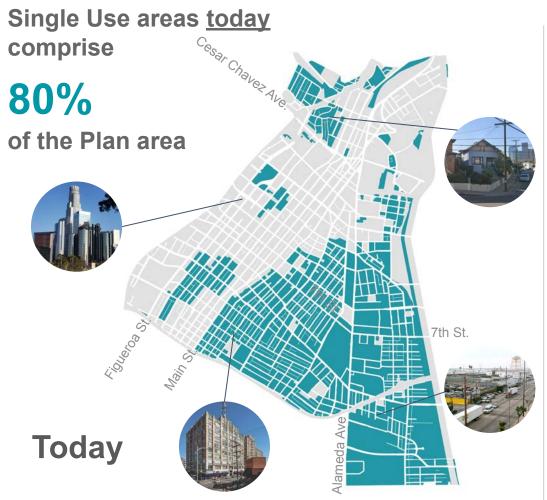
# New Housing Opportunities

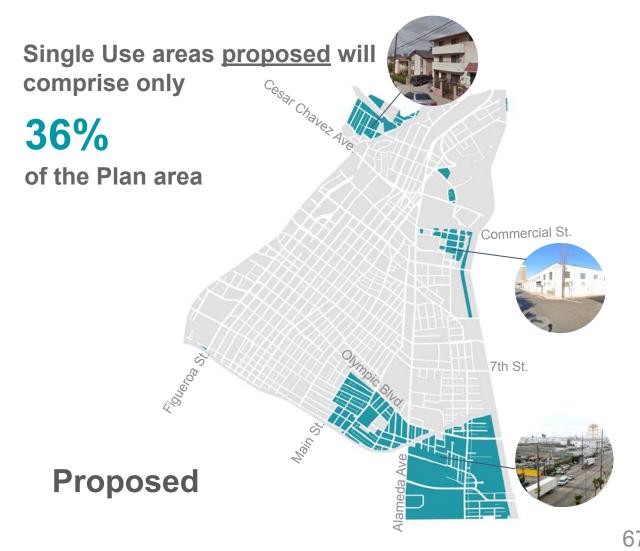


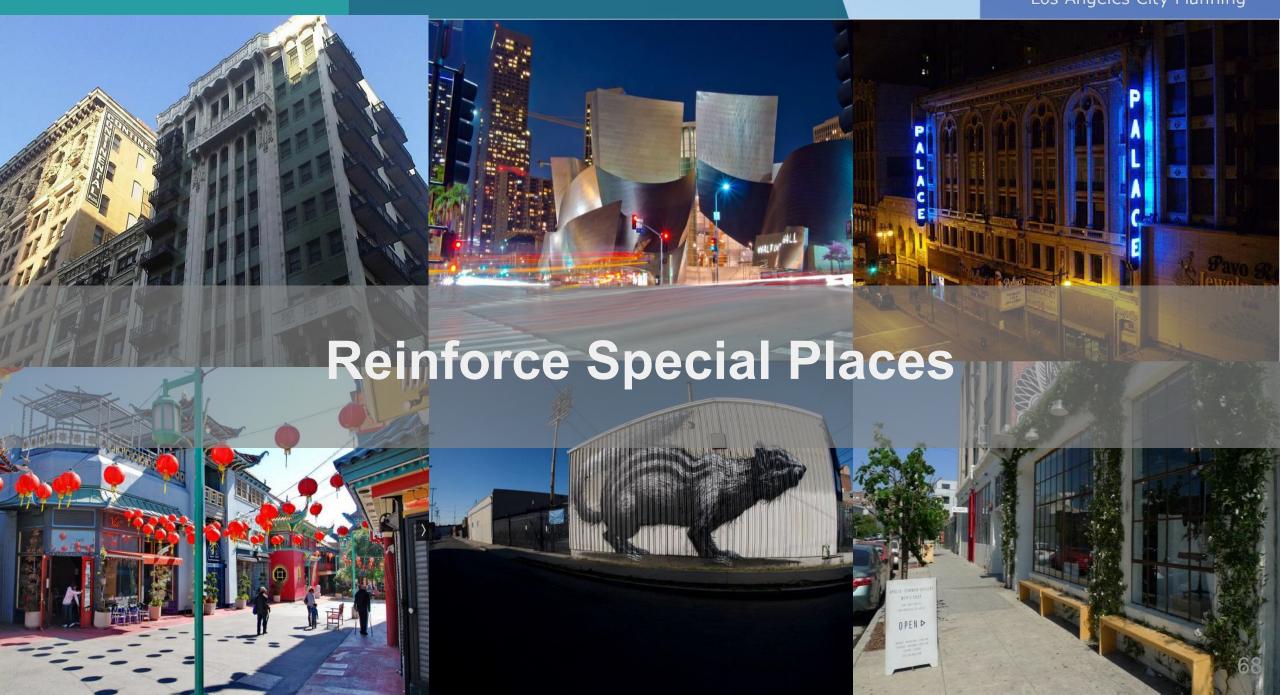




# Creating Opportunities for Job Growth







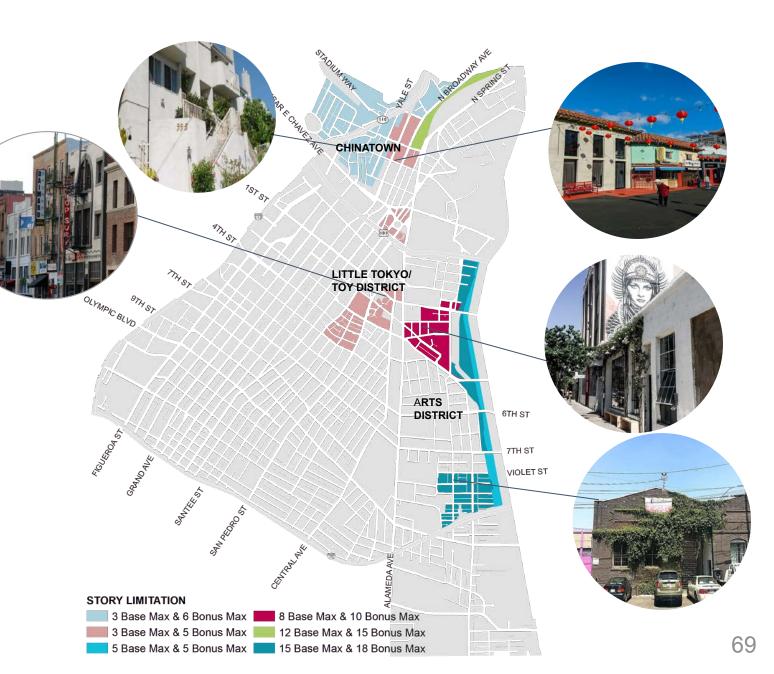
Character Zoning

Tools

New height limits and building rules that reflect historic development and reinforce community character

Outlines standards for high quality design vs lengthy review process

Focused on making Downtown more comfortable for those walking and rolling



# Mobility

Set building design expectations at the street level

Expand opportunities for open space adjacent to streets and in non-traditional spaces

Improve the physical connections and facilitate better access



### Performance & Process

### Removing Barriers for Thoughtful Development Projects

- No required parking
- No lot area-based density limitations
- Simplified Design Overlays
- Setbacks, minimum lot size, and height limitations
- Restructured Open Space Requirements
- Additional incentives for 100% affordable projects
- Reduced need for Conditional Use Process for schools and daycares
- Increased Site Plan Review Thresholds for projects providing community benefits

# Community Plan Components

### **Policy Document**

Vision

**Policies** 

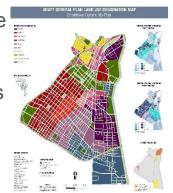
Implementation Programs



### Plan Map

Sets Range of Uses

Establishes Range of Intensities



### Zoning

Development Regulations

Use Allowances Process

Base & Maximum FARs

Applicability & Relief

# Implementation Overlay

Community Benefits Program



Design Best Practices

Other Development Standards

## Policy Document - Goals

- Goals
- Policies
- Programs

#### MC GOAL 2

AN INTEGRATED AND SUSTAINABLE DOWNTOWN CIRCULATION SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES ACCESS BETWEEN DISTRICTS THROUGH PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS AND INFORMATION.

- **MC 2.1** Establish a mode share goal of 75% for transit, walking, and biking for the year 2040 to improve the sustainability of Downtown's mobility network and increase access for residents, workers, and visitors.
- **MC 2.2** Implement strategies to reduce vehicle mile traveled per capita.
- **MC 2.3** Support the development of mobility hubs at key destinations such as commercial, entertainment, and institutional centers, as well as at transfer points to inform Downtown residents, workers, and visitors about and provide access to a variety of mobility options.
- **MC 2.4** Promote the use of technologies that can facilitate multimodal travel by improving wayfinding and access to transit schedules, especially for visitors and new users of the Downtown transit system.

- **MC 2.5** Facilitate integration between different modes of travel to create a seamless experience as users switch between modes and to promote transit use and active transportation.
- **MC 2.6** Improve access to community services and amenities such as recreational facilities, cultural, and educational institutions, medical services, and healthy, fresh food.
- **MC 2.7** Increase access and mobility for disadvantaged groups and aging populations through safe and affordable mobility options.

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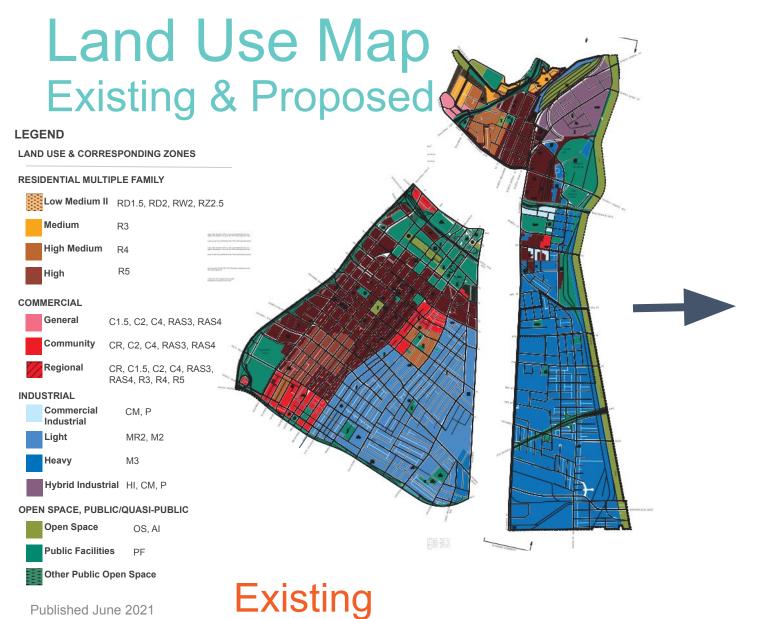
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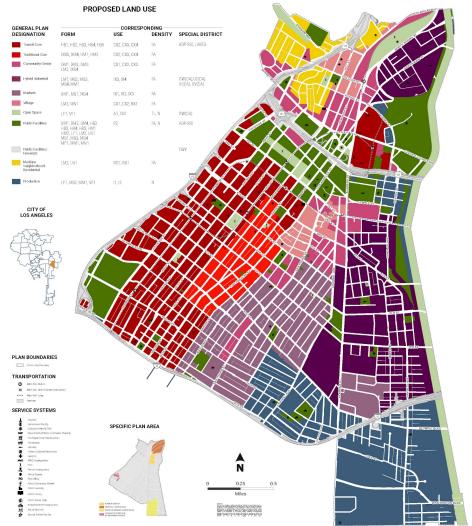
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#### **Mobility & Connectivity**

Program	Description	Policy	Coordinating
Number		Reference	Agency
P32	Capital Improvement Plan: Develop a Capital Improvement Plan for Downtown Los Angeles that identifies important transportation infrastructure projects including bus rapid transit, light rail transit, heavy rail transit, bicycle lanes, and pedestrian safety enhancements to be prioritized, along with potential funding mechanisms to facilitate construction of these improvements	MC 5.1:	LADOT

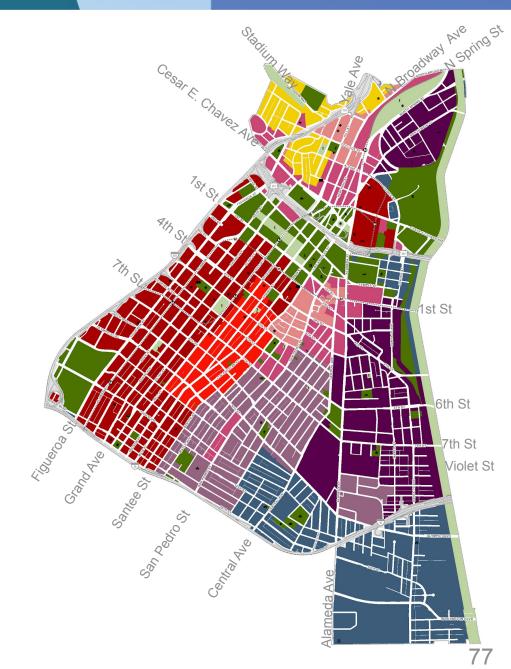




Proposed

## Draft Land Use Map

Designation	Form	Use	De
Transit Core	HB1, HB2, HB3, HB4, HB5	CX2,CX3,CX4	FA
Traditional Core	DM3,DM4,HM1,HM2	CX2,CX3,CX4	FA
Community Center	DM1,DM2,DM5,LM2,MB4	CX1,CX2,CX3	FA
Hybrid Industrial	LM1,MB2,MB3,MB4,MM1	IX3,IX4	FA
Markets	DM1,MB1,MB4	IX1,IX2,IX3	FA
Village	LM2,MN1	CX1,CX2,RX1	FA
Open Space	LF1,VF1	A1, OS1	1L, N
Public Facilities	DM1,DM2,DM4,HB2,HB3,HB4,HB5,HM1,HM2, LF1,LM2,LN1,MB1,MB3,MB4,MF1,MM1,MN1	P2	FA, N
Public Facilities - Freeways			
Medium Neighborhood Residential	LM2,LN1	RG1, RX1	FA
Production	LF1,MB2,MM1,VF1	11,12	N





## Contributions of Key Partners

#### **Neighborhood Councils**

**Downtown Los Angeles** 

**Historic Cultural** 

Historic Cultural North

#### **BIDS**

**Downtown Center** 

**Historic Core** 

**Fashion District** 

Chinatown

**Arts District** 

South Park

Central City East Association

Little Tokyo

#### **Community Members Attendees**

**Farmers Markets** 

CicLAvia

Downtown Plan Open Studio

**Downtown Plan Office Hours** 

#### **Citywide Advocacy Organizations**

AIA LA

LA Conservancy

**Abundant Housing** 

Climate Resolve

Sierra Club

**Building Industry Association** 

**BOMA** 

#### **Affordable Housing Providers**

SCANPH (So Cal Assoc Non Profit Housing)

Skid Row Housing Trust

**SRO** Housing

#### **Skid Row Community Groups**

Inner City Law Center

LA CPC (Central Providers Collaborative)

**UCEPP** (United Coalition East Prevention

Project)

LA Poverty Department

LA CAN

#### **Little Tokyo Community Groups**

Sustainable Little Tokyo (SLT)

Little Tokyo Service Center

Little Tokyo Community Council

#### **Chinatown Community Groups**

Chinatown Sustainability Dialogue Group

SEACA (Southeast Asian Community Alliance)

Chinatown Citizens for Equitable Development

**CCBA Chinese Consolidated Benevolent** 

Association

**Chinatown Property Owners** 

#### **Downtown Wide Advocacy Groups**

Public Counsel

CCA

#### **Zoning Code Advisory Committees**

**Zoning Advisory Committee** 

**Technical Advisory Committee** 

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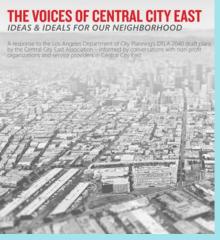
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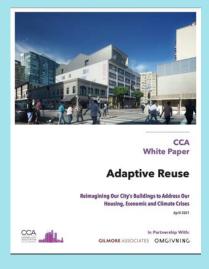
**Micro-Units in DTLA** 

NEW HOUSING CHOICES FOR LA'S FASTEST GROWING NEIGHBORHOOD















## High Level Issues

- Housing Needs
- Climate Change
- Sustainability
- Jobs & Economic Development
- Growth Near Transit
- Value Capture
- Neighborhood Identity
- Mobility & Connectivity
- Equity (Encompasses All)



## Community Plan Topics

### General Plan Land Use

- Transit Core Designation
- Production (Industrial Areas)

#### **Form Districts**

- Base FAR
- Max Bonus FAR
- Height Limits
- Height Minimums

#### Use

- Fashion District IX3
- Arts District IX4
- Skid Row IX1
- Hotels

#### **Design Regs**

- River Frontage
- Character Frontage
- Historic Preservation

#### **Parking**

- Parking Maximums
- Flexibility for existing/entitled projects

## Community Benefits

- Level 1 Bonus %
- Mod & Above-mod
- Role of TOC

### **Housing Stability**

- RSO Replacement
- Right of Return
- Covenant Length

# Community Feedback - Additional Information

## **Central City United - Policies**

- Series of Detailed Comment Letters
- Approx 30-40 Community Plan Policies Incorporated from 35 Topical/Detailed Requests
  - Example Policy Revision Requests Included:
    - LU 1.7 Support the creation of new social services sites in high need areas within Downtown that are linked to parks, community centers, and transit stops.
    - LU 7.9 Encourage the development of new commissaries and commercial kitchens, as a new or accessory use, to support low-income street vendors in accessing permits and sustaining their business.
    - LU 9.3 Expand opportunities and resources for low-income microentrepreneurs to establish business enterprises and contribute to the Downtown economy.
    - LU 30.14 Encourage new healthy food retail in Skid Row and incentivize Skid Row businesses to accept EBT, and other forms of government assistance for fresh produce.
    - LU 42.14 Retain existing and encourage new facilities, resources, and services for seniors, such as recreation, medical care and adult day care centers, prioritizing services to high need populations such as limited English speaking residents and those with disabilities.

## **Central City United - CBP**

- Series of Detailed Comment Letters
- 7 of 13 Community Benefit Program recommendations included:
  - Base FAR Rights lowered in Chinatown, Little Tokyo, Historic Core, Fashion District, etc.
  - 7% Deeply Low Income (increased from 5%)
  - Moderate & Above-moderate are isolated to a share of Level 2 (but not removed)
  - Affordable units as % of whole, not % of base
  - Public Open Space Design Standards (non-hostile design, restrooms, water, etc.)
  - Community Facility Standards
  - Future programs to study effects of Program on RSO and other protected housing

## Central City United - Community Benefits Fund

- Series of Detailed Comment Letters
- 10 of 14 Community Benefit Fund recommendations included:
  - Public Oversight Committee
  - Prioritization of underserved areas where benefits are dispersed
  - Resiliency Centers for emergency events
  - Land acquisition by Community Land Trusts, to help establish community controlled affordable housing
  - An "opportunity to purchase" program to enable organized tenant groups/community based organizations to acquire buildings in default or facing expiring affordability covenants
  - Procurement for Street Vending Carts/Resources
  - Commissary kitchens
  - Rent subsidies to provide below-market rent to Community-Serving Small Businesses
  - Grants for low-income micro-entrepreneurs

## Central City United - Current Requests

- Current Requests:
  - Policies & Implementation Programs
    - Prohibition on Residential Conversion and RSO demolition without vacancy/impact analysis
  - Uses
    - Expand IX1 geography
    - Discretionary review (CU) for hotel projects
    - Remove 50 person limitation on preschool/day care uses included in technical memo
  - Community Benefits Program
    - Remove In-Lieu and Off-site options for affordable housing
    - Remove Moderate & Above Moderate Income Incentives
    - Include affordable housing requirements/incentives with adaptive reuse projects
  - Community Benefits Fund
    - Include Lived Experience on Oversight Committee
    - Change "Legacy Small Business" from 100 employees to 50 full time employees
    - Increase Community Benefit Fund fee from \$50/sq.ft to \$60/sq.ft.
  - Housing Stability
    - Universal Replacement for by-right projects, not just Community Benefits Projects
    - RSO Replacement = 100% affordable (don't allow moderate to qualify for replacement)
    - Relocation & Right of Return for all projects
    - Limit Condo Conversions



## Draft Environmental Impact Report - Process

- Published August 6, 2020
- Comments were due by December 4, 2020 (extended comment period from 45 days to 120 days)
- Final EIR anticipated in Summer 2021, in advance of PLUM and full Council

## DEIR - Alternatives Analyzed

#### **Alternative 1 - Reduced Development Potential**

- Lowers FARs to reduce or avoid certain impacts
- Alternative 1 would result in 36,000 fewer housing units, 69,000 fewer residents, &15,000 fewer jobs
- Because of the reduced development potential, the capacity for development around transit would be less than that of the proposed plan; could cause development to occur elsewhere in the City or region with less access to transit & longer distances to services leading to higher regional VMT, & GHG emissions
- Reduced opportunities for community benefits compared to the proposed plan

#### **Alternative 2 - Housing Redistribution**

- Expands areas where housing is permitted, especially where not currently allowed
- Lowers FARs in these areas to ensure more compatible development
- Alternative 2 would result in 6,000 fewer housing units, 11,000 fewer residents, & 9,000 fewer jobs
- Significant & unavoidable impacts identified for the proposed plan would still occur under Alternative 2, although impacts would be to a lesser degree

#### **Alternative 3 - Increased Development Potential**

- Greater capacity in Markets and Community Center, and compared to proposed Plan overall, in exchange for more Community Benefits
- Alternative 3 would result in 6,000 more housing units, 11,000 more residents, & 59,000 more jobs
- Allows for higher FARs in areas beyond those served by transit; however this may result in potential regional benefits related to overall regional VMT & GHG emissions
- Significant & unavoidable impacts identified for the proposed plan would also occur under Alternative 3, and impacts would be to a greater degree than that of the proposed plan

## Draft Environmental Impact Report Impacts

### Significant and Unavoidable Impacts:

- Air Quality (Exceedance of criteria pollutants during construction & operation)
- Cultural Resources (Historical)
- Noise (noise & vibration impacts)
- Recreation
- Transportation (Safety impacts related to highway off-ramps)

#### Significant but Mitigable:

- Air Quality (Construction-related emissions)
- Biological
- Cultural (Archeological)
- Geology (Paleontological)
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Tribal Cultural Resources

## Next Steps

## What's Next - Plan Process?

- 1. Final Environmental Impact Report
- 2. City Council PLUM Committee
- 3. Full City Council for Adoption



## Housing

## Housing Protections - Existing

## **Existing**

- **Affordable Housing Linkage Fee** requires commercial and residential projects to pay a fee for affordable housing and an additional fee is charged when residential units are lost.
- **The Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO)** regulates replacement of demolished units, allowable rent increases, registration of rental units, legal reasons for eviction, and the causes for eviction requiring relocation assistance payment to tenants.
- Residential Hotel Unit Conversion and Demolition Ordinance (RHO) offers protections for preservation of existing residential hotels and tenant rights and prohibits conversion or demolition of dwelling units in a residential hotel without approval from La Housing Department.
- The Interim Motel Conversion Ordinance facilitates the interim use of existing motels, hotels, Apartment Hotels, Transient Occupancy Residential Structures and Hostels as Supportive Housing or Transitional Housing for persons experiencing homelessness or those at risk of homelessness.
- **Development Guidelines and Controls for Residential Hotels** in the City Center, and Central Industrial Redevelopment Project Areas requires residential hotel proposed for conversion or demolition, replace these units one for one, to ensure there is no net loss of the residential hotel units.

## Housing Protections - Downtown Plan

### Downtown Plan

#### **Community Benefits Program**

- Housing Replacement Requirements will require all housing projects participating in the Community Benefits Program to replace lost affordable housing units.
- Community Benefit Fund program will extend financial assistance to buy out or extend expiring affordability covenants that would minimize displacement of low-income households.

#### **Implementation Programs:**

- Racial Justice and Equity Analysis: Explore the creation of a Racial Justice and Equity Analysis, that outlines recommended transformative or restorative strategies, such as targeted plan and code amendments, if harm is identified.

## State Wide (SB 8)

- 1:1 Replacement - Relocation Benefits - Right of Return

## Housing Protections: Comparison Table Covenant Length

Measure	Current Approach	As suggested by stakeholders	Citywide Policy Work Program?	Council Motion?
Covenant Length	55 years (per City and State)	99 years for non-subsidized, 55 years for subsidized	Yes: Housing Element studying (LACP w/ LAHD)	No

## Housing Protections: Comparison Table Replacement

Measure	Current Approach	As suggested by stakeholders	Citywide Policy Work Program?	Council Motion?
Replacement units	Projects participating in CBP are required to replace 67% of existing demolished residential units as covenanted lower income (Deeply,extremely) All RSO units continue to be RSO	All projects (by-right, discretionary, projects in CBP) are required to replace 100% of existing demolished residential units as covenanted lower income (a mix of deeply, extremely) All RSO units continue to be RSO	Evaluating 1:1 replacement for projects participating in incentive programs (DT/TOC/DB)	Reported to Council that TOC and DB explicitly require ("inclusive of" language per JJJ and State)

SB8 Requires 1:1 replacement for all projects till 2030

## Housing Protections: Comparison Table Right of Return

Measure	Current Approach	As suggested by stakeholders	Citywide Policy Work Program?	Council Motion?
Right of Return	Policy in Plan; Exists statewide: When demolition occurs onsite replacement	Right of Return program and relocation assistance	Yes: Program is currently regulated by SB 330 and implemented by LAHD, but does not apply to non-discretionary projects	CF#20-0047 (w/ LAHD); CF#20-0035 (w/ LAHD); CF#14-0268-S16

SB8 Requires Right of Return for all projects till 2030

## Housing Protections: Comparison Table - Right of Return

Measure	As Recommended in Downtown CPU	As Recommended in Hollywood CPU	In South or SELA Plans	Notes
Right of Return	Land Use Policy 2.10 Promote equitable development and inclusive growth that avoids displacement of those vulnerable to homelessness and prioritizes the needs and rights of extremely low and deeply low-income populations.  Implementation Program (P14) First Right of Refusal: Explore the creation of Citywide first right of refusal provisions to ensure lower- and moderate -income tenants that are displaced due to new residential construction have the First Right of Refusal to return to a rental unit at an affordable cost.	Land Use Policy 5.15:  Tenants' rights of return. Support projects that offer former low-income tenants of demolished units with the first right of refusal on leases for the new housing units.  Implementation Program (108): Support LAHD in exploration of future efforts to establish new programs and strengthen existing programs to provide former low-income tenants of demolished or converted units with the first right of refusal on leases for new housing units.	SELA LU Policy: (LU1.15 +LA5.7)  Tenants' Right of Return. Support projects that offer former low income tenants of demolished units with the first right of refusal on leases for the new housing units.  Implementation Program (76): Tenants' Right of Return: Establish new programs and strengthen existing programs to provide former low income tenants of demolished or converted units with the first right of refusal on leases for new housing units.	SB 330 language (HAA sect 13)  (A) (i) The project will replace all existing or demolished protected units.  (ii) Any protected units replaced pursuant to this subparagraph shall be considered in determining whether the housing development project satisfies the requirements of Section 65915 or a locally adopted requirement that requires[set aside]5 year period priorat very low covenant for at least 55 years or RSO level w/o covenantexisting residents to occupy up to 6 mo prior to constructiondeveloper pays relocation benefitsdeveloper offers right of 1st refusal for comparable unit

## Growth Forecast

## Capacity vs RHNA

City of Los Angeles RHNA 6th Cycle - October 2021 through October 2029				
Total Very-low income Low income Moderate income Above-moderate income				
456,643 115,978 68,743 75,091 196,831				

Downtown Community Plan 2020 Reasonably Anticipated Development (RAD) 2040				
	2017	Adopted RAD	Proposed Plan RAD	
Housing	34,000	59,000	133,000	
Population	76,000	112,000	252,000	
Employment	219,000	278,000	305,000	

## SCAG RTP Projections

Downtown Community Plan SCAG 2016 RTP/SCS Projections				
	2017	2040		
Housing	34,000	96,324		
Population	76,000	189,095		
Employment	219,000	256,860		

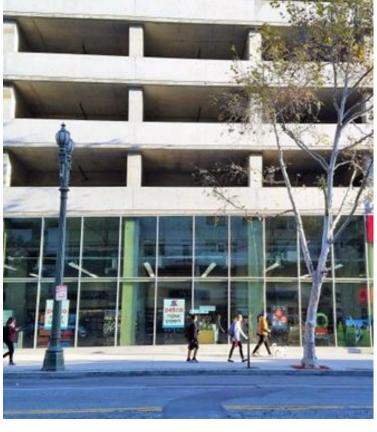
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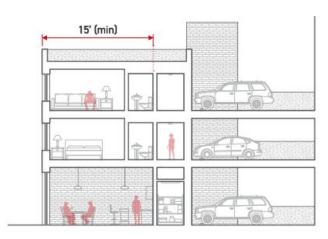
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## Parking Key Issues









## Parking Structure Design

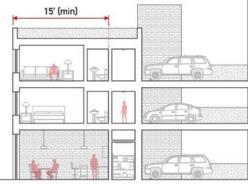
### **Development Standard District 5**

Parking structure design		
	Primary St.	Side St.
Parking Garage		
Ground Story	Wrapped	Wrapped
Upper Stories	Adaptable	Adaptable
Integrated Parking		
Ground Story	Wrapped	Wrapped
Upper Stories	wrapped	Adaptable

### **Design Standards**

- All ground floors of a parking garage are required to be lined with habitable uses
- All ground floors and upper levels along primary streets of integrated parking are required to be lined with habitable uses
- Meet frontage standards of the applicable Frontage District





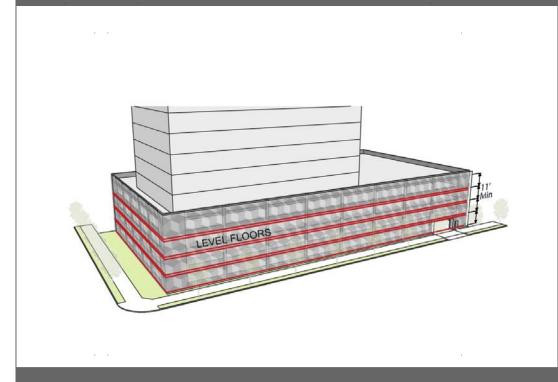
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## Requires all parking floors to be adaptable

- Flat floors and;
- Minimum floor to ceiling height of 11 feet



# Accommodating New Mobility

#### TNCs, AVs, & Micro-mobility

- Parking in-lieu fee for passenger loading
- Parking is allowed to be provided off-site for AVs to pick up and drop off
- TDM program
- Adaptable parking
- Updated Mobility Plan street networks



Metro Stations within the Plan Area

Legend

High Transit Access

**Low Transit Access** 

Approximate alignment of potential transit line and station

# Policy Document - Metro Review

- Goals
- Policies
- Programs

MC GOAL 5 A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSIT SYSTEM THAT CONNECTS DOWNTOWN'S DISTRICTS AND DOWNTOWN TO COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE REGION.

MC 5.9 Metro Review. Development within 100 feet of a Metro facility should be reviewed and approved by Metro, including for compliance with the Metro Adjacent Development Handbook.

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# Provisions for Small Businesses

## Strategies for Small Business

- Ground floor establishment size limits to prioritize space for businesses under 10,000 sf
- Community Benefit Fund Allocations towards rental subsidies and operation assistance for small businesses
- Community Facilities provided within a project as part of the Downtown Community Benefits Program are required to extend 10-year minimum lease agreements
- Vacancy tax implementation program discourages property owners from retaining vacant ground floor units



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# Strategies for Small Business Policies & Programs

#### **Downtown Plan policies:**

- **LU 7.4** Engage and support small businesses so that they may remain resilient through market evolution, contributing to business continuity.
- **LU 8.2** Increase the availability of resources and programs to support existing small businesses, new business startups, and local entrepreneurs.
- **LU 8.6** Encourage mixed-use and commercial development to provide retail spaces conducive to community serving small businesses and business incubation.

#### **Future Implementation Programs:**

**P19 Small Business Assistance Portal:** Promote agency programs that assist small and legacy business owners, such as low-interest loans, management programs, business retention programs, and business incubation centers.

**P20 Business Outreach and Mentorship Programs:** Develop partnerships to create business outreach programs targeting local schools for student and adult participation in business apprenticeship and internship programs, as well as work with the LAUSD's Mentorship Programs.

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# Skid Row

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# Skid Row Planning History



1891

Growth of the Rail Industry: SROs & Residential Hotels for Seasonal Workers & Train Crews



1922

Introduction of the Euclidean Zoning: Establishment of the "M" Zone



1900's

Industrial Development: Led to uses such as Cold Storage, Warehouses & Wholesale Produce Markets alongside SRO's



1972

Silver Book Plan: Proposed a plan for a clean slate in the Central City East area to make room for new development



1976

Blue Book Plan: The Plan "contained" Skid Row by establishing a boundary to preserve the existing community

# Recognizing Skid Row as a Neighborhood















Lamp Community

Downtown Women's Center

Skid Row Housing Trust

# Use District Key Issues - Affordable Housing in Skid Row - Adopted Zoning

#### Adopted zoning

- Limited commercial, limited manufacturing, multi-family, shelters
- Multi-family residential, churches, schools, child care, shelters
- Light industrial, commercial and manufacturing, clinics
- IX1 Boundary



# Use District Key Issues - Affordable Housing in Skid Row

Development incentives to incorporate Affordable housing Continues to Allow for:
All housing types, including Affordable, supportive, and

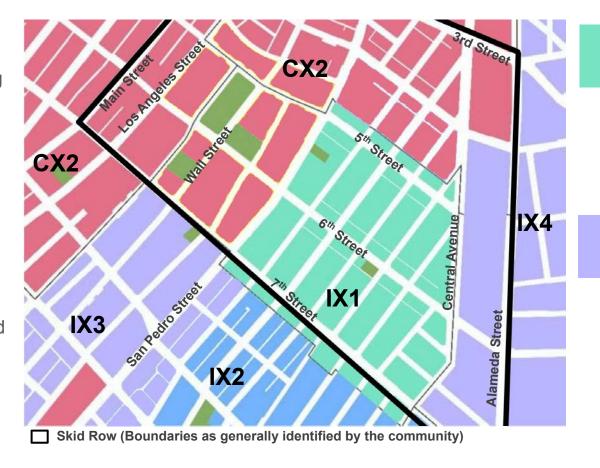
**CX2.The Plan Introduces:** 

market-rate; and range of neighborhood serving non-residential uses

Live/work housing through reuse of existing buildings, where space is also dedicated to job-generating uses

Continues to Allow for:

Light industrial, commercial and manufacturing uses



#### IX1,The Plan Introduces:

Restricted Affordable Units

#### **Continues to Allow for:**

Non-residential uses such as social services, production, fabrication, and other job-generating uses.

#### IX3 & IX4, The Plan Introduces:

Live/work housing, where space is also dedicated to job-generating uses; Development incentives to incorporate Affordable housing

#### **Continues to Allow for:**

Non-residential uses such as social services, production, fabrication, and other job-generating uses.

# Skid Row Summary















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# Skid Row Additional Technical Slides

Skid Row Alternative Option

- Amend IX1 Use District to allow for all types of housing, including market-rate housing, restricted affordable housing, and permanent supportive housing
- Reduce the Base FAR from 3:1 to 1.5:1 FAR, encouraging more projects to participate in the Community Benefits Program
- Retain the Maximum Bonus FAR at 6:1 FAR.
- Other provisions such as a prohibition of new liquor stores (i.e. off-site alcohol sales), and allowances for various social services uses would remain



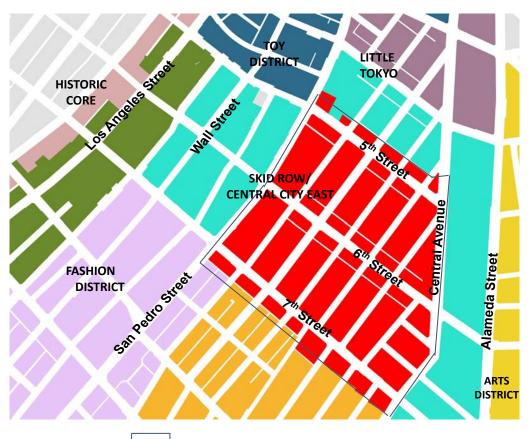
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### FAR in Skid Row - Proposed & Alternative

#### Plan Proposed FAR



#### **Skid Row Alternative**



IX1 Boundary

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1.5, 6 (Skid Row Alternative)

> 1.5, 6 2.6

2.8.5

3, 3

3.6

3.8

3, 8.5

3, 13

# Skid Row Project Example Proposed Plan vs Alternative Option

	Proposed Plan	Option B Alternative
Site Area (hypothetical project site)c	20,000 Square Feet	
Base FAR	3:1	1.5:1
Maximum Bonus FAR	6:1	6:1
Market-Rate Units* (assuming a unit of 600 sf)	-	172
Affordable Units*	200	28** (Assuming Extremely-low income)
Total	200	200

<sup>\*</sup> Assumes an average unit size of 600 square feet

<sup>\*\*</sup> Extremely Low- Income @ 14% on the total number of units
(Level 1 Requirement of 8% + Level 2 & 3 Requirement of 1.5% for every additional FAR)

# Weingart Center

- 555 Crocker and 600 S. San Pedro (in IX1 area)
- 678 units, 100% Affordable
- 3 year entitlement process
- Project had to seek a General Plan amendment, a Zone Change, and had to undergo Site Plan Review
- Project was subject to CEQA



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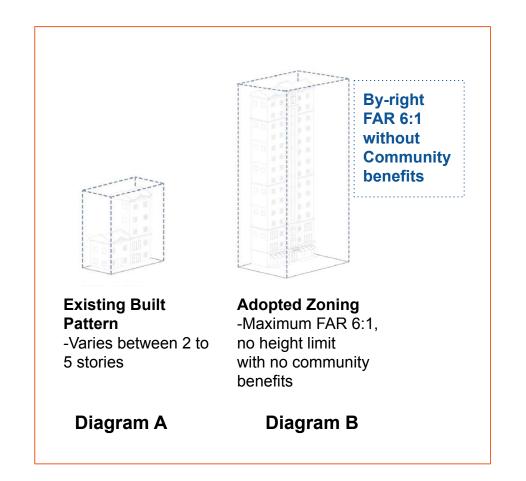
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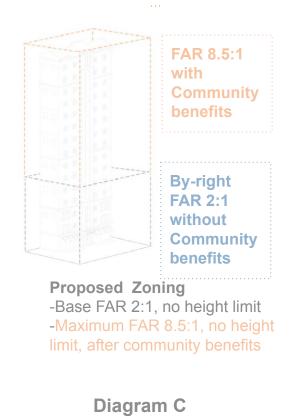
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# Base FAR Diagrams

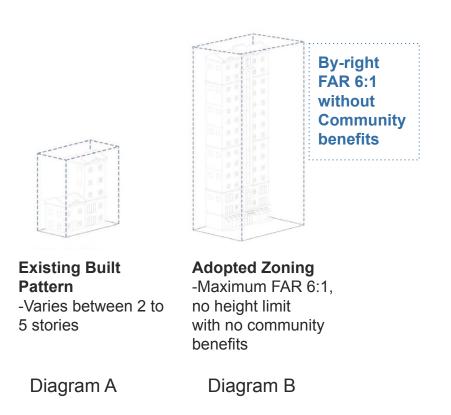
Downtown Community Benefits Program Scenario Compared to Adopted Zoning



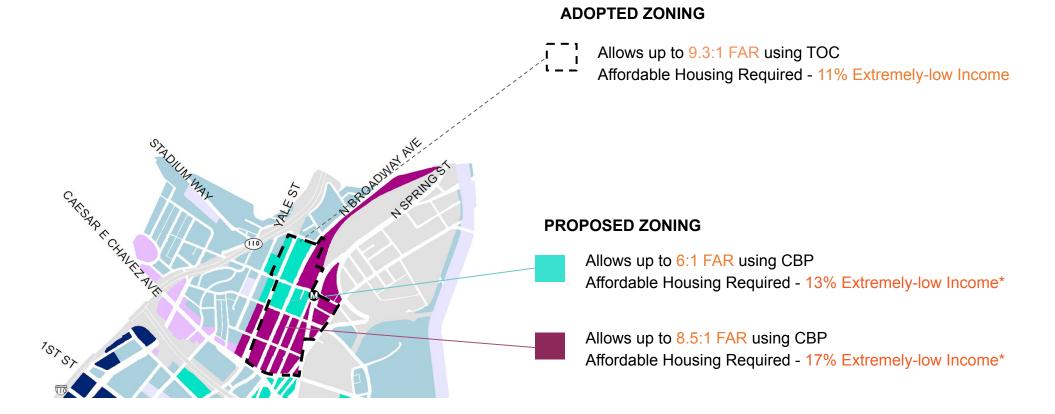


# Base FARs Diagrams

Downtown Community Benefits Program Scenario Compared to Adopted Zoning



# TOC and the Community Benefits Program



<sup>\*</sup>Assumes project chooses to only provide affordable housing vs public open space or community facilities.

# TOC Project in Chinatown

#### 211 W Alpine Street

#### A 7-story Mixed-use Development:

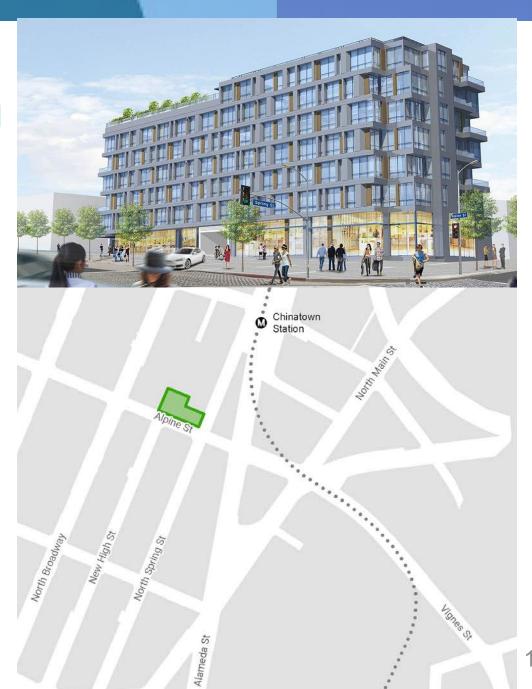
170 Housing Units 2,500 sq ft. of Commercial Space 4.94:1 FAR (95,260 sq ft)

#### **TOC Incentives:**

62% increase in density (consistent with TOC Tier 3) Up to 25% reduction in Open Space

#### **Community Benefits:**

17 units set aside for Extremely-low Income Households for 55 years



#### CRA Base FARs in Chinatown

**Currently Adopted FARs** 

#### CHINATOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

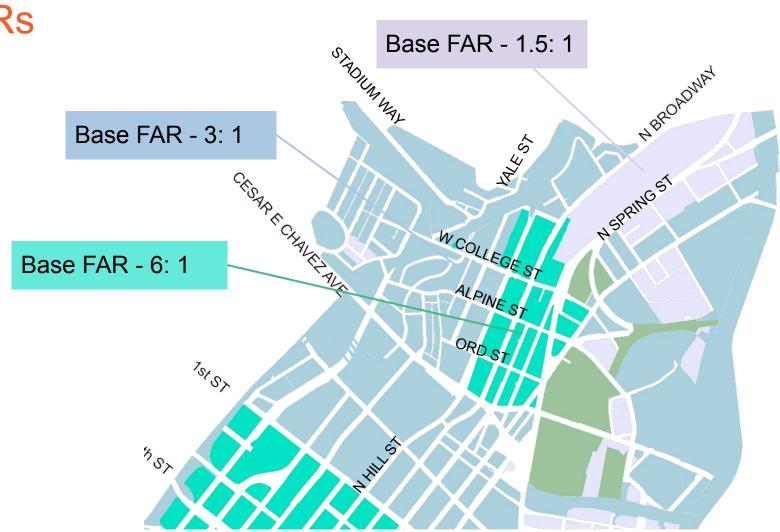
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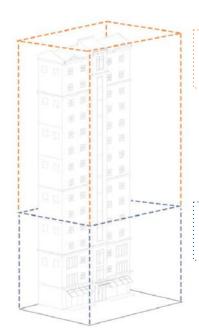
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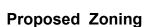


# Proposed Zoning in Chinatown



FAR 8.5:1 with Community benefits

FAR 2:1 without Community benefits



- -Base FAR 2:1, no height limit
- -Maximum FAR 8.5:1, no height limit, after community benefits









# Feasibility Challenges

#### **Proposed FAR**

Base FAR - 2: 1
Base Ht - 3 Stories

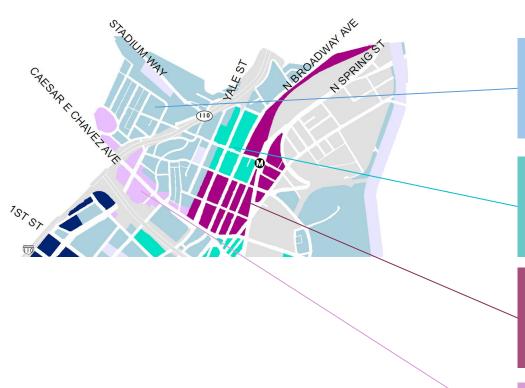
Bonus Max FAR - 6: 1 Bonus Max Ht - 5 Stories







### Proposed FARs in Chinatown



#### **Proposed FAR**

Base FAR - 1.5: 1
Base Ht - 3 Stories

Bonus Max FAR - 3: 1
Bonus Max Ht - 6 Stories

Base FAR - 2: 1
Base Ht - 3 Stories

Bonus Max FAR - 6: 1
Bonus Max Ht - 5 Stories

Base FAR - 2: 1
Base Ht - No limit

Bonus Max FAR - 8.5: 1 Bonus Max Ht - No limit

Base FAR - 3: 1
Base Ht - 3 Stories

Bonus Max FAR - 8.0: 1 Bonus Max Ht - No limit

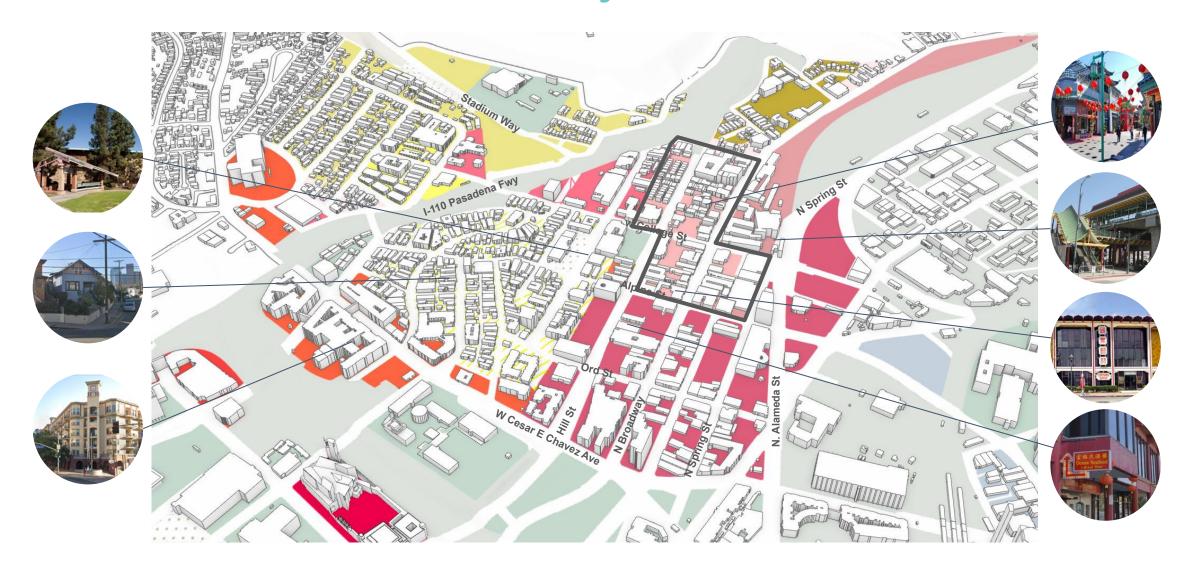








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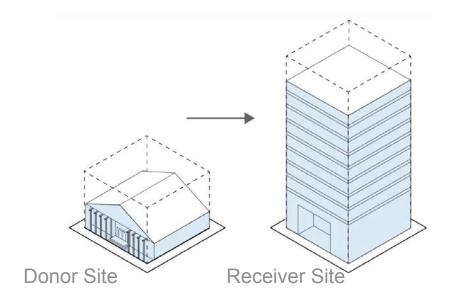
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# Downtown Plan Community Benefits Program

#### Transfer of Development Rights

- Transfer unused and bonus floor area from Donor sites to Receiver sites
- Donors and Receivers must both be in the Arts
   District
- Receiver must provide on-site affordable housing if it is a "housing project"
- Eligible Donor: site designated or deemed eligible at local, state, or federal level; SurveyLA contributor to a historic district or identified individual resource
- Process: Covenant and Agreement;
   Preservation Plan and Easement



#### TDR in Chinatown

**TDR Area** 

Village

(Base FAR 2:1; Bonus FAR of 6:1)

Community Center (Base FAR 2:1;

Bonus FAR of 8.5:1)

# Survey LA Individual Resources Survey LA Historic District Contributors Survey LA Historic Districts National Register Districts Historic Cultural Monuments

#### **Qualifying Donor Sites**

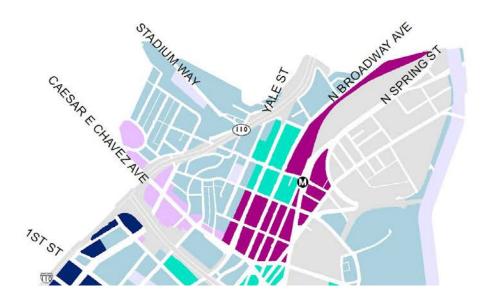






# Chinatown Additional Technical Slides

#### Chinatown - 2:1 Base FAR



#### Change all 2:1 Base FAR in Chinatown to 3:1

#### **6:1 Form Districts**

Base - 3:1

Level 1 Bonus - 4.2

Level 2 Bonus - 5.1

Level 3 Bonus - 6.0

#### 8.5:1 Form Districts

Base - 3:1

Level 1 Bonus - 4.2

Level 2 Bonus - 6.35

Level 3 Bonus - 8.5

LM2 LN1 LF2 Base FAR - 1.5: 1
Bonus Max FAR - 3: 1

Base Ht - 3 Stories
Bonus Max Ht - 6 Stories



Base FAR - 2: 1 Bonus Max FAR - 6: 1

Base Ht - 3 Stories
Bonus Max Ht - 5 Stories



Base FAR - 2: 1 Bonus Max FAR - 8.5: 1

Base Ht - **No limit** Bonus Max Ht - **No limit** 



Base FAR - 3: 1 Bonus Max FAR - 8.0: 1

Base Ht - 3 Stories
Bonus Max Ht - No limit



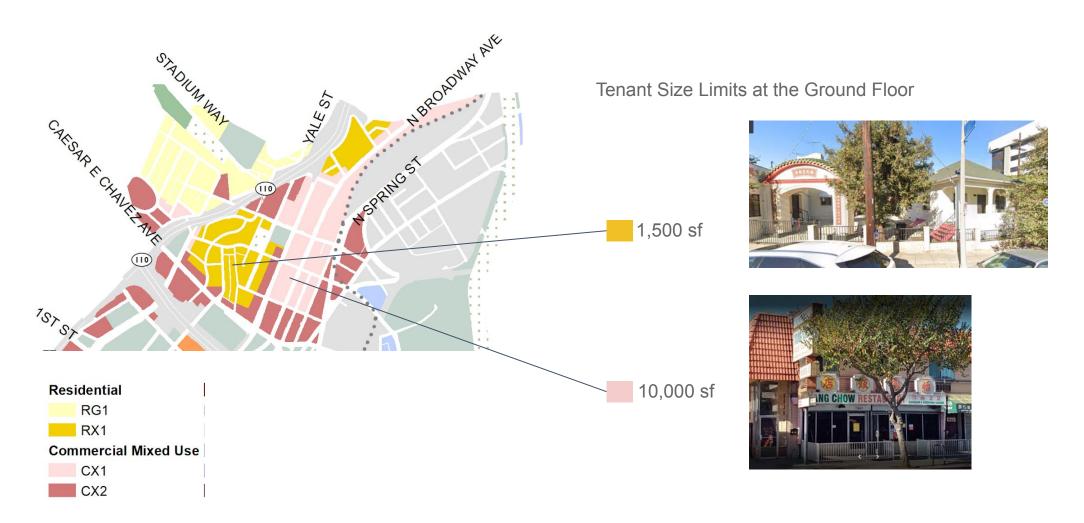






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### Chinatown Establishment Size Map



### Establishment Sizes - Image Examples

Little Tokyo



Chinatown



### Establishment Size: Image Examples



Phoenix Bakery ~ 5,000 square feet



Phillippe the Original ~ 12,000 square feet



Kinokuniya Bookstore ~ 6,000 square feet



Downtown Whole Foods Market ~ 44,000 square feet

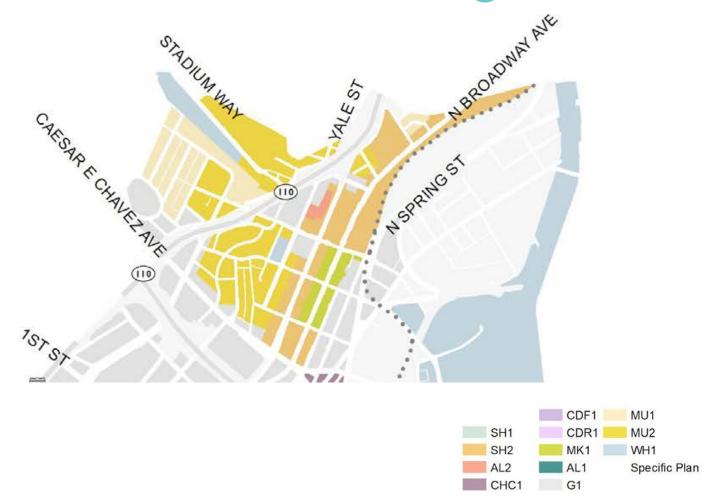


Marukai Market ~ 10,500 square feet



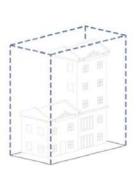
Downtown Ralphs Market ~ 55,000 square feet

### Chinatown Frontage Districts Map

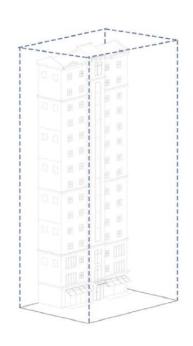


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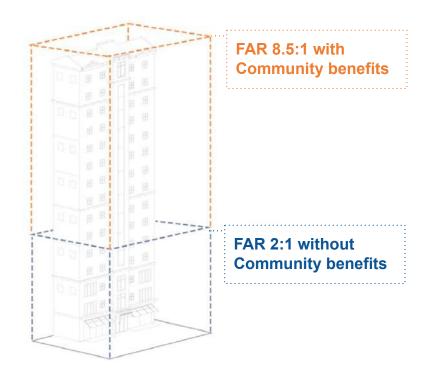
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Existing Built Pattern
-Varies between 2 to 5 stories



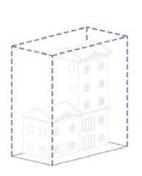
Adopted Zoning
-Maximum FAR 6:1,
no height limit



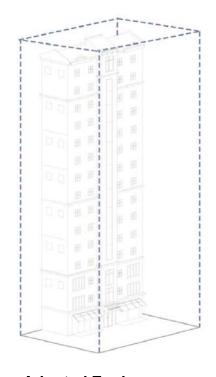
**Proposed Zoning** 

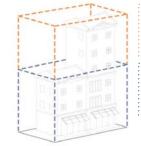
- -Base FAR 2:1, no height limit
- -Maximum FAR 8.5:1, no height limit, after community benefits

### Form District Key Issues - Diagram for MN1



Existing Built Pattern
-Varies between 2 to 5 stories





FAR 6:1, 5 stories with Community benefits

FAR 2:1 without Community benefits

### **Proposed Zoning**

-Base FAR 2:1, 3 stories

-Maximum FAR 6:1, 5 stories after community benefits

### Chinatown Proposed Projects

708 N Hill St	7 Stories 162 Units Ground Floor Commercial Uses
211 Alpine St	7 Stories 122 units,(incl. 6 VLI units) 4,200 sq ft of Ground Floor Retail 120 parking spaces 124 bicycle parking spaces
942 N Broadway Ave "Harmony"	27 Stories 178 Units (incl. 5 LI units)

1231 N Spring St "Capitol Milling Company"	Microbrewery Restaurant Office
1251 N Spring St "Elysian Park Lofts"	14 Stories 940 units (incl. 17 live/work units) 21400 sq ft. commercial uses
924 N Spring St	6 low rise buildings unknown units 37000 sq ft. grocery store

# Arts District

### Arts District - Summary

REFERENCE MATERIAL
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### Arts District - Policy Considerations

### Proposed Zoning in the Arts District is guided by

### THE CITYWIDE GENERAL PLAN FRAMEWORK AN ELEMENT OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES GENERAL PLAN

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### Approved by:

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Originally adopted by City Council on December 11, 1996 Re-adopted on August 8, 2001

### **General Plan Framework Element**





### **Evolution of the Neighborhood**

### HYBRID INDUSTRIAL

### LU GOAL 31

DIVERSE LAND USES WELCOME SUSTAINABLE NEW AND ADAPTIVE REUSE STRUCTURES THAT ACCOMMODATE A RANGE OF HYBRID INDUSTRIAL AND PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES.

### LU 31.1

Encourage the development of flexible spaces that can accommodate a variety of job productive industries.

### LU 31.2

Ensure a thoughtful mix of land uses including amenities to serve the evolving creative employee base and live/work community.

### LU GOAL 32

HYBRID INDUSTRIAL PLACES PROVIDE SPACE FOR IN-HOME PRODUCTION, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY, AND NEW INDUSTRIES THAT ENCOURAGE INNOVATION AND BRING FLEXIBILITY AND RESILIENCY TO THE CITY ECONOMY.

### **Downtown Plan Objectives**





**Community's Vision** 

### Industrial Land: Citywide Policies

Goal 3J.

Industrial growth that provides job opportunities for the City's residents and maintains the City's fiscal viability.

Objective 3.14.

Provide land and supporting services for the **retention of existing and attraction of new industries**.

Policy 3.14.2.

Provide **flexible zoning to facilitate the clustering of industries and supporting uses**, thereby establishing viable "themed" sectors (e.g., movie/television/media production, set design, reproductions, etc.).

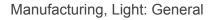
Policy 3.14.3.

Promote the re-use of industrial corridors for small scale incubator industries.

### **Arts District Identity**









Office





Manufacturing, Light: Artistic & Artisanal

### Arts District (IX4) Live/Work Unit Requirements

- Requires minimum open floor area to accommodate movement of equipment and fabrication activities
- Average minimum unit size of 1,000 sf
- Unit design must be able to accommodate
   5 non-residential employees (i.e.
   commercial occupancy)







### Arts District Live/Work Development



800 Live/work Units Recently Entitled

**870** Live/work Units Awaiting Approval

### Live-work & Affordable Housing

One hundred percent affordable housing projects are streamlined and are not required to provide live-work units or comply with Production Space or Work Space requirements

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and 100% affordable housing projects can locate in the Arts District with no restriction or regulation on unit design

However, projects with market rate units would need to set aside some units as affordable live/work units

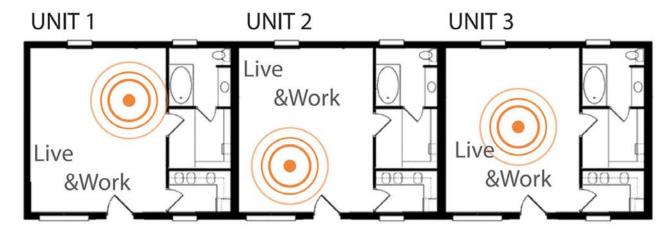


Hollywood Arts Collective

Proposed Affordable housing units for the Arts & the Entertainment Community

### **Arts District Summary**

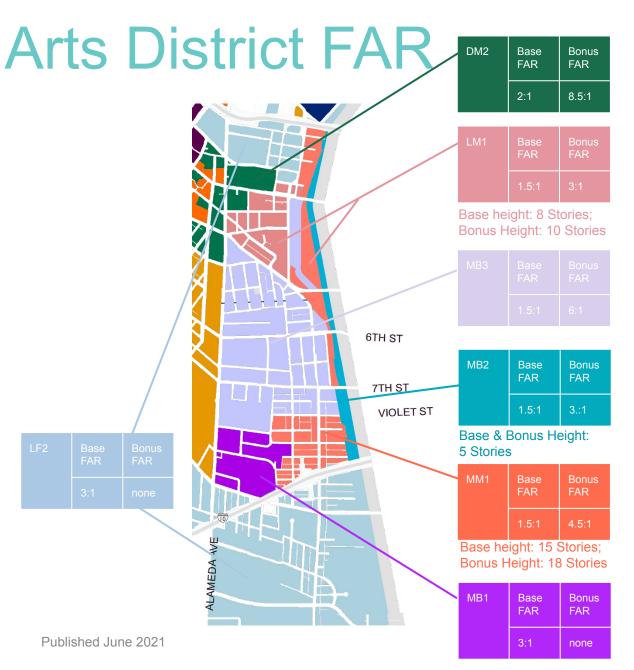
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### Arts District Additional Technical Slides





Site planning to guarantee visual access to river

This diagram shows how site planning can ensure visual access to the river. Paseos are encouraged to break-up long buildings and avoid visual barriers. Paseos should align with existing street grids to extend public views and offer visual connections to the river.



**Building Breaks** 

One Santa Fe

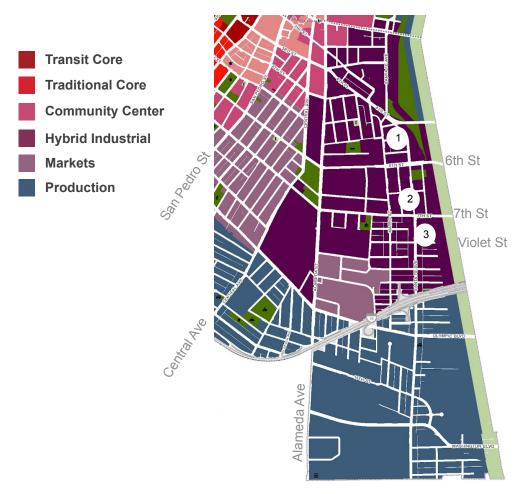
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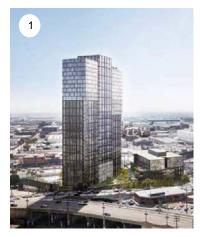


**Transportation Improvements in Arts District** 

- Cesar Chavez Bus Stop Improvements (opened October 2020)
- Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements as part of the Metro Connect US Action Plan Metro
- Regional Connector Transit Project (projected to open in 2022)
- Little Tokyo/Arts District Station (updated station projected to open in 2022)
- Arts District South Station as part of Metro's West Santa Ana Branch Transit Oriented Development Strategic Implementation Plan (undergoing environmental review)

### Proposed GPLU & Recent Projects around Alameda & 6th Street





520 Mateo St6: 1 FAR; 35 stories



695 Santa Fe (Amp Lofts)
3: 1 FAR; 7 stories



2143 E Violet ST **6: 1 FAR; 36 stories** 

### Arts District River Approach

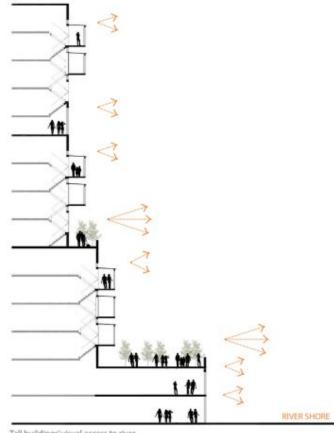
- Contextual facade regulations that require buildings to include higher amounts of windows facing the LA river
- Requires private yard space along the LA river
- Requires planting of native species
- Buildings break requirement at the intersection of streets to allow east/west view corridors along the LA river
- Height limitations for smoother transitions from the LA river
  - 5 story height limit on parcels adjacent to the river
  - 15 story height limit behind the block adjacent to the river

### d. River Yard

A yard located between a building and a river trail with direct pedestrian access from inside the building to the



DIM	MENSIONAL STANDARDS	Sec. 3.C.5.2.D
0	Depth (min)	15'
	Width (min)	15'
	Fence or wall height (max)	6'



Tall buildings' visual access to river

The diagram illustrates how buildings can maximize visual access to the river. Visual connections can be achieved through innovative massing techniques, higher levels of transparency, or commonly accessible patios.

### Arts District River Frontage

Contextual Requirements for River Adjacent Properties

		Primary	Side	River
ВU	ILD-TO		Div. 3D.1.	
	Applicable stories (min)	3	3	3
0	Build-to depth (max)	5'	10'	20'
0	Build-to width (min)	90%	70%	70%
	Pedestrian amenity allowance (max)	30%	30%	40%
PA	RKING	The state of	Div. 3D.2.	
0	Parking setback (min)	20'	5'	20'
A	NDSCAPING		Div. 3D.3.	
I L	Frontage planting area (min)	5%	5%	75%
	Frontage yard fence & wall type allowed:	A2	A2	A3

		Primary	Side	River
ΕN	TRANCES		Div. 3D.8.	
0	Street-facing entrance	Required	Required	Required
6	<ul> <li>Entrance spacing (max)</li> </ul>	100'	100'	100'
	Entry feature	Required	Required	n/a
	Options	Recessed entry     At-grade entry     Storefront bay		
0	Focal entry feature	1	1	n/a

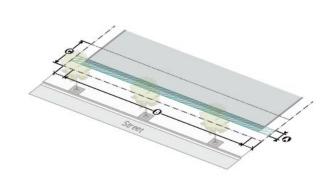


		Primary	Side	River
TR	ANSPARENCY		Div. 3D.9.	
A	Ground story (min/max)	50%/80%	50%/80%	30%/80%
	Active wall spacing (max)	15'	25'	25'
	Window recession (min)	9"	9"	9"
, -	Horizontal sliding	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
₿	Upper stories (min/max) *	40%/70%	30%/70%	30%/70%
_	→ Windowrecession (min)	6"	6*	6*
	Sill	Required	Required	Required
	Horizontal sliding windows	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited

<sup>\*</sup> Applicable for first 3 stories

### Arts District Character Frontage

B. Lot

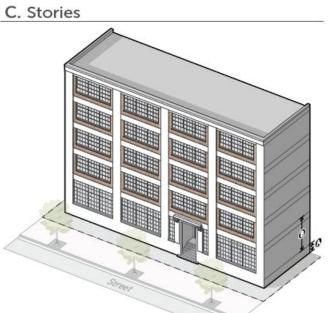




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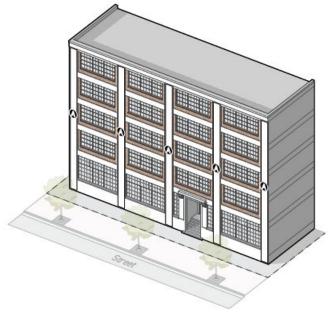
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Frontage yard fence & wall type allowed:



		Primary	Side
GR	OUND FLOOR ELEVATION	Div. 3	D.4.
0	Ground floor elevation (min/max)	-2'/5'	-2'/5'
ST	ORY HEIGHT	Div. 3	D.5.
0	Ground story height (min)	16'	16'



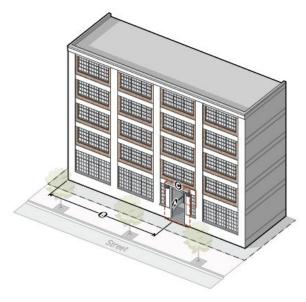


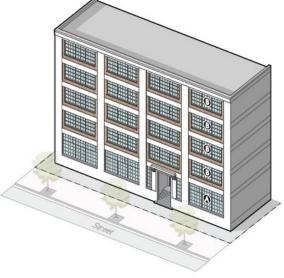
	Primary	Side
ARTICULATION	Div.	3D.6.
♠ Vertical bands*	Required	Required
Spacing (min/max)	20'/30'	20'/30'
FEATURES	Div.	3D.7,
Restricted features *	n/a	n/a

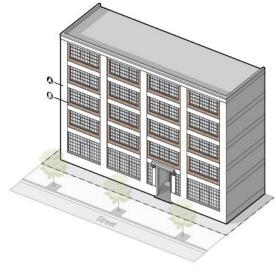
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### Arts District Character Frontage

E. Doors F. Windows G. Cladding







		Primary	Side
ΕN	TRANCES	Div.	3D.8.
0	Street-facing entrance	Required	Required
0	Entrance spacing (max)	100'	100'
	Entry feature	Required	Required
	Options	Recessed entry     At-grade entry     Storefront bay	
0	Focal entry feature	1	1

		Primary	Side
TR	ANSPARENCY	Div.	3D.9.
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	Active wall spacing (max)	15'	25'
	Window recession (min)	9"	9"
	Horizontal sliding windows	Prohibited	Prohibited
0	Upper stories (min/max) *	40%/70%	30%/70%
	Window recession (min)	6"	6"
	Sill	Required	Required
á	Horizontal sliding windows	Prohibited	Prohibited

<sup>\*</sup> Applicable for first 3 stories

EXTERIOR MATERIALS	Div. 3D.10.
Principal materials (min) *	70%
Options	Brick     Solid stone     Concrete     Metal     Wood
Accessory materials (max) *	30%
Options	Brick     Solid stone     Concrete     Metal     Wood
Number of accessory materials (max)	3

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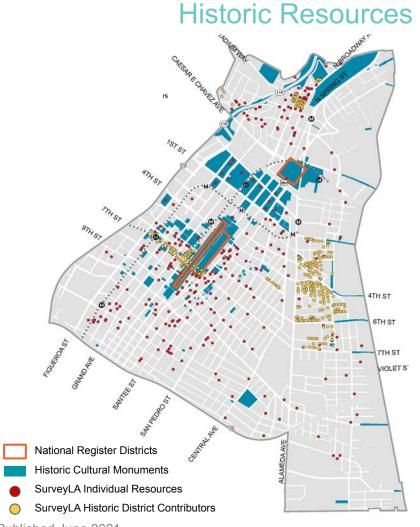
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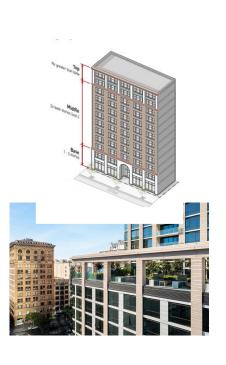
### Historic Core - Summary

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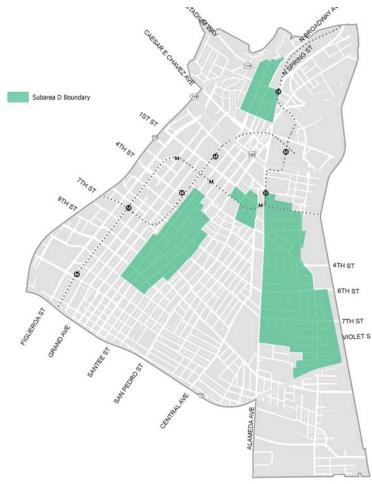
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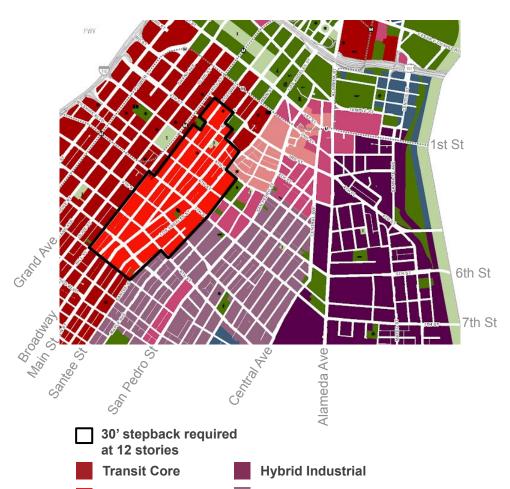




Form District Key Issues - Historic Core

**Height Limits** 







Upper story stepback required at 12 stories

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**Markets** 

**Traditional Core** 

### Historic Core Additional Technical Slides

### New Infill on Broadway

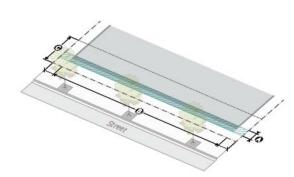


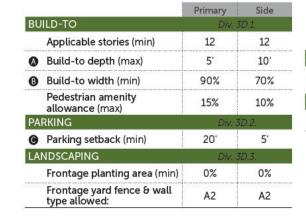


### Historic Core Character Frontage



B. Lot C. Stories







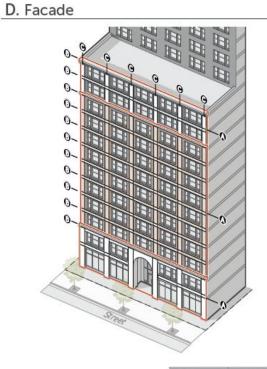
		Primary	Side
GR	OUND FLOOR ELEVATION	Div. 3	D.4.
Ø	Ground floor elevation (min/max)	-2'/2'	-2'/2'
ST	ORY HEIGHT	Div. 3	D.5.
₿	Ground story height (min)	16'	16'

### Historic Core Character Frontage

Contextual Requirements

for the Historic Core

E. Doors F. Windows



Required Required

Projecting balcony

Required

Required

Required

Required 15'/30'

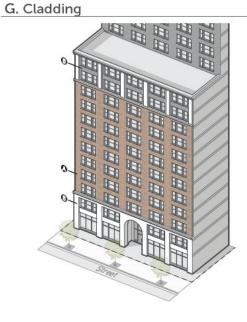


		Primary	Side
ENTRANCES		Div. 3D.8.	
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0	Entrance spacing (max)	50'	50'
(	Entry feature	Required	Required
I	Options	Recessed entry     At-grade entry     Storefront bay	
0	Focal entry feature	T - T -	<del>- o -</del>



		Primary	Side
TRANSPARENCY		Div. 3D.9.	
0	Ground story (min/max)	50%/80%	50%/80%
	Active wall spacing (max)	15'	15'
	Window recession (min)	12"	12"
(	Bulkhead	Required	Required
	Horizontal sliding windows	Prohibited	Prohibited
ı	Vinyl windows	Prohibited	Prohibited
0	Upper stories (min/max) *	30%/80%	30%/80%
I	Window recession (min)	6"	6"
	Sill	Required	Required
,	Horizontal sliding windows	Prohibited	Prohibited





EXTERIOR MATERIALS	Div. 3D.10.
Principal materials (min) *	70%
Options	Brick     Solid stone     Concrete     Metal     Glazed tile
B Accessory materials (max) *	30%
Options	Brick Solid stone Concrete Metal Wood Glazed tile
Number of accessory materials (max)	2

<sup>\*</sup> Applicable for first 12 stories

Restricted Features\*

Spacing (min/max)

Horizontal bands\*

Vertical bands\*

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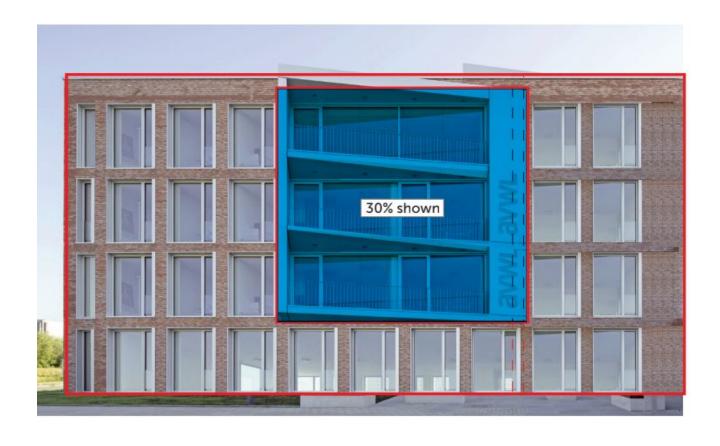
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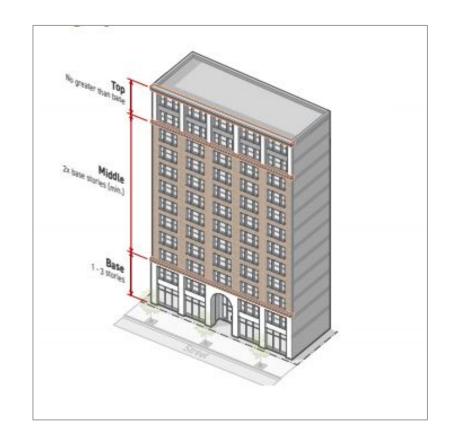
Base, middle & top\*

**FEATURES** 

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### Historic Core Character Frontage





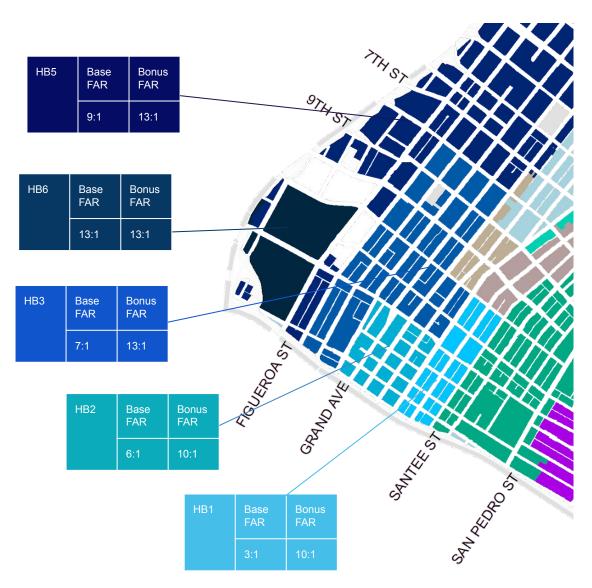
## Little Tokyo

### FAR in Little Tokyo

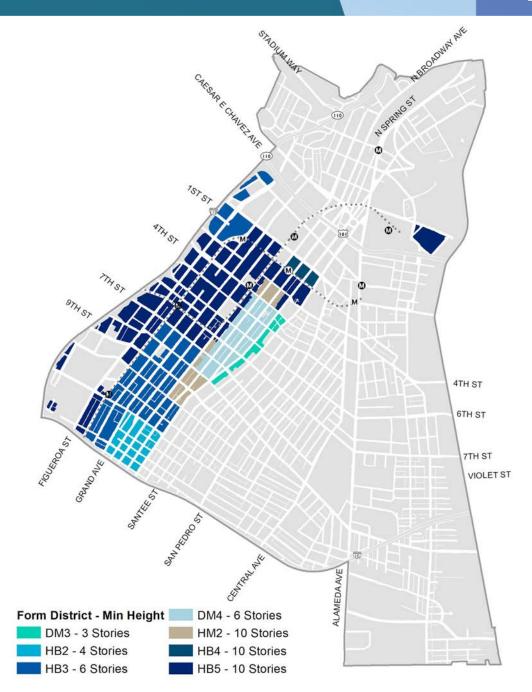


# South Park

### South Park FAR Map



# Height Minimums Map



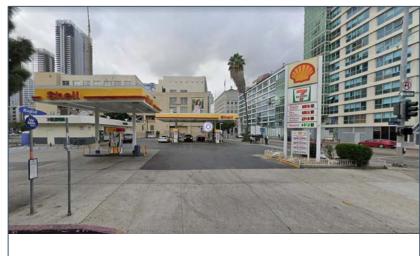
Height Minimums - Photo Examples





High Rises





**Gas Stations** 

# Fashion District

## Fashion District Proposed GPLU Map



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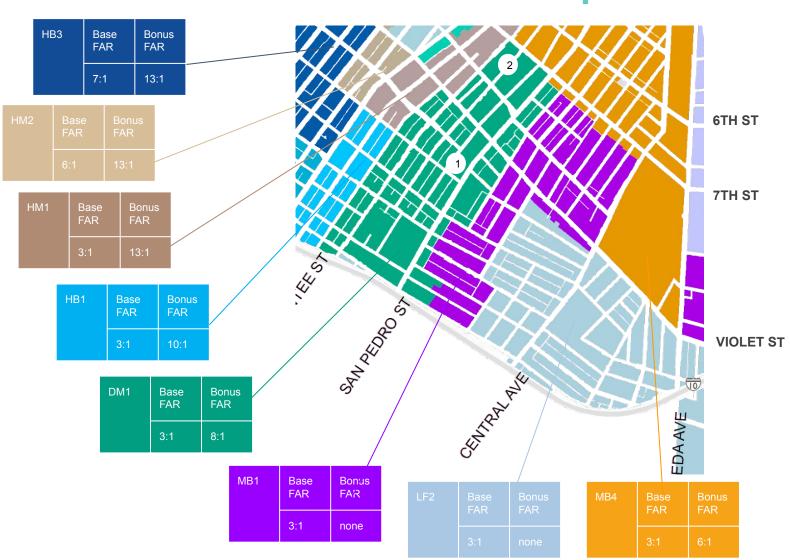
### Fashion District Floor Area Ratio Map



901-1075 S San Pedro Street (City Market) 4: 1 FAR; 3 to 38 stories



755 S WALL ST (Flower Market) 3.9:1 FAR; 15 stories



# Industrial

#### **Industrial Areas**

**Industrial GPLU** 

# 6th St 7th St Violet St **Hybrid Industrial**

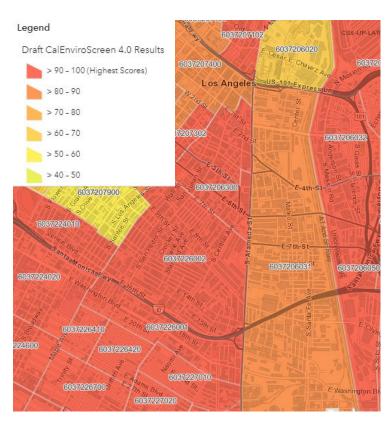
Markets

**Production** 

#### **Existing Buildings**



#### **CalEnviroScreen**



## Industrial Land: Citywide Policies

Policy 3.14.6. Consider the potential **re-designation of marginal industrial lands** for alternative uses by amending the community plans based on the following criteria:

- Where it can be demonstrated that the existing parcelization precludes effective use for industrial or supporting functions and where there is no available method to assemble parcels into a unified site that will support viable industrial development;
- Where the size and/or the configuration of assembled parcels are insufficient to accommodate viable industrial development;
- Where the size, use, and/or configuration of the industrial parcels adversely impact adjacent residential neighborhoods;
- Where available infrastructure is inadequate and improvements are economically infeasible to support the needs of industrial uses;

- Where the conversion of industrial lands to an alternative use will not create a fragmented pattern of development and reduce the integrity and viability of existing industrial areas;
- Where the conversion of industrial lands to an alternative use will not result in an adverse impact on adjacent residential neighborhoods, commercial districts, or other land uses;
- Where it can be demonstrated that the reduction of industrial lands will not adversely impact the City's ability to accommodate sufficient industrial uses to provide jobs for the City's residents or incur adverse fiscal impacts; and/or
- Where existing industrial uses constitute a hazard to adjacent residential or natural areas.

# Industrial-Mixed

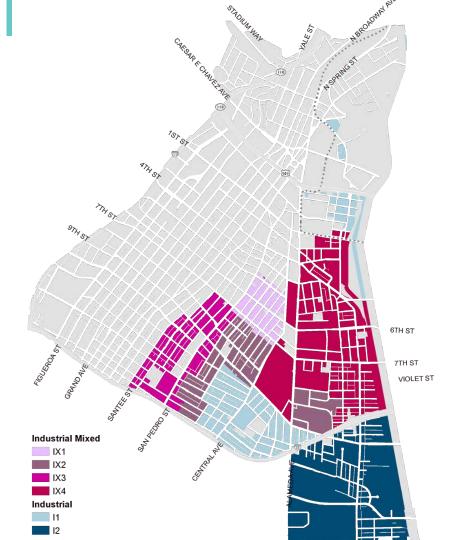
Use District Key Issues - Safeguards for

Light & Heavy Industrial









# Industrial Mixed Allowance Today vs Proposed

	Current Adopted Plan		Proposed Plan		
	Current Zoning	Current Permitted Uses	Proposed Zoning	Proposed Permitted Uses	
Fashion District East (IX2)	- 3:1 FAR - Generally zoned M2-2D	- Industrial - Housing in existing buildings with limitations and discretionary approval	- FAR of 3:1 - Generally zoned [MB1-SH1-5][ <b>IX2</b> -FA][CPIO]	- Light Industrial - Commercial - Housing in existing buildings by-right	
Fashion District (IX3)	- 3:1 FAR - Generally zoned M2-2D	- Industrial - Housing in existing buildings with limitations and discretionary approval	- Base FAR of 3:1 - Bonus FAR of 8:1 - Generally zoned [DM1-AL1-5][ <b>IX3</b> -FA][CPIO]	- Limited Industrial - Commercial - Housing with 1 FAR of non-residential jobs space	
Arts District (IX4)	- 1.5:1 FAR - Generally zoned M3-1-RIO	- Industrial - Housing in existing buildings with limitations and discretionary approval	- Base FAR of 1.5:1 - Bonus FARs of 3:1, 4.5:1, and 6:1 - Generally zoned [MB3-CDF1-5][IX4-FA][CPIO]	<ul> <li>Limited Industrial</li> <li>Commercial</li> <li>Housing with 1.5 FAR of non-residential jobs space</li> <li>Live/work units required</li> </ul>	

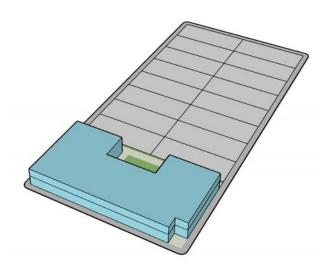
# Fashion District Use Allowances Today vs Proposed and Requested (CX1)

	Current Adopted Plan		Proposed Plan		CX1 (for comparison)
	Current Zoning	Current Permitted Uses (M2/M3)	Proposed Zoning	Proposed Permitted Uses	Key Differences
Fashion District East (IX2)	- 3:1 FAR - Generally zoned M2-2D	- Industrial - Housing in existing buildings with limitations and discretionary approval	- FAR of 3:1 - Generally zoned [MB1-SH1-5][ <b>IX2</b> -FA][C PIO]	<ul><li>Light Industrial</li><li>Commercial</li><li>Housing in existing</li><li>buildings by-right</li></ul>	Prohibits light industrial uses that exist in this area today - manufacturing of textiles, artistic &
Fashion District (IX3)	- 3:1 FAR - Generally zoned M2-2D	- Industrial - Housing in existing buildings with limitations and discretionary approval	- Base FAR of 3:1 - Bonus FAR of 8:1 - Generally zoned [DM1-AL1-5][ <b>IX3</b> -FA][C PIO]	- Limited Industrial - Commercial - Housing with 1 FAR of non-residential jobs space	artisanal manufacturing, cosmetics etc wholesale trade & warehousing  Allows 100% residential buildings

## Industrial Mixed: IX4 Use Requirements

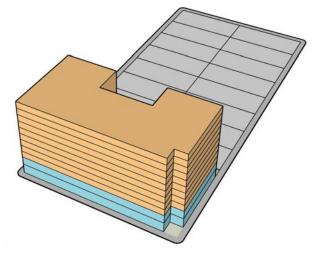
Industrial-Mixed 4 (IX4)				
	In conjunction with:	Office		
Live/Work		Manufacturing, Light: General		
Live/vvoik		Manufacturing, Light: Artistic & Artisanal		
	Floor area (min)	1.5 FAR		

Form District: Moderate-RiseBroad (MB3)		
Base FAR 1.5		
Bonus FAR	6	





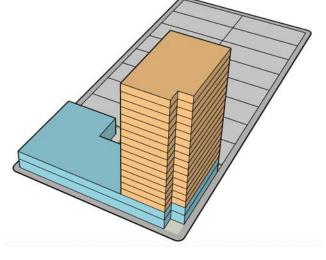
Residential: 0 FAR



Bonus 6 FAR

Job producing use: 1.5 FAR

Residential: 4.5 FAR



Bonus 6 FAR

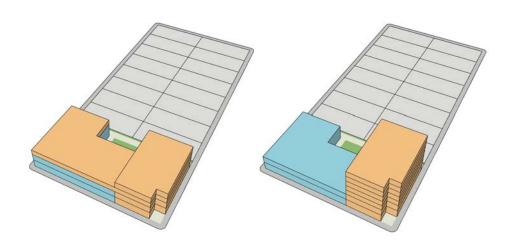
■ Job producing use: 1.5 FAR

Residential: 4.5 FAR

# Industrial Mixed: IX3 Use Requirements

Industrial-Mixed 3 (IX3)				
	In conjunction with:	• Office		
Dwelling or Live/Work		Manufacturing, Light: General		
Dwelling of Live/vvork		Manufacturing, Light: Artistic & Artisanal		
	Floor area (min)	1.0 FAR		

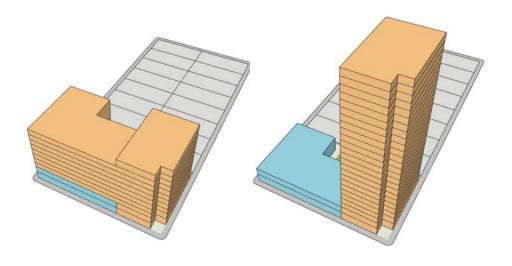
	Form District:		
1	Moderate-RiseBroad (DM1)		
	Base FAR	3	
	Bonus FAR	8	



Base 3 FAR

Job producing use: 1 FAR

Residential: 2 FAR



Bonus 8 FAR

Job producing use: 1 FAR

Residential: 7 FAR

## Industrial Mixed: Live-Work Requirements

#### **Optional Fashion District Standards (IX3)**

Required Arts I	District	Standard	ds (IX4)
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Unit Size (Minimum Avg. size)	750 sf	
Designated Work Space		
Work Space Area	Minimum 40% Maximum 50%	
Work Space Dimensions	Minimum 10' X 15'	
Work Space Uses	<ul> <li>Office</li> <li>Personal Services: General</li> <li>Manufacturing, Light: General</li> <li>Manufacturing, Light: Artistic &amp; Artisanal</li> </ul>	
Open Plan Area	Minimum 70%	
In conjunction with:	Office     Manufacturing, Light: General     Manufacturing, Light: Artistic & Artisanal	
Floor Area	Minimum of 1 FAR	

Unit Size (Minimum Avg. size)	1,000 sf	
Designated Work Space		
Work Space Area	Minimum 40% Maximum 50%	
Work Space Dimensions	Minimum 10' X 15'	
Work Space Uses	<ul> <li>Office</li> <li>Personal Services: General</li> <li>Manufacturing, Light: General</li> <li>Manufacturing, Light: Artistic &amp; Artisanal</li> </ul>	
Open Plan Area	Minimum 70%	
In conjunction with:	Office     Manufacturing, Light: General     Manufacturing, Light: Artistic & Artisanal	
Floor Area	Minimum of 1.5 FAR	

# Arts District (IX4) Live/Work Unit Requirements

- Requires minimum open floor area to accommodate movement of equipment and fabrication activities
- Average minimum unit size of 1,000 sf
- Unit design must be able to accommodate
   5 non-residential employees (i.e.
   commercial occupancy)







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# Industrial Mixed: Comparison with CASP

Fashion District (IX3)	Arts District (IX4)	CASP (UI)
Does not limit the amount of residential area in a project.  Allows a full range of unit types (ie. micro units, live work, traditional housing) after 1:1 FAR of jobs space is provided	Does not limit the amount of residential area in a project.  Allows for live work units, after 1.5:1 FAR of jobs space is provided	Only allows up to 15% of the project to include residential

# Community Benefits Program, CPIO, and Inclusionary Housing

# Downtown Community Benefits Program Summary

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# Community Plan Implementation Overlay District (CPIO)

#### **Key Components:**

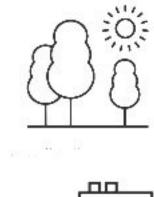
- Community Benefits Program Map & Menu
- Historic Preservation of Eligible Historic Resources
- Civic Center Transfer of Development Rights
   System
- Bunker Hill Pedway Preservation
- Best Practices
- Downtown Street Standards

# What are "Community Benefits?"

Community Benefits help bring much needed resources like affordable housing and parks to the community.

The Plan creates clear expectations on how new developments in the Plan area need to contribute to the community.

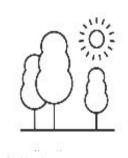
Developers are allowed to build larger buildings in exchange for providing benefits that serve the community, such as open space, schools, affordable housing or small business protections.





# Community Benefits Programs that Exist Today

#### **Public Benefit Funds**



Quimby
Fees to build
parks &
recreational
facilities



Affordable
Housing
Linkage Fee
used to Build
Affordable
Housing

#### **Incentive Programs**



Greater
Downtown
Housing
Incentive
(Density
Bonus)



Transit
Oriented
Communities
(TOC)
Guidelines

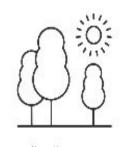
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Transfer of Floor Area Rights (TFAR)

# Community Benefits Programs under the Downtown Plan

#### **Public Benefits Funds**



Quimby
Fees to build
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facilities



Affordable
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#### **Incentive Programs**



Density Bonus Program



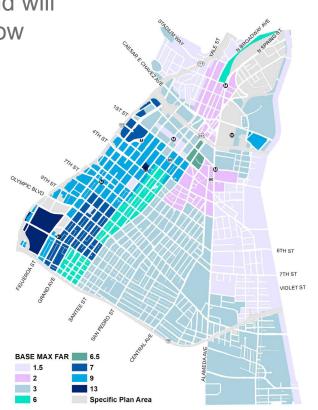
Downtown Community Benefits Program

#### **Development Potential & Community Benefits**

The Downtown Community Plan proposes base and bonus floor area rights *throughout* the plan area, and will set forth a Community Benefits Program to guide how benefits are achieved.

- Transparent and predictable
- Prioritizes affordable housing
- Prioritizes on-site benefits
  - Public Open Space
  - Community Facilities
  - Historic Preservation
- Streamlines approvals to better facilitate Downtown investment

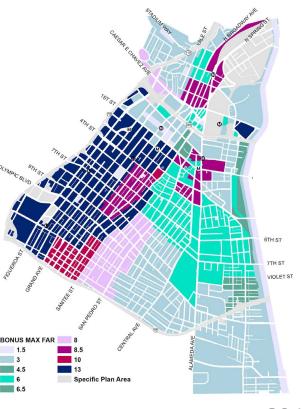
Implemented directly through zoning vs today's complex TFAR process



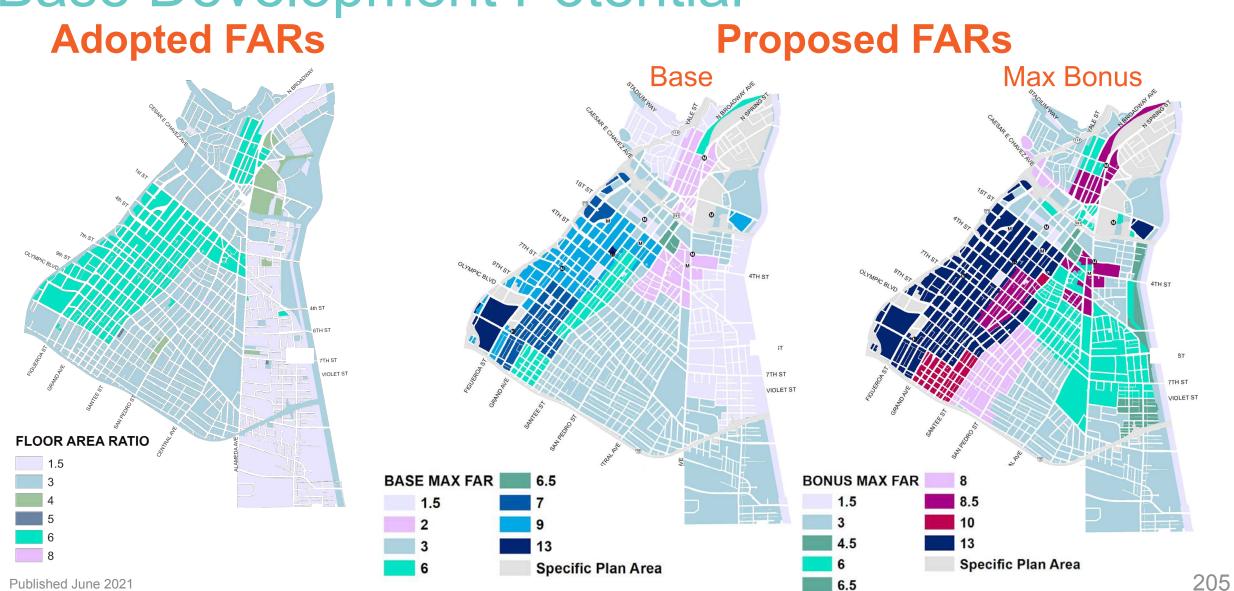
**BASE MAXIMUM** 

**DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL** 

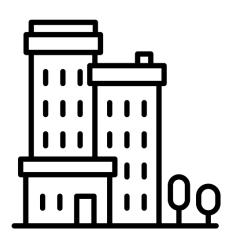
BONUS MAXIMUM
DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL



**Base Development Potential** 



#### Program Structure for Housing Development Projects



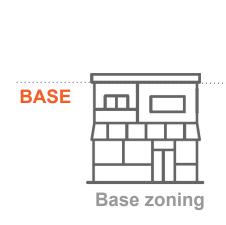
Projects with 5 or more housing units are eligible

Must include a percentage of total units as affordable units

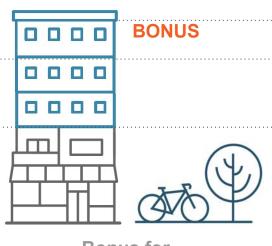
Prioritizes affordable housing over other community benefits

# Downtown Plan Community Benefits Program Program Structure for Housing Development Projects

A 3-Level incentive structure, where required amount of community benefits increase in proportion to the building size above the base zoning







Bonus for
Affordable Housing +
Open Space/Community
Facilities



Bonus for
Affordable Housing + Open
Space/Community Facilities +
Community Benefit Fund

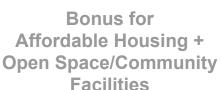
#### Program Structure for Housing Development Projects

Base zoning regulations allow for a certain height, and floor area, and can be built with only market-rate units. Fees are always paid to an affordable housing fund











**Bonus for** Affordable Housing + Open **Space/Community Facilities + Community Benefit Fund** 

#### Program Structure for Housing Development Projects

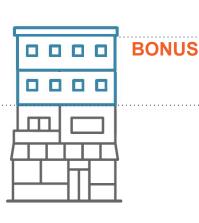
40% additional FAR is available for projects that provide

Affordable Housing

Units\*



\*On-site, off-site, or in-lieu fee



Bonus for Affordable Housing



Bonus for
Affordable Housing +
Open Space/Community
Facilities

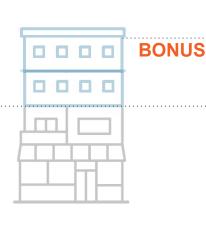


Bonus for
Affordable Housing + Open
Space/Community Facilities +
Community Benefit Fund 20

#### Program Structure for Housing Development Projects

50% of remaining "bonus" floor area is available for projects that provide Publicly Accessible Open Space, or Community Facilities or more Affordable Housing









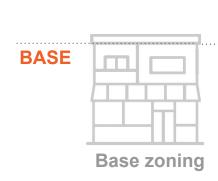
Bonus for
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Open Space/Community
Facilities



Bonus for
Affordable Housing + Open
Space/Community Facilities +
Community Benefit Fund 210

#### Program Structure for Housing Development Projects

Projects can access the remaining bonus floor area by providing more affordable housing or on-site open space/community facilities or by paying into a community benefit fund







**Facilities** 





Bonus for
Affordable Housing + Open
Space/Community Facilities +
Community Benefit Fund 2

#### Program Structure for Non-Housing Development Projects

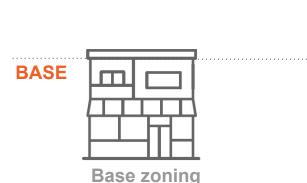


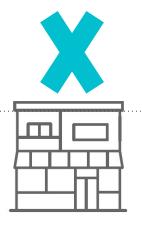
Any commercial, office or mixed use development project with less than 5 housing units are eligible

Must include a minimum amount of publicly accessible open space or community serving facilities

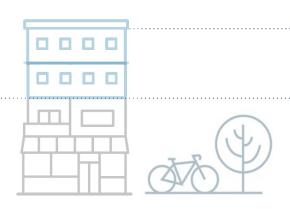
#### Program Structure for Non-Housing Development Projects

Requirements regarding affordable housing would not apply









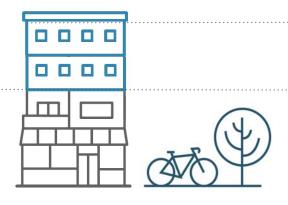
Bonus for Open Space/Community Facilities



Bonus for
Open Space/Community Facilities +
Community Benefit Fund

#### Program Structure for Non-Housing Development Projects

50% of "bonus" floor area is available for projects that provide Publicly Accessible **Open Space or Community Facilities** 



**Bonus for Open Space/Community Facilities** 



**Bonus for Open Space/Community Facilities + Community Benefit Fund** 

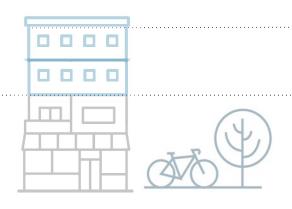
Base zoning

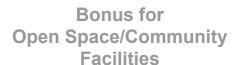
BASE

#### Program Structure for Non-Housing Development Projects

Projects can access the remaining bonus development potential by **providing**on-site benefits or paying into a community benefit fund









Bonus for
Open Space/Community Facilities +
Community Benefit Fund

#### Affordable Units

A project utilizing the Affordable Housing Incentive must set aside for a term of 55 years in exchange for a 40% FAR increase:



If the zoning allows additional FAR, a project may achieve more bonus FAR by setting aside additional units for a term of 55 years per 1 FAR increase:



Deeply Low, Extremely Low Income, or Very Low Income

Incomes at 0-50% of AMI

Incomes at 50-150% of AMI \$16,900\*-\$56,300\* for a family of four \$90,100\*-\$115,937\* for a family of four

or Above Moderate Income

#### Open Space

A project choosing to provide Open Space to access bonus development potential must incorporate the following:

Allocate 4% of Lot Area as
Publicly Accessible Open Space
in addition to the Outdoor Amenity
Space requirement outlined in the
base zoning



For every **1:1 Floor Area Ratio** of bonus development potential

Comply with location, access, and signage requirements

Meet design, shade, and landscaping standards

Include amenities such as restrooms, water fountains & recreational equipment

#### **Community Facilities**

A project choosing to provide Community Facilities to access bonus development potential must incorporate the following:

Allocate 5,000 sf + 2.5% of Incremental Floor Area towards a Community Facility

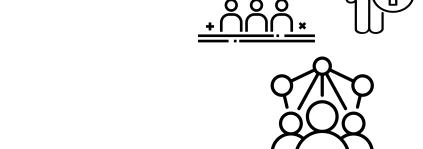


For every 1:1 Floor Area Ratio of bonus development potential

Comply with inspection requirements

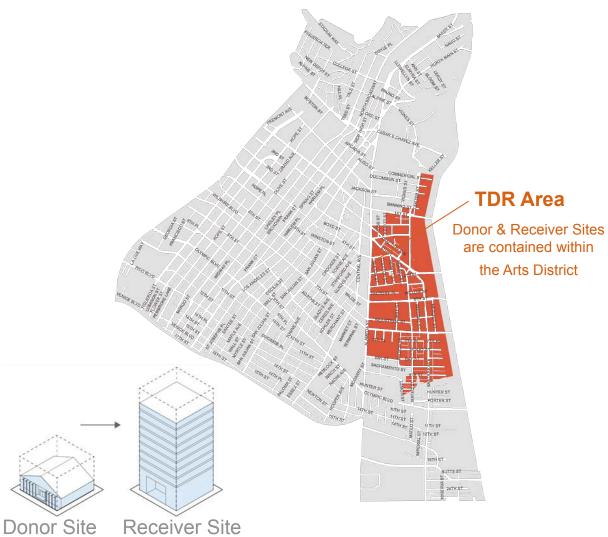
Choose from a menu of amenities

- Schools
- Social Services
- Public facilities
- Daycare Services
- Libraries



Transfer of Development Rights

- Transfer unused and bonus floor area from Donor sites to Receiver sites
- Donors and Receivers must both be in the Arts
   District
- Receiver must provide on-site affordable housing if it is a "housing project"
- Eligible Donor: site designated or deemed eligible at local, state, or federal level; SurveyLA contributor to a historic district or identified individual resource
- Process: Covenant and Agreement;
   Preservation Plan and Easement



#### Community Benefits Fund

Projects pay an "in-lieu" fee of \$50/s.f.

Oversight
Committee makes
recommendations
on how to
appropriate funds

Council approves appropriations

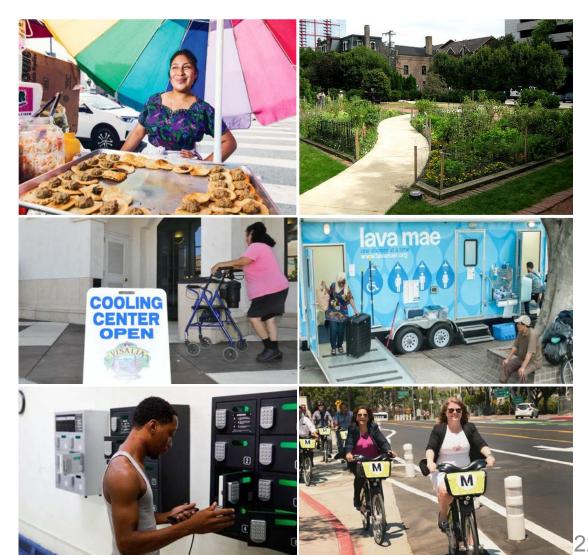
This fund is established by ordinance

The process is ministerial and does not require discretionary action

#### **Community Benefits Fund**

#### **Eligible Uses**

- Programs to support affordable housing
- Mobility and street improvements
- Parks and open space
- Programs for small legacy and community-serving businesses
- Design and procurement of sidewalk vending carts
- Resiliency Centers (new or conversion)
- Amenities for people who are experiencing homelessness

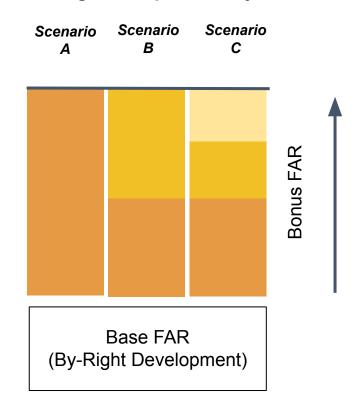


#### **Housing Development Projects**

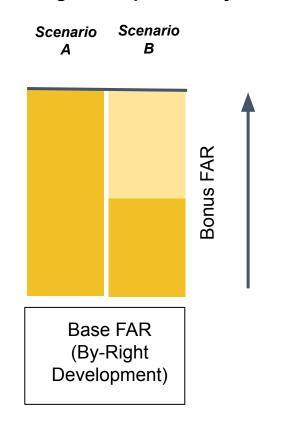
Contribution to Community Benefits Fund

On-Site Public Open Space or Community Facilities, or TDR for Historic Preservation

**Affordable Housing** 



#### **Non-Housing Development Projects**



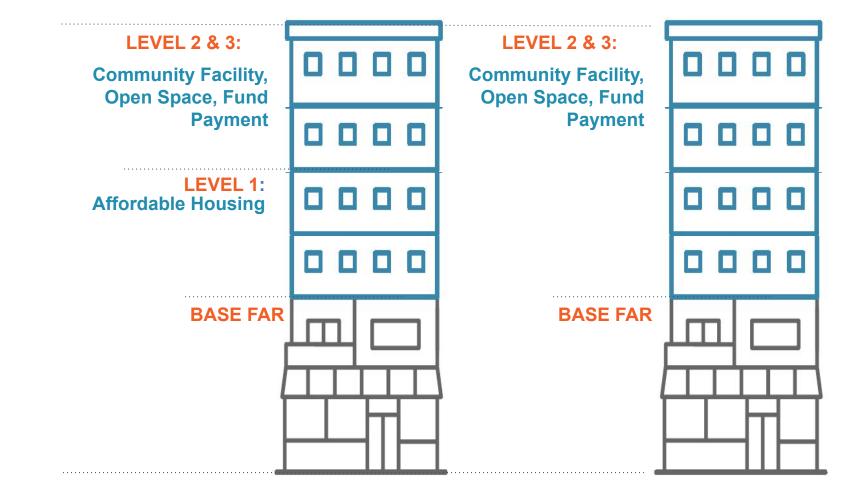
# Downtown Community Benefits Program Project Examples

# Downtown Plan Community Summary

Base FAR

Housing Project

Non-Housing Project





### Development Project Scenario 1

**Arts District:** Residential Project

Bonus FAR = 6: 1

Total # of Housing Units = 176 Market-Rate Units = 159

Affordable Units\* = 18 (in exchange for 2.55:1 Bonus FAR above the 1.5:1 Base FAR)

Production Space = 84,940 sf (1.95:1 FAR > Minimum Required 1.5: 1 FAR)

Base FAR = 1.5:1

Parks Publicly Accessible Open Space \*\* = 9,932 sf (in exchange for 1.95:1 Bonus FAR above the 1.5:1 Base FAR)

Outdoor Amenity Space = 8,712 sf (15% of Lot Area)

<sup>\*</sup> Extremely Low- Income @ 10% on the total number of units (Level 1 Requirement of 8% + 1.5% for every additional FAR)

<sup>\*\* {</sup>Outdoor Amenity Space (15% of lot area) + 4% of lot area for every Incremental FAR}

# Development Project Scenario 2

Transit Core: Residential Project

Bonus FAR = 13:1

Total # of Housing Units = **809** Market-Rate Units = **725** 

Affordable Units\* = 84

(in exchange for 4.4:1 Bonus FAR above the 7:1 Base FAR)



Base FAR = 7:1

Daycare

Community Facility\*\* = 6,742 sf

(in exchange for 1.6:1 additional Bonus FAR)



Outdoor Amenity Space = 8,712 sf (20% of Lot Area)

<sup>\*</sup> Extremely Low- Income @ 10.4% on the total number of units (Level 1 Requirement of 8% + 1.5% for every additional FAR)

Development Project Scenario 3

Transit Core:
Non-Residential Project

Bonus FAR = 13:1

Base FAR = 7:1

Total Non-Residential = 566, 280 sf Bonus Non-Residential = 261,360 sf

Library
Community Facility\* = 8,267 sf
(in exchange for 3:1 Bonus FAR)

Park

Publicly Accessible Open Space\*\* = 13,939 sf

(in exchange for 3:1 Bonus FAR above the 7:1 Base FAR)



Outdoor Amenity Space = 8,712 sf (20% of Lot Area)

Assumes Lot Area = 1 Acre

<sup>\* 5,000</sup> sf + 2.5% of every incremental Bonus FAR

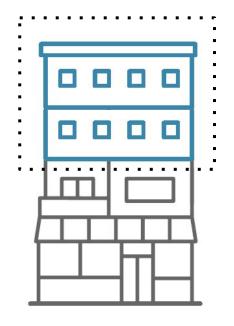
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# Downtown Community Benefits Program Additional Technical Slides

# Community Benefits Program Key Issues - Moderate & Above Moderate Housing

40% Bonus (Level 1)
Eligible Income Categories

Deeply Low Income
Extremely Low Income
Very Low Income
Low Income
Moderate Income
(for sale only)



Additional Bonus Eligible Income Categories:

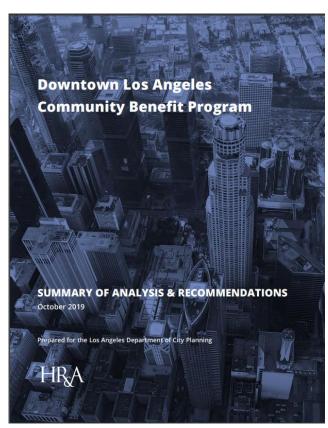
Deeply Low Income
Extremely Low Income
Very Low Income
Low Income
Moderate Income\*
Above Moderate Income\*

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<sup>\*</sup> Limits the amount of qualifying moderate and above moderate units

# Community Benefits Program Key Issues - System Feasibility

- Alignment with TOC program
- Increased Project Review Thresholds
- Long Term Goals
- Increased By-right Development Potential



# Downtown Community Benefits Program vs Density Bonus

#### **Density Bonus**

Offers ministerial density and FAR increases	Development Incentives	Offers ministerial FAR and Height increases (Density is unlimited)
Calculated on the base number of units & does not allow for a linkage fee exemption	Required Affordable Housing Units	Calculated on the total number of units & allows for a linkage fee exemption
A Maximum of 35% density increase Allows for a greater density increase through a DIR process	Maximum Incentives	Allows for more than a 35% increase in Bonus FAR in exchange for additional community benefits (Density is unlimited)
Offers no incentives for non-residential projects	Incentives for Non-residential	Introduces a pathway for non-residential projects to get FAR in exchange for providing on-site public open space and community facilities
Does not offer Incentives for providing community supportive facilities	Other Community Supportive Incentives	Introduces a Community Benefits Fund that helps protect affordable housing with expiring covenants, small businesses, as well facilitate mobility improvements
Affordable housing income categories limited to Very-low, Low, and Moderate (For sale only)	Affordable Housing Income Categories	Introduces an Extremely-low, Deeply-low income and limited Moderate and Above-moderate rental income categories to reflect the broad needs of local residents

# Downtown Community Benefits Program vs TOC

#### **Existing TOC Guidelines**

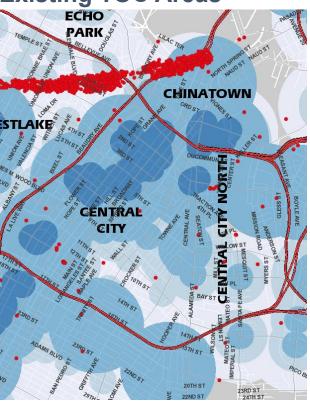
- Bonus FAR established by proximity to transit
- TOC Tiers 1-4 are capped at a 40% bonus

   DT does not regulate density so FAR increases are more significant (resulted in feasibility challenges for larger projects Tier 4 requires more affordable units with same bonus as Tier 1)
- Housing Linkage Fee Exemption

### Community Benefits Program "TOC +"

- Bonus FAR informed by proximity to transit, community feedback, and adopted plan FARs
- The Downtown Community Benefits Program caps FAR based on form district and varies throughout the plan area
- Requires a minimum of TOC Tier 1 affordability but allows greater than a 40% bonus with increased affordability requirements
- Introduces a deeply low income category
- Informed by market analysis
- Housing Linkage Fee Exemption
- Additional bonus FAR beyond first 40% for more affordable housing or other public benefits

#### **Existing TOC Areas**



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# Downtown Community Benefits Program vs Transit Oriented Communities (TOC)

#### TOC

#### **Downtown Community Benefits Program**

Offers ministerial density and FAR increases	Development Incentives	Offers ministerial FAR and Height increases (Density is unlimited)		
Calculated on the total number of units & allows for a linkage fee exemption	Required Affordable Housing Units			
Allows a maximum of 80% density increase and a maximum of 55% FAR increase in exchange for community benefits	Maximum Incentives	Allows for more than a 55% increase in Bonus FAR in exchange for additional community benefits (Density is unlimited)		
In the Greater Downtown Housing Incentive Area, Bonus FAR incentive is <b>limited to 40</b> %	Limits on FAR Increases	Allows from 100% to 325% bonus depending on Form District		
Offers no incentives for non-residential projects	Incentives for Non-residential	Introduces a pathway for non-residential projects to get FAR in exchange for providing on-site public open space or community facilities		
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# Publicly Accessible Private Open Space Design Standards

- Accessibility to the public from sunrise to sunset and maintenance
- Unenclosed and located along a public sidewalk or public right-of-way
- Way-finding signs at each of the access points
- A set amount of shade, planted area and seating
- Public restroom, drinking water fountain, and public charging stations at no cost to public users

 At least one of the amenity options listed below shall be provided for public use within or adjacent to the publicly accessible open space:

Outdoor exercise equipment

Sport courts

Dog run

Children's play area

Community garden

Public art or historical interpretive element Alternative Open Space Amenities deemed appropriate by the Director of Planning

### Community Facilities - Article 9

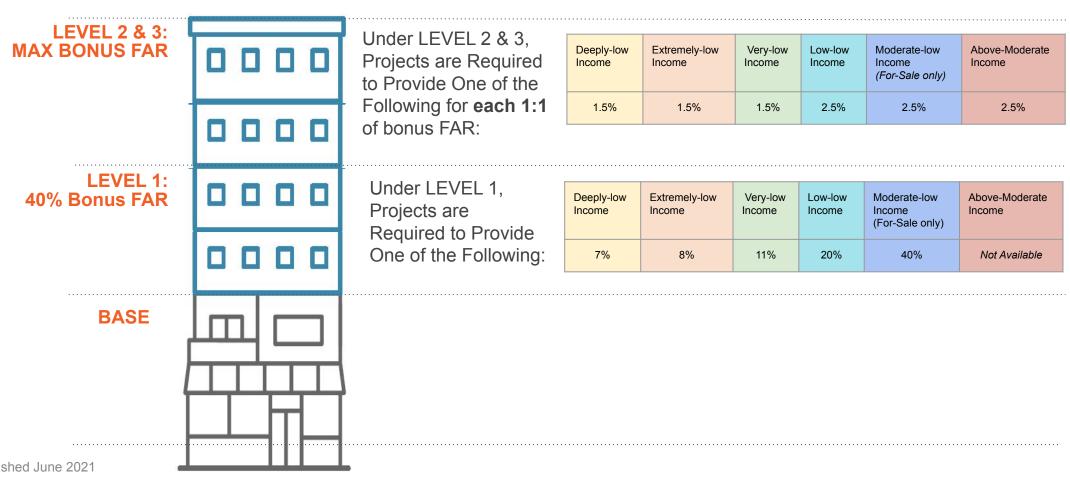
#### **Community Facility Options**

- Daycare/Childcare Facility
- Employment Incubators
- School and/or Library
- Social Services
- Civic Facilities
- Alternative Community Facilities (such as transit facilities)

#### **Enforcement**

- 55 year covenant with LA County Recorder
- 10 year min. lease (5 year renewal) before certificate of occupancy can be issued
- Annual reporting on occupancy status
- Vacant spaces must be filled within 6
  months (can be a different eligible
  community facility) to finish out the term of
  the lease
- Non-compliance results in either renewal of 55-year term or legal action
- Fine for each day in non-compliance

#### Affordable Housing Requirements under Level 1, 2, and 3



### Linkage Fee - Phased Schedule

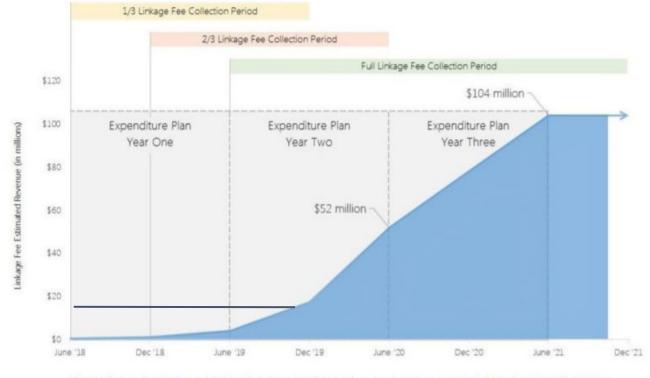
### Phased-In Approach

Estimated Linkage Fee Funding Availability Timeline

Ordinance effective February 2018

A three-part phased-in approach:

- 1/3 of fee: Vested by June 18, 2018
- 2/3 of fee: Vested by December 20, 2018
- Full fee: Vested by June 17, 2019



Collection Period refers to the time applicants have in which to make their Linkage Fee payment, which corresponds to the 18 month period until their building permit application expires.

# Downtown Community Benefits Program vs TFAR

#### **Existing TFAR System**

- Discretionary process requiring City Council approval
- Public benefits provided primarily as cash payments
- Does not establish priority between public benefits

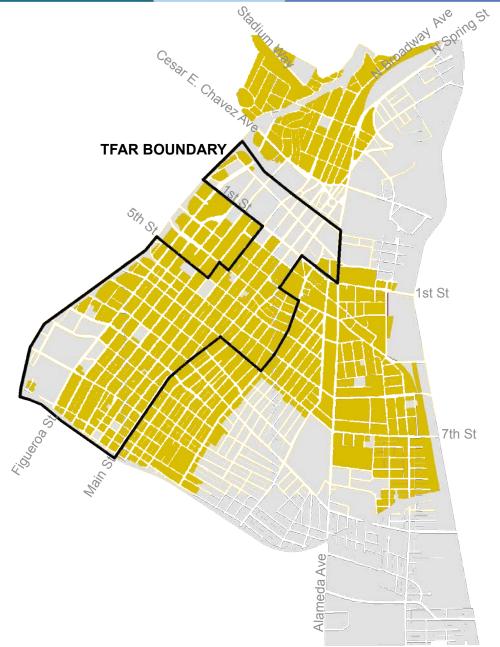
#### **New Community Benefits System**

- Transparent and predictable
- By-right process for most benefit options
- Prioritizes affordable housing
- Prioritizes on-site benefits like public open space and community facilities with clear standards

# **Existing TFAR Program**

#### **Background**

- Established in 1988
- Intended to function in concert with Redevelopment Plan
- Zoning established D-Limitations that limited floor area rights necessitating TFAR process (prototype for base/bonus)
- Intended to garner public benefits
- Rigorous process requires Council Action for TFAR transactions over 50k sq.ft.
- Projects can contribute payments to the TFAR Trust Fund, or do "Direct Provision"



### **Economic Analysis of TFAR Program**

#### TFAR **undervalues** development rights by over **50%**

- Average TFAR payment is \$33 per square foot
- Market value of development rights in Downtown is \$65-85 per square foot

#### TFAR has not resulted in affordable units Downtown

- TFAR does not require on-site affordable units
- 82.5% of public benefit trust fund and direct provision payments have gone to other public benefits (transportation, open space, community facilities)
- Between 2015-2018, **260 affordable units** could have been generated by a benefits system that prioritizes affordable housing

# Base/Bonus Incentive System Compared to TFAR

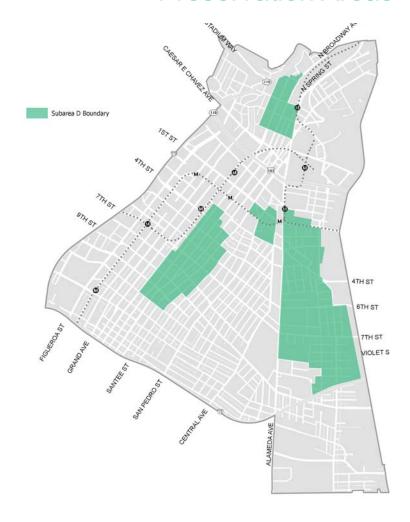
The Base/Bonus Incentive System is transparent and simple compared to today's TFAR program, GPAs

- TFAR today relies upon complex property appraisals and a bizentine discretionary process to establish community benefits, whereas Base/Bonus Incentive System prioritizes benefits and establishes a streamlined process
- Base/Bonus Incentive System is non-transactional
- Base/Bonus Incentive System offers predictability for everyone community members, developers and property owners

# Transfer of Development Rights & CPIO Preservation Areas

- Currently proposed for Arts District
- Donor and Receiver sites are within Arts District
- Can be expanded to allow donor sites in Little
   Tokyo, Chinatown, and Historic Core
- Receiver Sites for Little Tokyo and Chinatown can be all Community Center and Villages properties
- Receiver Sites for Historic Core can be all sites within Traditional Core

#### **Preservation Areas**

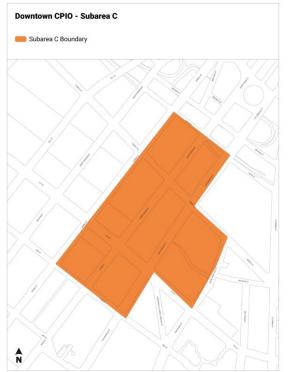


# Downtown Community Plan Implementation Overlay District

### **CPIO Subareas**









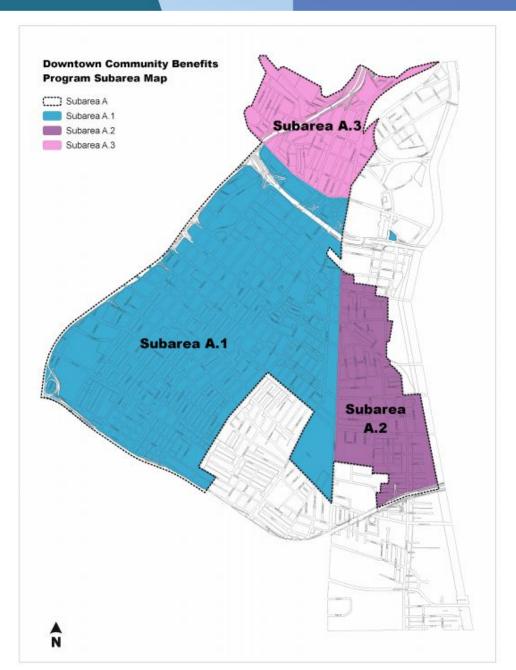
### CPIO Subarea A

A.1: Community Benefits

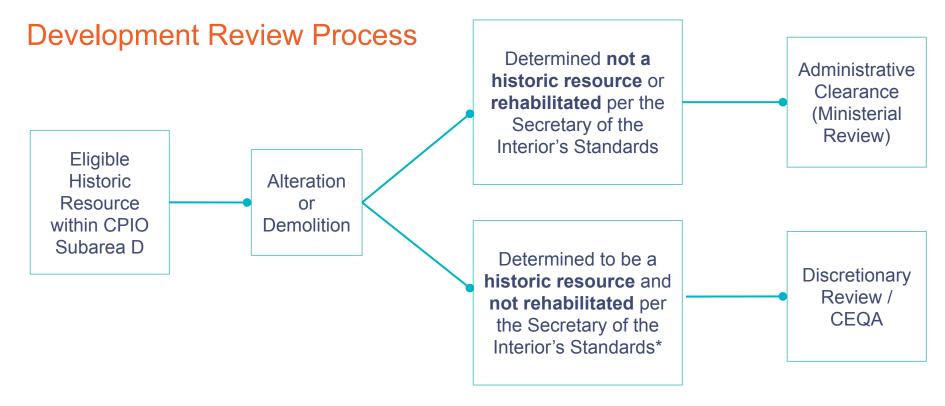
A.2: Community Benefits, also TDR

A.3: Community Benefits with Family-sized

**Dwelling Units** 



# Protections to Preserve Historically Significant Buildings



<sup>\*</sup>Resources within National Register Districts are required to make additional findings

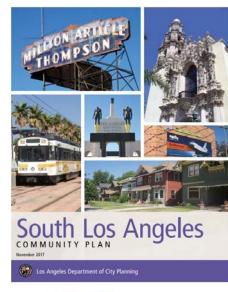
# Inclusionary Housing

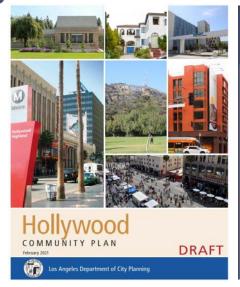
### Base/Bonus Incentive System

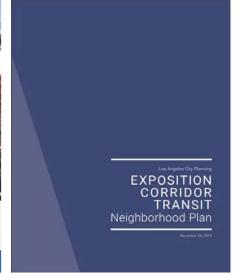
- The Base/Bonus Incentive System proposed
   Downtown has broad support from stakeholders
- The proposed Base/Bonus Incentive System is consistent with other recent Community Plans and Specific Plans citywide

South Los Angeles Community Plan Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan Hollywood Community Plan

 Inclusionary Zoning has no precedent for broad application within the City and has not been tested in the City context







# Inclusionary Housing - History

#### **Timeline**

2017

AB 1505 allows municipalities to apply inclusionary requirements to rental housing



Affordable Housing Linkage Fee Ordinance

2016

**Development of DTLA 2040 Community Benefits** Program with base/bonus

2009

**Existing inclusionary restructured to** charge in-lieu fees

Palmer/Sixth St. Properties, L.P. v. City of Los Angeles

1980s

**Spread of Inclusionary Programs in Cities** 

Central City West Specific Plan

- **Creation of affordable housing**: spreads the cost over both commercial and residential development, depending on the market area, to fund the
- **Fee exemption**: projects which include affordable units, multifamily units with 5 or fewer units, and small commercial/mixed-use projects of less than 25,000 square feet of new floor area
- Fee phase-in: began in 2018 and became in full effect in 2019
- **TOC success**: Studies show many projects are pursuing the on-site options with TOC
- **Increased affordable housing:** additional incentives bolster development and the production of affordable housing

# Inclusionary Zoning and Density Bonus Project Scenario

	Linkage + Base/Bonus Scenario A (proposed)	Inclusionary + Density Bonus Scenario B
Base FAR	3:1	4.2:1
Bonus FAR	5.7	5.7
Total housing units	189	189
Total amount of affordable units (very-low income)	25	21
Total affordability percentage	14%	11%

Downtown Community Benefits Program Very Low Income Req.

Level 1: 11% Level 2: 1.5% per FAR

### Linkage Fee Schedule

Affordable Housing Linkage Fee Schedule Effective July 1, 2020

	Low Market Area	Medium Market Area	Medium-High Market Area	High Market Area	
Type of Use	Fee Per Square Foot				
Nonresidential Uses including Hotels	\$3.11	\$4.15	n/a	\$5.19	
Residential Uses (6 or more units in a Development Project)	\$8.31	\$10.38	\$12.46	\$18.69	
Residential Uses (2-5 units in a Development Project)	\$1.04	\$1.04	\$1.04	\$18.69	
Residential Uses (single-family detached home)	\$8.31	\$10.38	\$12.46	\$18.69	
Development Projects that Result in a Net Loss of Housing Units (in addition to any other fees)	\$3.11	\$3.11	\$3.11	\$3.11	



# Zoning Summary

# Background

- Effort was initiated under the re:code LA
   Program in July 2013
- New Zoning Code is being developed by the Zoning Integration Program within the Community Planning Bureau

- New Zoning Code was presented at Public Hearing alongside the Downtown Plan
- New Zoning Code will be applied through the Community Plan Update Process and new districts or provisions can be introduced as needed

## **Current Zoning Code**

- "Chapter 1" of LAMC
   New Code will be "Chapter 1A"
- Created in 1946
- Limited set of zoning options created reliance on "overlays" to better implement goals and policies
- More than 2/3rds of City has one or more "overlays"





The following regulations shall apply in the "R5" Multiple Dwelling Zone:

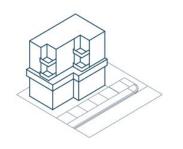
- A. Use. No building, structure or land shall be used and no building or structure shall be erected, structurally altered, enlarged, or maintained, except for the following uses, and, when a "Supplemental Use District" is created by the provisions of <u>Article 3</u> of this chapter, for such uses as may be permitted therein:
  - 1. Any use permitted in the "R4" Multiple Dwelling Zone.
  - 2. (Amended by Ord. No. 159,714, Eff. 4/8/85.) Hotels, motels and apartment hotels under any of the conditions listed in Paragraphs (a) through (d), below, subject to the requirements indicated. Incidental business may be conducted in such hotel, motel, apartment hotel or retirement hotel provided such business is conducted only as a service to persons living therein, and further provided such business is conducted within the main building, entrance to the business is from the inside of the building, and no sign advertising such business is visible from outside the building.
    - (a) (Amended by Ord. No. 173,492, Eff. 10/10/00.) when expressly provided for in an adopted specific plan; or
    - (b) when located on a lot fronting on a major or secondary highway, provided such lot does not abut a single-family residential zone, provided further that 25 percent or more of the area of such lot is also classified in a commercial zone; or
    - (c) the project consists of not more than one addition to an existing hotel, motel, or apartment hotel on a single site, the total of which shall not exceed one—third of the existing number of guest rooms or suites of rooms.
  - 3. Retirement hotels, as defined in Section 12.03. (Added by Ord. No. 159,714, Eff. 4/8/85.)
  - 4. Clubs or lodges (private non-profit), chartered as such by the State, with yards as required in Sec. 12.21 C.3.
  - Hospitals or sanitariums (except animal hospitals), with yards as required in Sec. <u>12.21</u> C.3. (Amended by Ord. No. 177.325, Eff. 3/18/06.)
  - Accessory uses and home occupations, subject to the conditions specified in Section 12.05 A.16. of this Code. (Amended by Ord. No. 171,427, Eff. 1/4/97, Oper. 3/5/97.)
  - 7. (None)
  - 8. Accessory buildings Same as R4 Zone Sec. 12.11 A. (Amended by Ord. No. 107,884, Eff. 9/23/56.)
  - 9. (Deleted by Ord. No. 171,427, Eff. 1/4/97, Oper. 3/5/97.)

Objectives for New Zoning Code

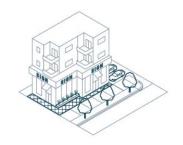
- A new, easy-to-use zoning system for the City
- Improved toolkit of zoning districts to implement collective aspirations expressed in adopted plans
- A more organized, responsive system of regulations
- Relevant property-specific zoning information (only what you need, and not what you don't)

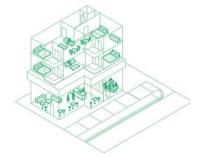


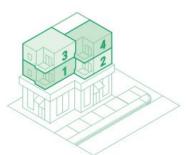
# New Zoning System













[OVERLAY]

[FORM

**Building Size** 

Relationship

to the Street

FRONTAGE STANDARDS]

Development **Standards** 

**[USE** Permitted

Uses

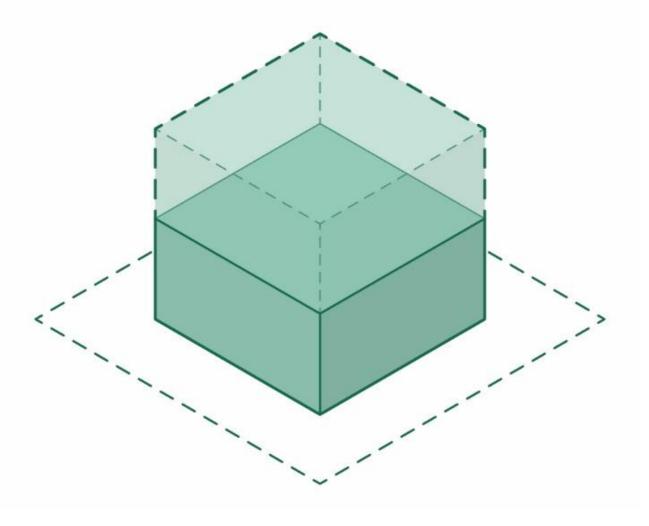
**DENSITY**]

Number of Units

Supplemental Standards

**Built Environment** 

**Activity** 



## Form Districts

What should the scale of buildings be in the neighborhood?

## Form Districts

## [FORM-FRONTAGE-STANDARDS] [USE-DENSITY]

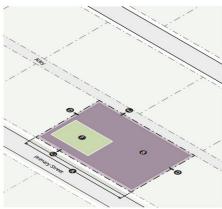
- Allowable development envelopes for buildings
  - Lot Size
  - Building Placement (Coverage)
  - Amenity
  - FAR & Height
  - Building Mass

[ FORM - FRONTAGE - STANDARDS] [ USE - DENSITY ]

- Mid-Rise Broad Form Districts -

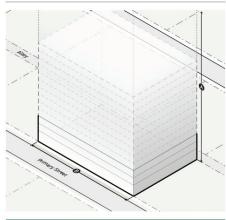
#### SEC. 2B.14.3. MID-RISE BROAD 3 (MB3)

#### A. Lot Parameters



1.	LOT SIZE	Div. 2C.1
	Lot area (min)	n/a
•	Lot width (min)	25'
2.	COVERAGE	Div. 2C.2
<b>B</b>	Building coverage (max)	90%
	Building setbacks	
0	Primary street (min)	0'
	Side street (min)	0'
0	Side (min)	0'
	Rear (min)	0'
0	Alley (min)	0'
	Special: All (min)	0'
3.	AMENITY	Div. 2C.3
0	Lot amenity space (min)	15%
	Residential amenity space (min)	10%

#### B. Bulk and Mass

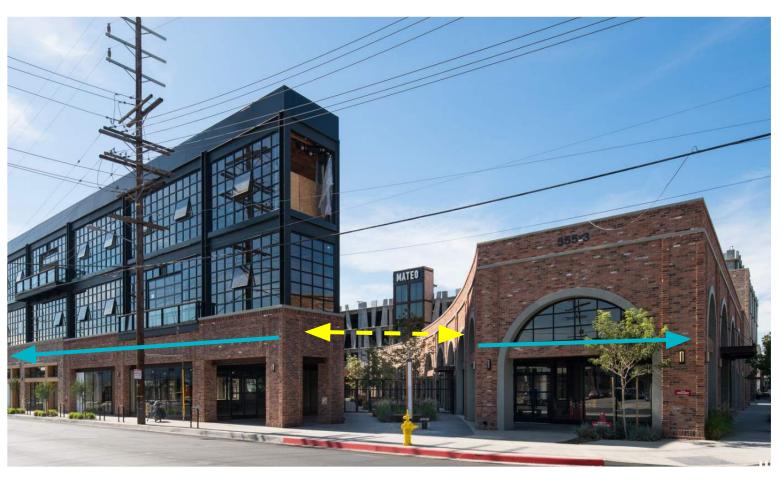


1. FAR & HEIGHT	Div. 2C.4.
Base FAR (max)	1.5
A Height (max)	n/a
Bonus FAR (max)	6.0
2. BUILDING MASS	Div. 2C.6.
Building width (max)	280'
Building break (min)	25'

## Form in DTLA

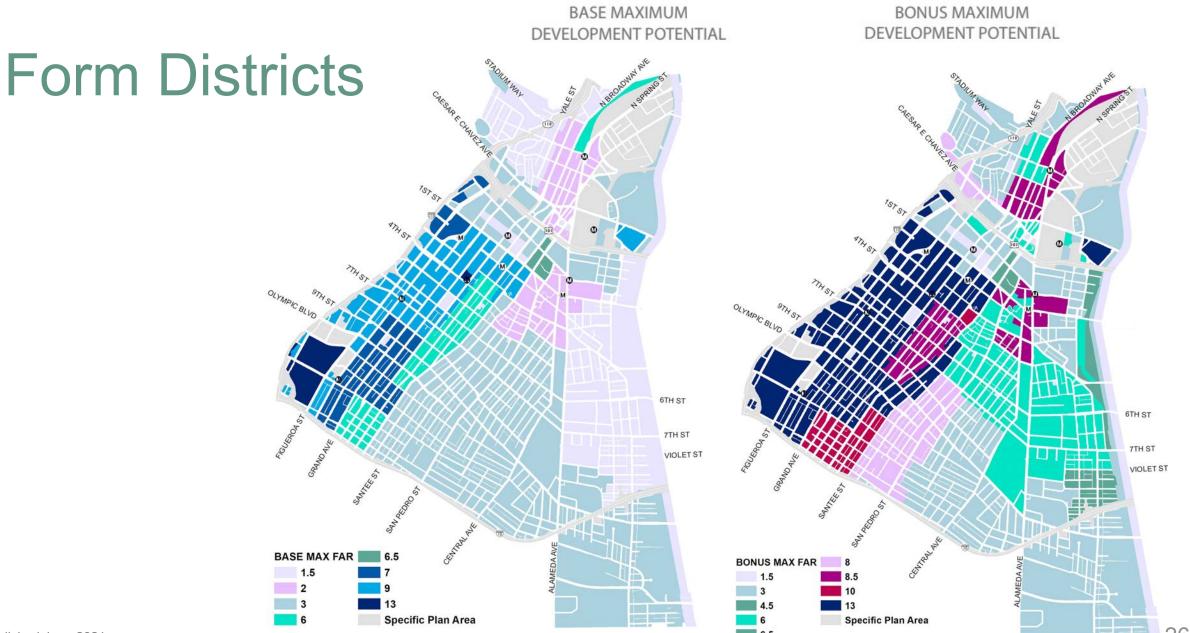


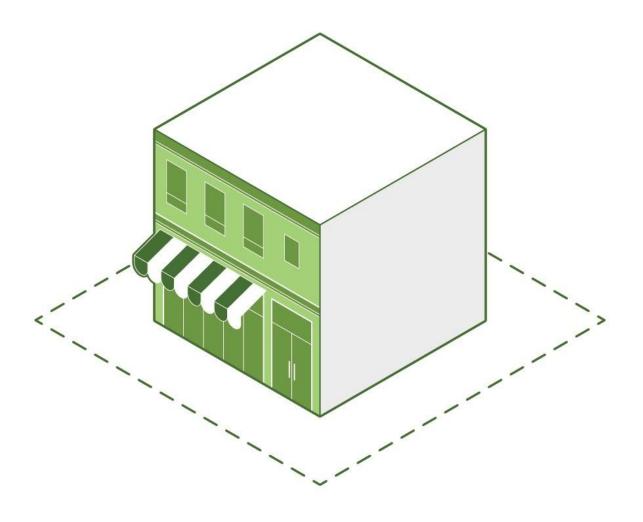
**Upper Story Stepbacks** 



**Building Breaks** 

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# Frontage Districts

How should buildings be experienced from the street?

# Frontage Districts

## [FORM-FRONTAGE-STANDARDS] [USE-DENSITY]

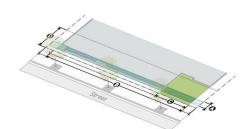
- Requirements for how site & building addresses the right-of-way:
  - Build-To
  - Parking Setback
  - Landscape
  - Windows (Transparency)
  - Articulation
  - Entrances
  - Ground Story
- Many existing overlay requirements will be reflected in the Frontages

[FORM - FRONTAGE - STANDARDS] [USE - DENSITY] - Shopfront Frontages -

SEC. 3B.4.1. SHOPFRONT 1 (SH1)

A. Lot



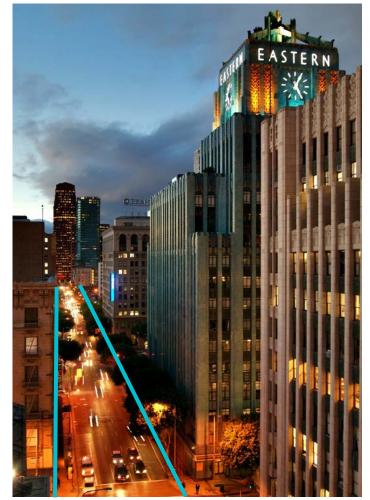


		Primary	Side
BU	ILD-TO	Div. 3	C.1.
	Applicable stories (min)	5	5
A	Build-to depth (max)	5'	10'
0	Build-to width (min)	90%	70%
0	Pedestrian amenity allowance (max)	20%	10%
PA	RKING	Div. 3	C.2.
0	Parking setback (min)	20'	5'
LA	NDSCAPING	Div. 3C.3.	
	Frontage planting area (min)	30%	30%
	Frontage yard fence & wall type allowed:	A2	A2



		Primary	Side
TR.	ANSPARENCY	Div.	3C.4.
Ø	Ground story (min)	70%	50%
0	Upper stories (min)	30%	30%
0	Active wall spacing (max)	15'	25'
EN	TRANCES	Div.	3C.5.
0	Street-facing entrance	Required	Required
0	Entrance spacing (max)	50′	75'
	Required entry feature	No	No
GR	OUND STORY	Div.	3C.6.
0	Ground story height (min)		
	Residential	16'	16'
	Nonresidential	16'	16'
G	Ground floor elevation(min/ max)		
	Residential	-2'/2'	-2'/2'
	Nonresidential	-2'/2'	-2'/2'

# Frontage in DTLA



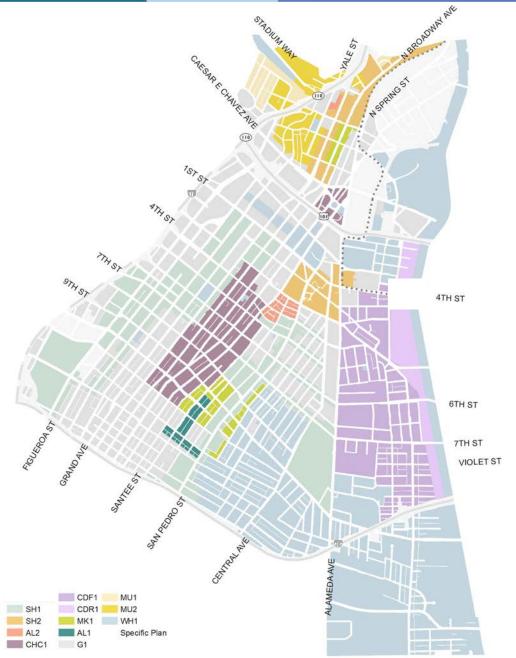


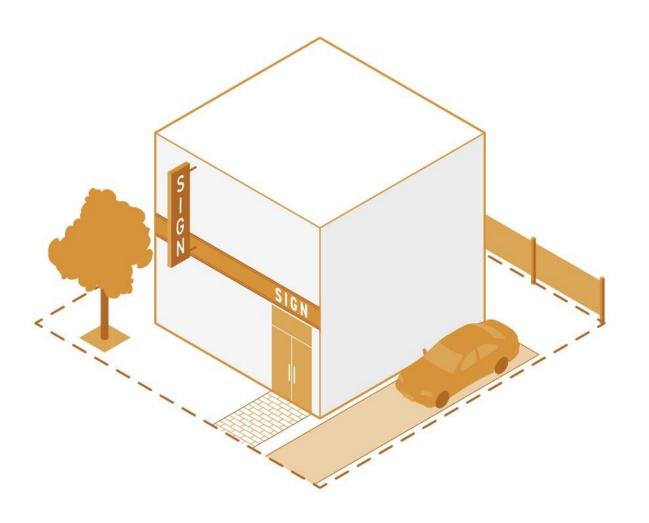


# Frontage in DTLA









## Development Standards Districts

What should the site characteristics be in the neighborhood?

## **Standards Districts**

## [FORM-FRONTAGE-STANDARDS] [USE-DENSITY]

- Development standards that vary to address different types of neighborhoods
- Development standards currently varying:
  - Pedestrian Access
  - Automobile Access
  - Parking Ratios

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- Parking Structure Design
- On-Site Sign Allocation / Permissions
- Development Review Thresholds

[FORM - FRONTAGE - STANDARDS ] [USE - DENSITY]
- District 5 -

#### DIV. 4B.5. DISTRICT 5

#### SEC. 4B.5.1. INTENT

Development Standards District 5 prioritizes the pedestrian experience. Development Standards District 5 prioritizes the pedestrian experience. Pedestrian access standards facilitate pedestrian circulation by improving pedestrian access from the public realm to the interior of buildings through frequent, direct and convenient access to building entrances. Parking for automobiles is not mandated, contributing to a dynamic and walkable environment. When parking is provided, it must meet high design standards to ensure pedestrian mobility, safety, and comfort are not hindered. On-site signs are sized and located to support a pedestrian-oriented public realm.

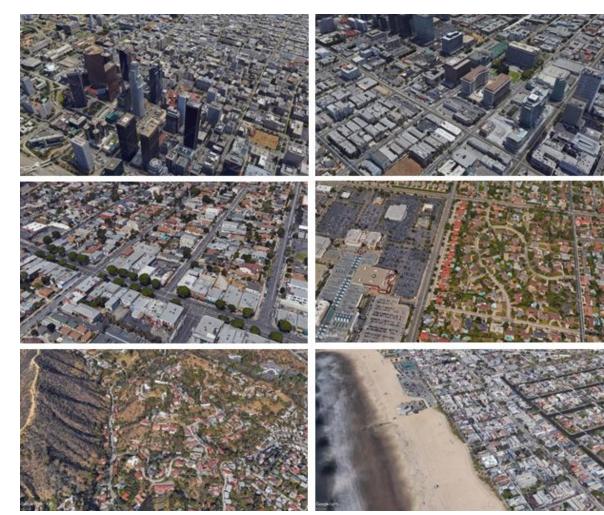
#### SEC. 4B.5.2. STANDARDS

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS	Div.	4C.1.
Pedestrian access package	Package 1	
AUTOMOBILE ACCESS	Div. 4C.2.	
Automobile access package	Package 1	
AUTOMOBILE PARKING	Div.	4C.4.
Required parking stalls	Package A	
Exempt change of use, non residential tenant size (max)	n/a	
Parking structure design		
	Primary St.	Side St.
Parking Garage		
Ground Story	Wrapped	Wrapped
Upper Stories	Adaptable	Adaptable
Integrated Parking		
Ground Story	Wrapped	Wrapped
Upper Stories	Wrapped	Adaptable
SIGNS	Div. 4	4C.11.
Sign package		2
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW	Div. 4	IC.14.
Development review threshold	Pack	age 2

See Part 4C. (Development Standards Rules) for additional development standards that apply.

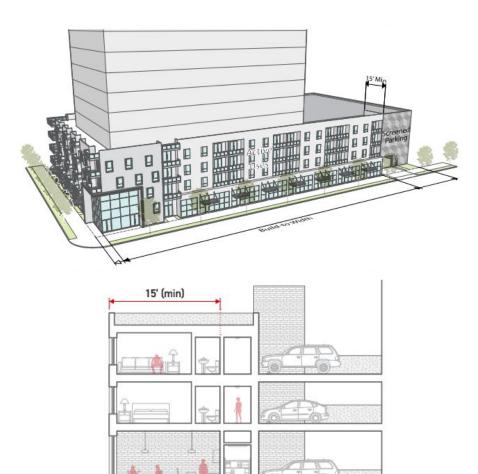
## Development Standards

- Pedestrian Access
- Automobile Access
- Bicycle Parking
- Automobile Parking
- Transportation Demand Management
- Plants
- Screening
- Grading & Retaining Walls
- Outdoor Lighting & Glare
- Signs
- Site Elements
- Environmental Protection
- Development Review



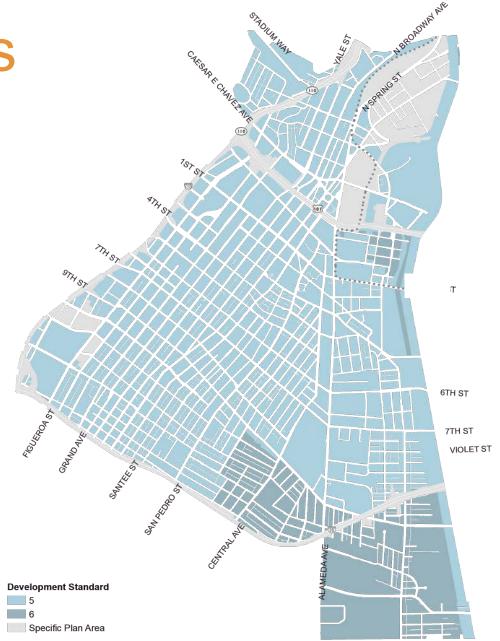
# Development Standards in DTLA



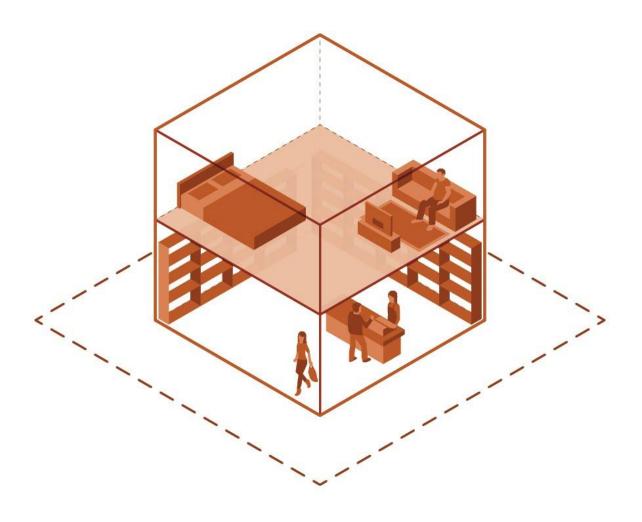


# Development Standards in DTLA

- Development Standards Districts 5 and
   6 are applied Downtown
- District 5 supports an urban pedestrian focused environment
- District 6 in primarily non-residential industrial areas



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## **Use Districts**

What activities should be allowed?

## **Use Districts**

## [FORM-FRONTAGE-STANDARDS] [USE-DENSITY]

- Grouped system retail, personal services, dwelling, schools
- Each Use District has permission levels for every use:
  - P Permitted
  - P\* Permitted with Standards
  - C Conditional
  - -- Not Permitted

[FORM - FRONTAGE - STANDARDS] | USE - DENSITY |
- Commercial-Mixed Districts -

#### SEC. 5B.5.3. COMMERCIAL-MIXED 3 (CX3)

#### A. Intent

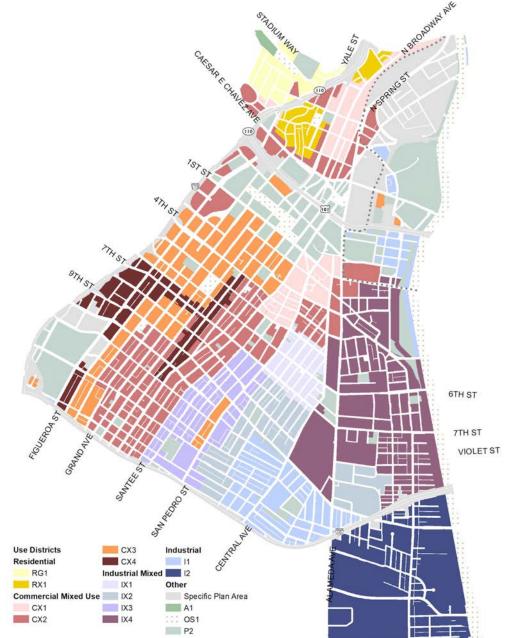
The CX3 Use District allows for primarily commercial uses. This District is intended to accommodate a variety of uses, mixing housing with small and large-scale commercial amenities and services.

#### B. Allowed Uses & Use Limitations

Use	Permission	Use Standard	Specification
RESIDENTIAL			
Dwelling	P		
Household Business:			
Family Child Care	P*	In conjunction with:	Dwelling
		In conjunction with:	Dwelling
Home Occupation	p*	Hours of operation (early/late)	8AM/8PM
		Client visits per hour (max)	1
		Supplemental standards	Sec. 5B.5.3.C.1.
	P*	In conjunction with:	Dwelling
Home Sharing		Special use program	Sec. 5C.4.4.
		Designated work space:	
		Work space area (min/max)	10%/50%
Joint Living θ Work Quarters	<b>p*</b>	Workspace uses	Office     Personal Services General     Manufacturing, Light: General     Manufacturing, Light: Artistic & Artisanal
		Unit size (min avg.)	750 SF
		Designated work space	
		Work space area (min/max)	48%/50%
		Work space dimensions (min)	10' X 15'
Live/Work	<b>P*</b>	Workspace uses	Office     Personal Services:     General     Manufacturing,     Light: General     Manufacturing,     Light: Artistic &     Artisanal
		Open plan area (min)	70%
Mobilehome Park			
Supportive Housing:			
General	Р		
Medical Care	P		
Non-medical	P		
Transitional Shelter	P		

KEY: "P" = Permitted Use; "--" = Use Not Permitted; "\*\*" = Use standard applies; "C1" = Approval by Zoning Administrator; "C3" = Review by City Planning Commission

# Use in DTLA

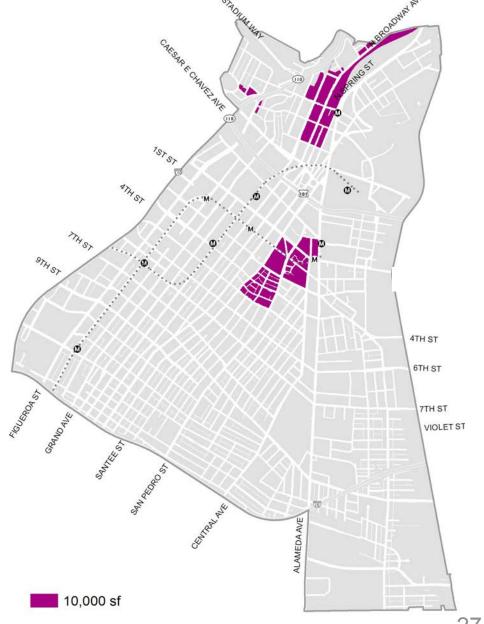


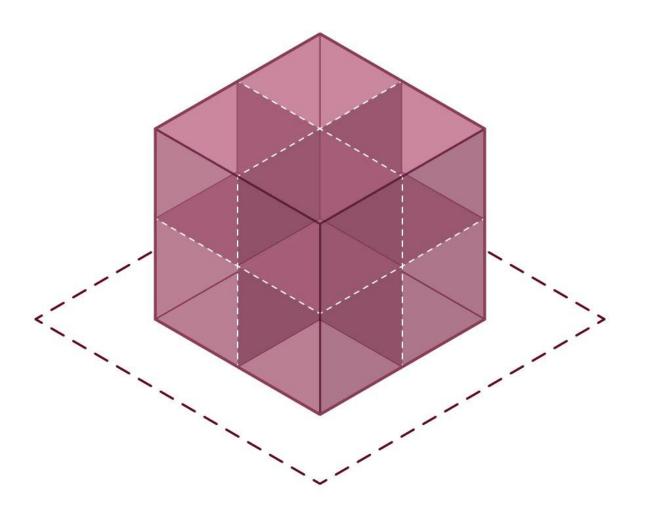
## Use in DTLA



In certain areas, the Plan prioritizes spaces for small businesses through commercial establishment size limits

10,000 square feet tenant size limit





# **Density Districts**

How should population be accommodated?

# **Density Districts**

## [FORM-FRONTAGE-STANDARDS] [USE-DENSITY]

- Shows density at-a-glance
- Units allowed based on Lot Area or Lot
- Example: Density District 8 allows 1 Household Dwelling Unit for every 800 sq-ft of Lot Area
- Example: Density District 1L allows 1 Household Dwelling Unit per Lot

I FORM - FRONTAGE - STANDARDS I LUSE - DENSITY - Maximum Density -

#### SEC. 6B.1.2. LOT AREA-BASED DISTRICTS

In FA, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, and N Density Districts, the maximum density of household dwelling units and efficiency dwelling units permitted on a lot is limited according to the table below. A lot may contain any combination of household dwelling units and efficiency dwelling

	Lot Area per	
Density District	Household Dwelling Unit (min SF) Sec. 6C.1.2	Lot Area per Efficiency Dwelling Unit (min SF) Sec. 6C.1.3.
FA	Limited by Floor Area	Limited by Floor Area
2	200	100
3	300	150
4	400	200
6	600	300
8	800	400
10	1000	500
12	1200	600
15	1500	750
20	2000	1000
25	2500	1250
30	3000	1500
40	4000	2000
50	5000	2500
60	6000	3000
N	Not Permitted	Not Permitted

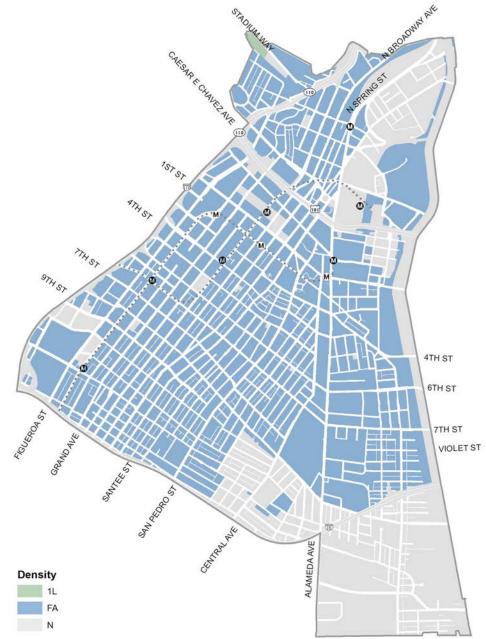
# Density in DTLA











## New Zoning Code Structure

**Article 1.** Introductory & Emergency Provisions

Article 2. Form

**Article 3.** Frontage

**Article 4.** Development Standards

Article 5. Use

Article 6. Density

Article 7. Alternate Typologies

Article 8. Specific Plans, Supplemental & Special Districts

Article 9. Public Benefits Systems

Article 10. Streets & Parks

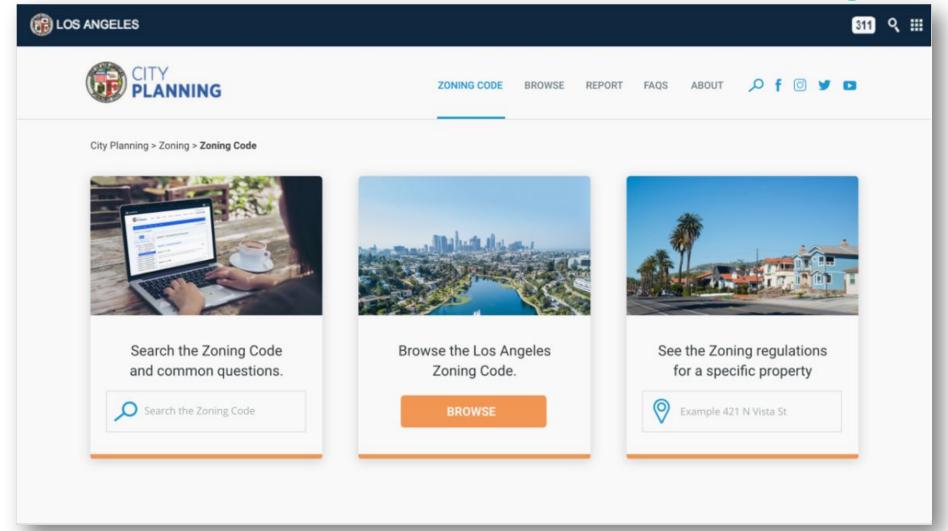
Article 11. Division of Land

**Article 12.** Nonconformities

**Article 13.** Administration

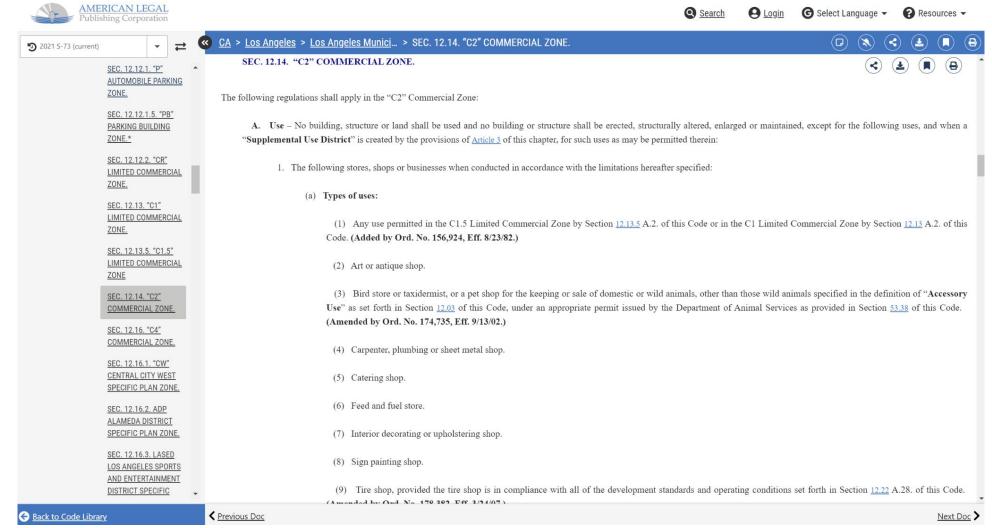
Article 14. General Rules

# WebCode – LA's New Online Zoning Code



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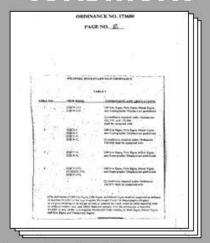
# Today's Online Zoning Code



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# Current Zoning [Q]C2-2D-CDO

# QUALIFIED CONDITIONS



Sign Prohibitions: Off-Site Signs Pole Signs Mural Signs Supergraphic Displays

## **ZONE CLASS**

(LAMC)
Commercial
Zone:
Permitted Uses
Setbacks
Lot Standards

## HEIGHT DISTRICT

(LAMC) Floor Area Ratio: 6:1 Height: Unlimited

## Other LAMC Provisions

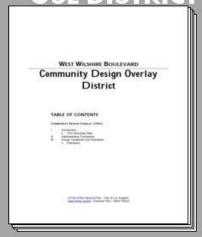
Section 12.21 – General Provision
Parking, Open Space, Walls/Fences
Section 12.22 – General Exceptions
Section 12.24 – Conditional Use
Section 12.37 – Dedication and
Improvement
Article 4.4 – Signs

# DEVELOPMENT LIMITATIONS



Restrict:
Heights
Floor Area Ratio
% of lot coverage
Building setbacks

# SUPPLEMENTAL USE DISTRICT

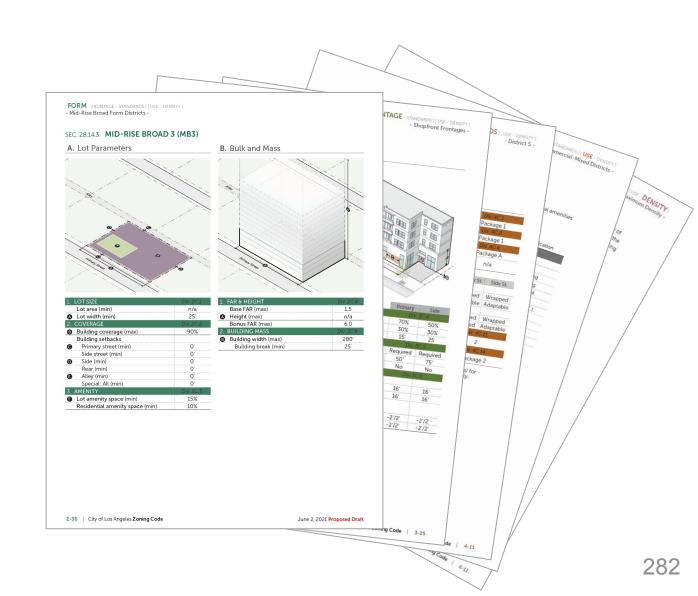


28 Pages of Design Standards: Building, Pedestrian, Open Space, Circulation, Parking, Landscaping, Sians

## Translated Zoning

Zoning System facilitates access to the same regulations

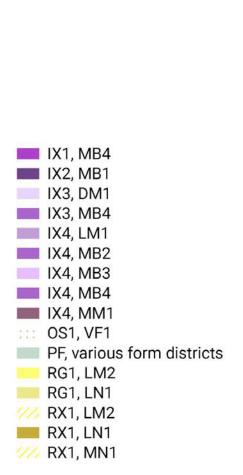
- centralized
- summarized
- digestible
- easier to navigate

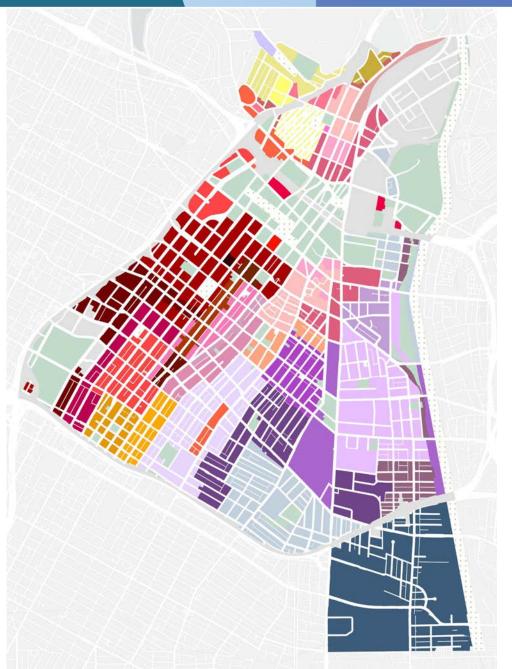


# Zoning in DTLA

## Legend







# New Zoning Code Technical Slides

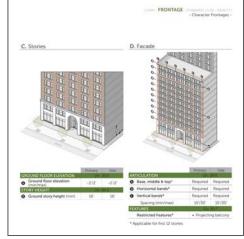
## Frontages

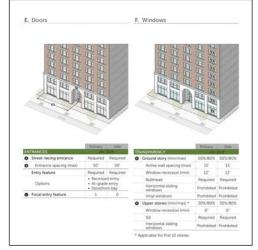
## **General Frontage**



## **Character Frontage**

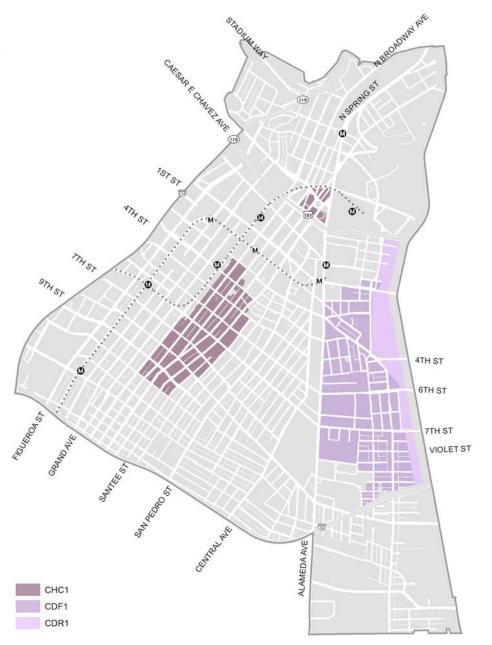








Character Frontages



## SEC. 13B.5.1. ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE

## A. Applicability

#### 1. General

This Section applies to the following situations where this Code expressly allows Alternative Compliance:

- a. The proposed development does not comply with a design, development, or performance standard required by this Chapter or Chapter 1 (General Provisions and Zoning) of this Code, and proposes an alternative standard or condition consistent with Paragraph b. below.
- b. The applicant proposed deviations from regulations which do not substantially alter the execution or intent of the regulations that apply to a proposed development.

### 2. Specific Plan Excluded

This Section does not apply to specific plans.

### B. Initiation

An application for an Alternative Compliance is filed with the Department.

### C. Notice

### 1. Notice of Public Hearing

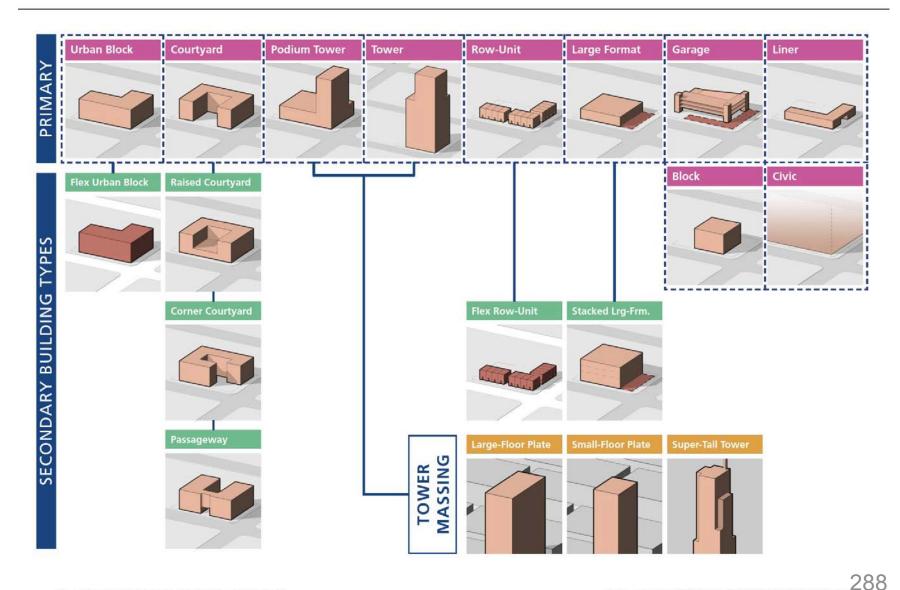
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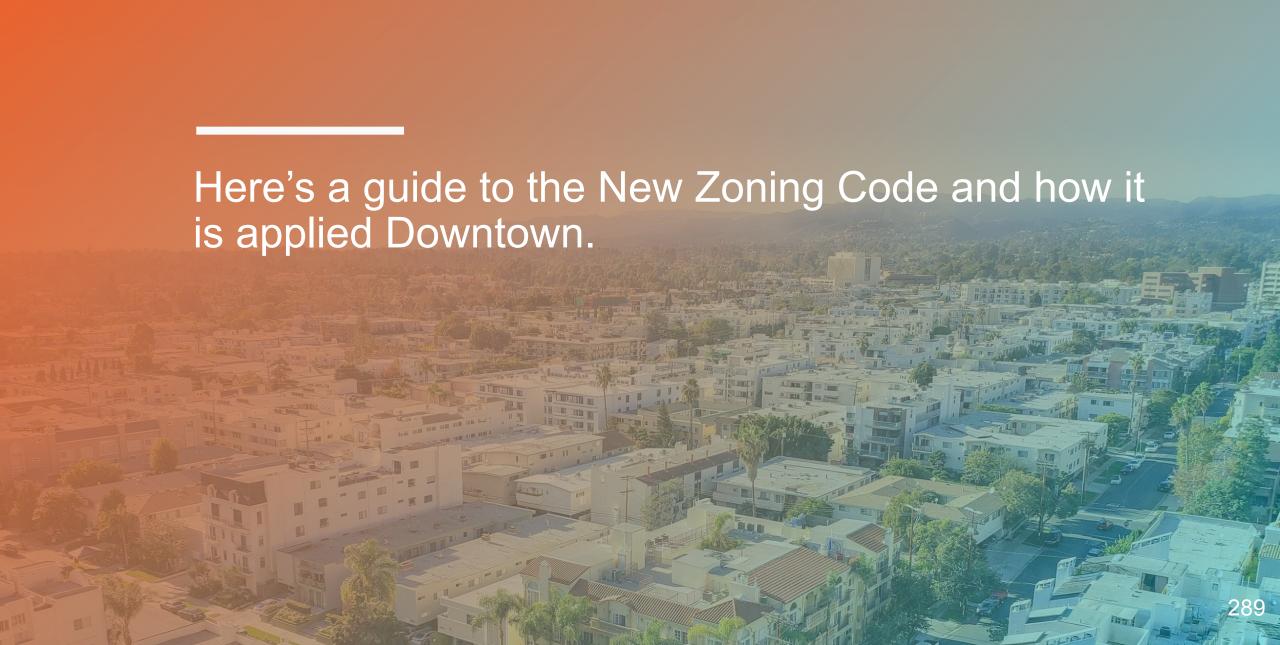


# OLD APPROACH - MODIFIED THROUGH FEEDBACK

- New Zoning Code has changed dramatically based on input from Architecture Community
- Used to be based on building types
- Modified to a much more flexible system to allow for architectural creativity

## MENU OF DOWNTOWN BUILDING TYPES





# New zoning Code: Key Components

These are the components of the New Zoning Code. Each component is outlined in an Article, or chapter, of the new code.

- Article 2 Form Districts
- Article 3 Frontage Districts
- Article 4 Development Standards
- Article 5 Use Districts
- Article 6 Density Districts

### New zoning Code: Key Components



Example Downtown Zone: [HB4-SH1-5] [CX3-FA] [CPIO]

# General Plan Map & Zoning Correspondence

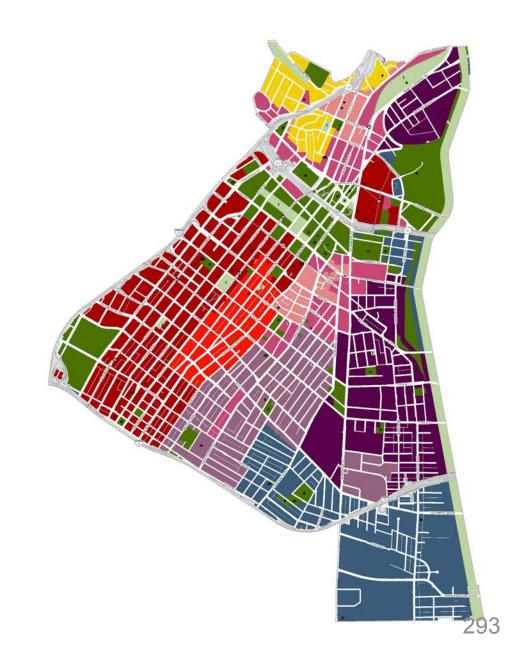
The Downtown Community Plan's building blocks are its land use designations and zoning. Each land use designation has pre-set corresponding zoning. See next slide for a table of which Form, Use, & Density zoning designations correspond to each land use designation.

(Note: only Form, Use, & Density are "keyed" to land use designations. Frontage, Development Standards, and supplemental use districts are not restricted by General Plan Land Use Designation and can be applied in any General Plan Land Use Designation.)

# Draft Land Use Map

### LAND USE & ZONING CORRESPONDENCE TABLE

Designation	Form	Use	Density
Transit Core	HB1, HB2, HB3, HB4, HB5	CX2,CX3,CX4	FA
Traditional Core	DM3,DM4,HM1,HM2	CX2,CX3,CX4	FA
Community Center	DM1,DM2,DM5,LM2,MB4	CX1,CX2,CX3	FA
Hybrid Industrial	LM1,MB2,MB3,MB4,MM1	IX3,IX4	FA
Markets	DM1,MB1,MB4	IX1,IX2,IX3	FA
Village	LM2,MN1	CX1,CX2,RX1	FA
Open Space	LF1,VF1	A1, OS1	1L, N
Public Facilities	DM1,DM2,DM4,HB2,HB3,HB4,HB5,HM1,HM2,LF1, LM2,LN1,MB1,MB3,MB4,MF1,MM1,MN1	P2	FA, N
Public Facilities - Freeways			
Medium Neighborhood Residential	LM2,LN1	RG1, RX1	FA
Production	LF1,MB2,MM1,VF1	11,12	N



# **Zoning Districts**

The following district level maps are informational and help to visualize where certain portions of the zone strand are applied. Here we can see the distinct Form, Frontage, Development Standards, Use, and Density Districts, each of which comprise the complete Zone Designation.

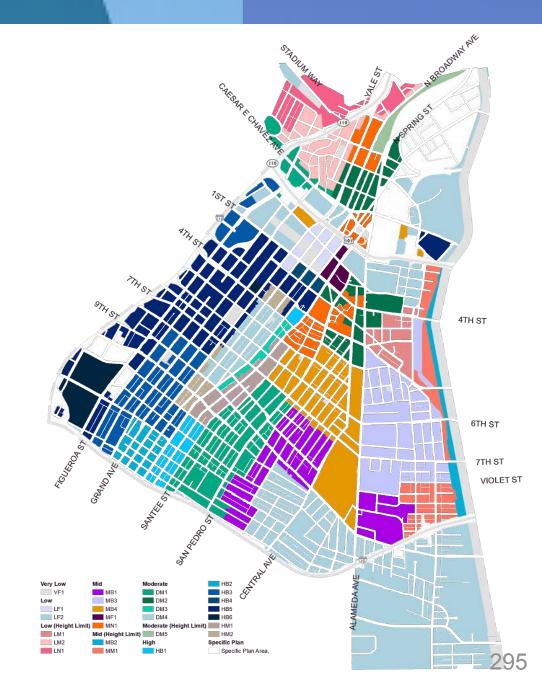
### Form Districts - Article 2

[FORM] [FRONTAGE] [STANDARDS] [USE] [DENSITY] [OVERLAY]

Here are all of the Form Districts currently being applied Downtown:

- 1. VF1 Very Low-Rise Full 1
- 2. LF1 Low-Rise Full 1
- 3. LF2 Low-Rise Full 2
- 4. LM1 Low-Rise Medium 1 (height limit)
- 5. LM2 Low-Rise Medium 2 (height limit)
- 6. LN1 Low-Rise Narrow 1 (height limit)
- 7. MB1 Mid-Rise Broad 1
- 8. MB3 Mid-Rise Broad 3
- 9. MB4 Mid-Rise Broad 4
- 10. MF1 Mid-Rise Full 1
- 11. MN1 Mid-Rise Narrow 1
- 12. MB2 Mid-Rise Broad 2 (height limit)

- 13. MM1 Mid-Rise Medium 1 (height limit)
- 14. DM1 Moderate-Rise Medium 1
- 15. DM2 Moderate-Rise Medium 2
- 16. DM3 Moderate-Rise Medium 3
- 17. DM4 Moderate-Rise Medium 4
- 18. DM5 Moderate-Rise Medium 5 (height limit)
- 19. HB1 High-Rise Broad 1
- 20. HB2 High-Rise Broad 2
- 21. HB3 High-Rise Broad 3
- 22. HB4 High-Rise Broad 4
- 23. HB5 High-Rise Broad 5
- 24. HB6 High-Rise Broad 6
- 25. HM1 High-Rise Medium 1
- 26. HM2 High-Rise Medium 2

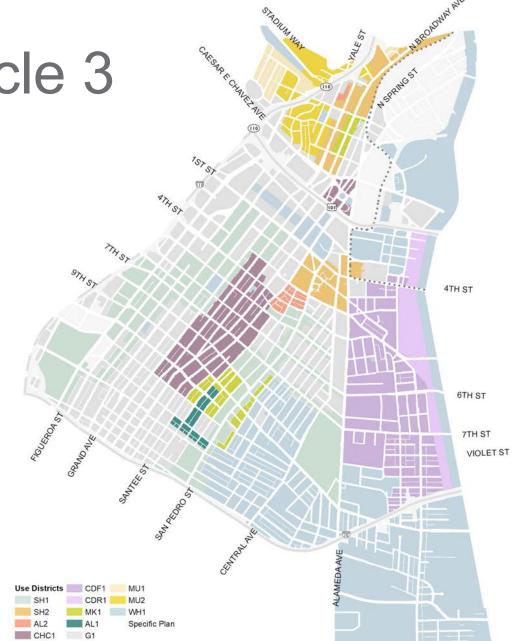


Frontage Districts - Article 3

[FORM] [FRONTAGE] [STANDARDS] [USE] [DENSITY] [OVERLAY]

Here are all of the Frontage Districts currently available in the New Zoning Code:

- 1. SH1 Shopfront 1
- 2. SH2 Shopfront 2
- 3. AL2 Alley Shopfront 2
- 4. CHC1 Historic Core
- 5. CDF1 Daylight Factory
- 6. CDR1 Daylight Factory / River
- 7. MK1 Market
- 8. AL1 Alley Market
- 9. G1 General 1
- MU1 Multi-Unit 1
- 11. MU2 Multi-Unit 2
- 12. WH1 Warehouse 1



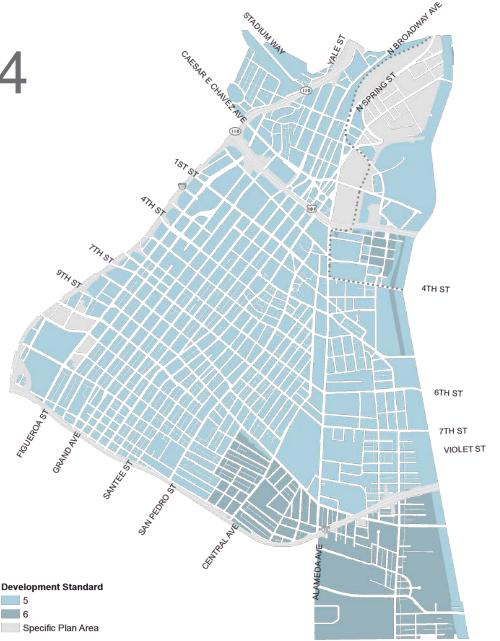
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Dev. Standards - Article 4

[FORM] [FRONTAGE] [STANDARDS] [USE] [DENSITY] [OVERLAY]

Here are all of the Development Standards Districts currently available in the New Zoning Code:

- 1. Development Standards District Set 5
- 2. Development Standards District Set 6

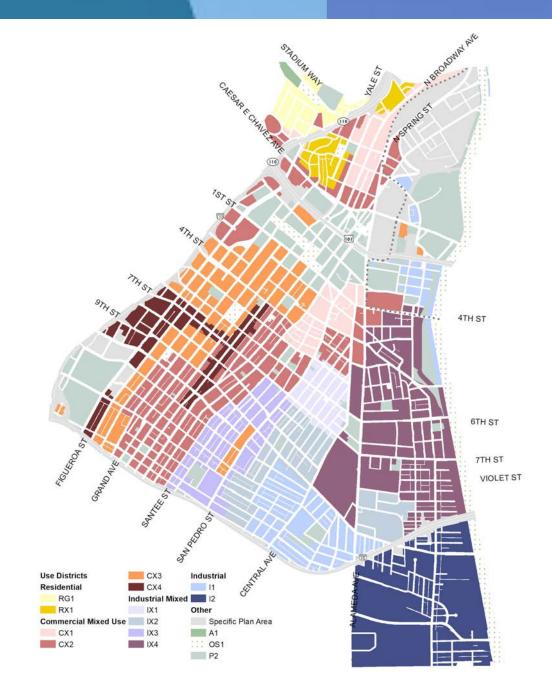


### Use Districts - Article 5

[FORM] [FRONTAGE] [STANDARDS] [USE] [DENSITY] [OVERLAY]

Here are all of the Use Districts currently available in the New Zoning Code:

- 1. RG1 Residential 1
- 2. RX1 Residential-Mixed 1
- 3. CX1 Commercial-Mixed 1
- 4. CX2 Commercial-Mixed 2
- 5. CX3 Commercial-Mixed 3
- 6. CX4 Commercial-Mixed 4
- 7. IX1 Industrial-Mixed 1
- 8. IX2 Industrial-Mixed 2
- 9. IX3 Industrial-Mixed 3
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- 11. I1 Industrial 1
- 12. | 12 Industrial 2
- 13. A1 Agricultural 1
- 14. OS1 Open Space 1
- 15. P2 Public 2

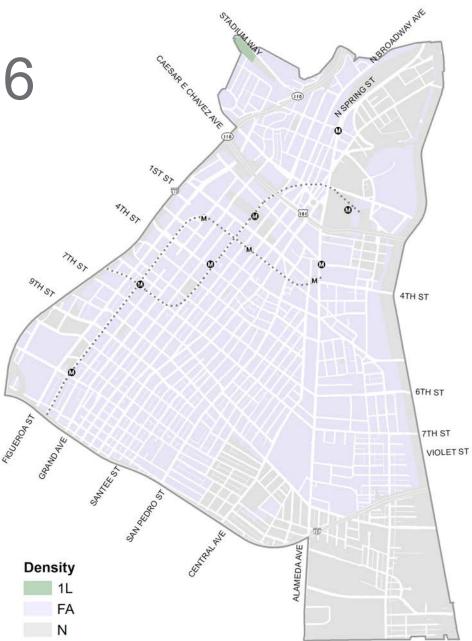


Density Districts - Article 6

Here are all of the Density Districts currently available in the New Zoning Code:

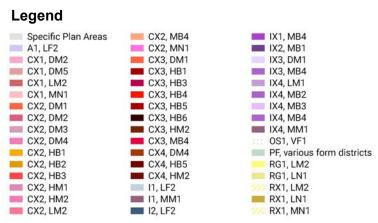
- 1. 1L Maximum density of 1 dwelling unit permitted on a lot
- 2. FA Density limited by floor area
- 3. N Residential not permitted

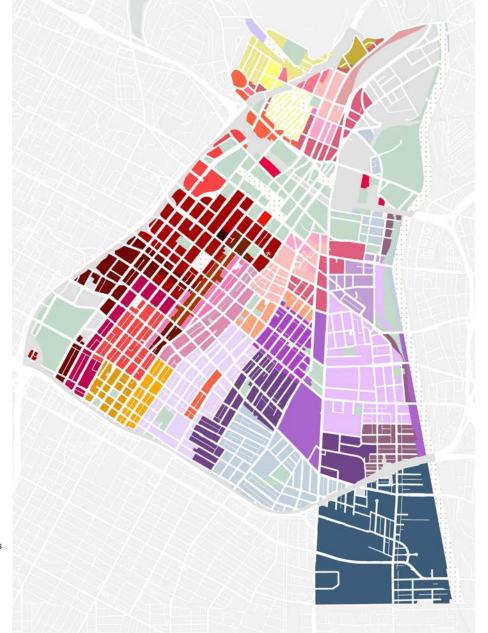
Note: There is unlimited density downtown, except for a little piece of Agricultural Land along Stadium Way in the north-eastern portion of the Plan area near Elysian Park.



## Zoning Map Visualized

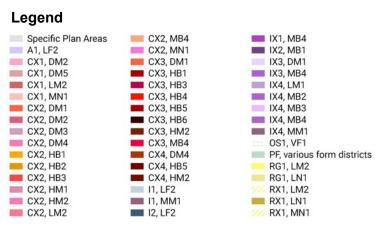
- This Zoning Map is comprised of a composite of the [Form] and [Use] components of the zone strand.
  - There are 26 Form Districts and 16 Use Districts.
  - 47 combinations are used Downtown, shown on this map.
  - In the legend, the [Use] is on the left, then the [Form] is on the right.

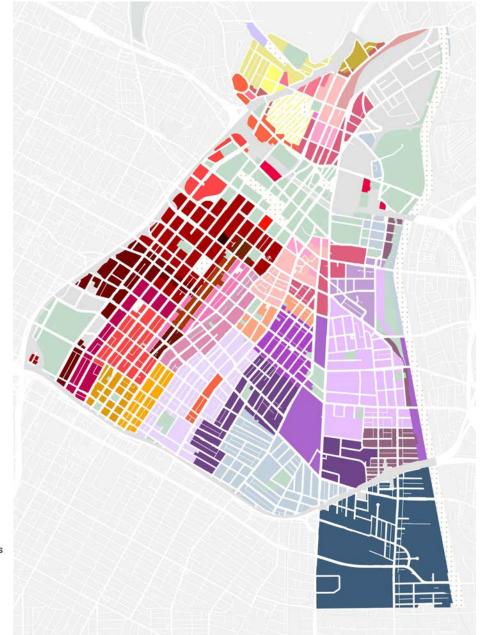




### Zoning Map Visualized

- Mapping the complete Zone Strand reveals 134 unique zones
- A printable version of the complete Zoning Map can be found <u>here</u>
- A table of all of the proposed Zoning Designations (or Zone Strands) can be found <u>here</u>.

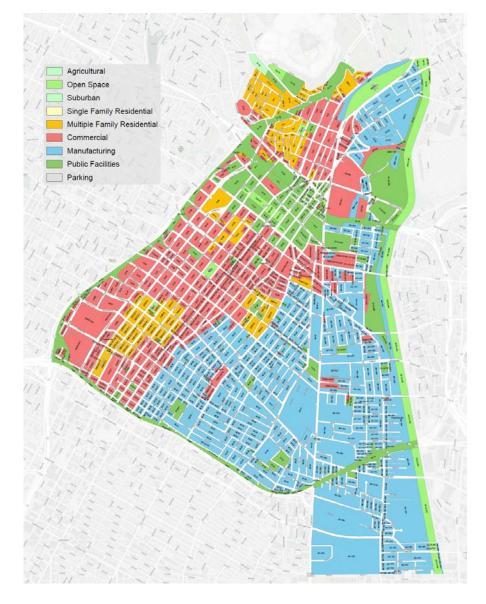




### Today's Zoning Map

- Today's zoning map appears simple, with about 20 "surface zone" designations viewable on the map.
- There are actually 104 unique zones under the adopted Central City and Central City North Community Plans when we account for:
  - Unique Q Conditions and D Limitations that can vary site-to-site and block-to-block
  - Redevelopment Plan provisions
  - ZIs, Specific Plans, CDOs, and other regulations not readily reflected in the zone strand
- Generally, the following zones are applied Downtown:

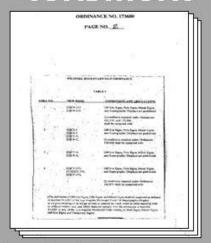
Commercial	Residential	Manufacturing
• C2-2D	• R3-1	• M2-2D
• C2-3D	<ul> <li>R3-1VL</li> </ul>	• M3-1
• C2-4D	• R4-1	• MR2-1
• C4-2D	• R5-2D	Public Facilities
• C5-4D	<ul><li>R5-4D</li></ul>	Fublic Facilities
Onon Chass	• RD1.5-1	• PF-1
Open Space	A comi co oltro occ	<ul><li>PF-1XL</li></ul>
<ul><li>OS-1VL</li></ul>	Agriculture	<ul><li>PF-2D</li></ul>
ed June 2021	<ul> <li>A1-1XL</li> </ul>	<ul><li>PF-4D</li></ul>



# **Zoning Translation**

# Current Zoning [Q]C2-2D-CDO

## QUALIFIED CONDITIONS



Sign Prohibitions: Off-Site Signs Pole Signs Mural Signs Supergraphic Displays

### **ZONE CLASS**

(LAMC)
Commercial
Zone:
Permitted Uses
Setbacks
Lot Standards

### HEIGHT DISTRICT

(LAMC) Floor Area Ratio: 6:1 Height: Unlimited

### Other LAMC Provisions

Section 12.21 – General Provision

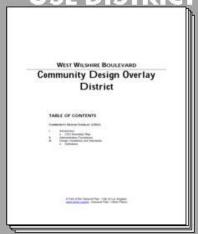
Parking, Open Space, Walls/Fences
Section 12.22 – General Exceptions
Section 12.24 – Conditional Use
Section 12.37 – Dedication and
Improvement
Article 4.4 – Signs

# DEVELOPMENT LIMITATIONS



Restrict:
Heights
Floor Area Ratio
% of lot coverage
Building setbacks

## SUPPLEMENTAL USE DISTRICT



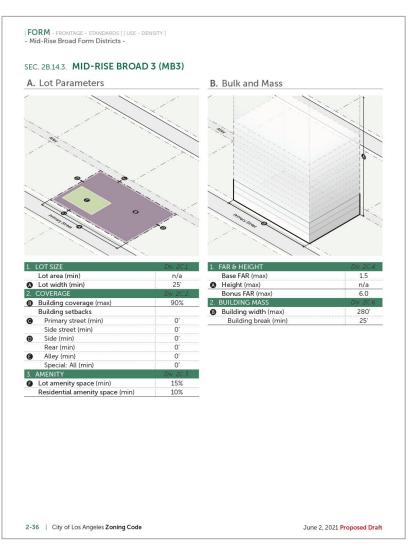
28 Pages of Design
Standards:
Building, Pedestrian,
Open Space, Circulation,
Parking, Landscaping,
Sians

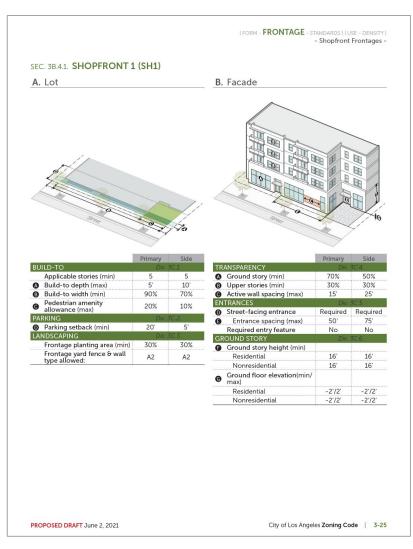
### Translated Zoning

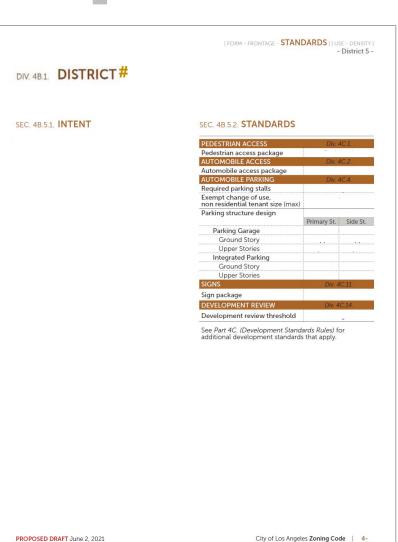
### [FORM-FRONTAGE-STANDARDS] [USE-DENSITY]



# [MB3 - SH1 -#] [CX3-4]







# [MB3 - SH1 -#] [CX3-4]

[ FORM - FRONTAGE - STANDARDS ] [ USE - DENSITY ] - Commercial-Mixed Districts -SEC. 5B.5.3. COMMERCIAL-MIXED 3 (CX3) A. Intent The CX3 Use District allows for primarily commercial uses. This District is intended to accommodate a variety of uses, mixing housing with small and large-scale commercial amenities B. Allowed Uses & Use Limitations Permission Use Standard Specification RESIDENTIAL Dwelling Household Business: Family Child Care In conjunction with: Dwelling In conjunction with: Dwelling Hours of operation (early/late) 8AM/8PM Home Occupation Client visits per hour (max) Supplemental standards Sec. 58.5.3.C.1 Dwelling In conjunction with: Home Sharing Sec. 5C.4.4. Special use program Designated work space: Work space area (min/max) 10%/50% Office
 Personal Services: P\* Joint Living & Work Quarters General Manufacturing, Workspace uses Light: General Light: Artistic 8 Artisanal Unit size (min avg.) 750 SF Designated work space Work space area (min/max) 48%/50% Work space dimensions (min) 10' X 15' Personal Services: Live/Work General · Manufacturing, Workspace uses Light: General Manufacturing Light: Artistic 8 Artisanal Open plan area (min) Mobilehome Park Supportive Housing: General Medical Care Non-medical Transitional Shelter KEY: "P" = Permitted Use; "--" = Use Not Permitted; "\*" = Use standard applies; "C1" = Approval by Zoning Administrator; "C2" = Public Hearing by Zoning Administrator; "C3" = Review by City Planning Commission PROPOSED DRAFT June 2, 2021 City of Los Angeles Zoning Code | 5-63

FORM - FRONTAGE - STANDARDS | LUSE - DENSITY |
- Maximum Density -

#### SEC. 6B.1.2. LOT AREA-BASED DISTRICTS

In FA, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, and N Density Districts, the maximum density of household dwelling units and efficiency dwelling units permitted on a lot is limited according to the table below. A lot may contain any combination of household dwelling units and efficiency dwelling units.

LOT AREA-BASED DISTRICTS				
Density District	Lot Area per Household Dwelling Unit (min SF) Sec. 6C.12.	Lot Area per Efficiency Dwelling Unit (min SF) Sec. 6C.1.3.		
FA	Limited by Floor Area	Limited by Floor Area		
2	200	100		
3	300	150		
4	400	200		
6	600	300		
8	800	400		
10	1000	500		
12	1200	600		
15	1500	750		
20	2000	1000		
25	2500	1250		
30	3000	1500		
40	4000	2000		
50	5000	2500		
60	6000	3000		
N	Not Permitted	Not Permitted		

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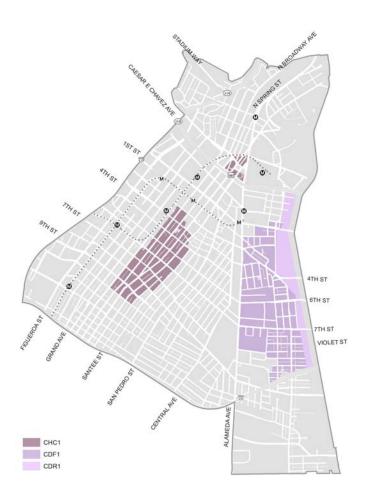
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### Character Frontages

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# Character Frontages Maps

**Boundaries Across Plan** 



**Historic Core** 



### **Arts District**



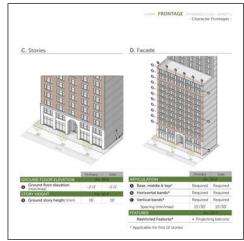
# Frontages General vs Character Frontage

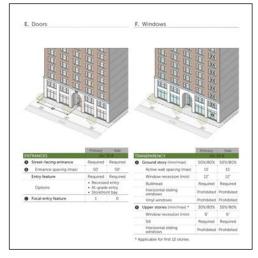
### **General Frontage**

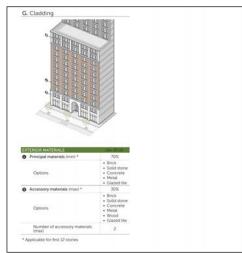


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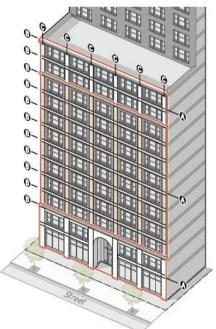




### Historic Core Character Frontage Contextual Requirements for the Historic Core

E. Doors

D. Facade



Required Required

Projecting balcony

Required

Required

15'/30'

Required

Required

15'/30'

ARTICULATION

**FEATURES** 

Base, middle & top\*

Spacing (min/max)

Restricted Features\*

\* Applicable for first 12 stories

B Horizontal bands\*

Vertical bands\*



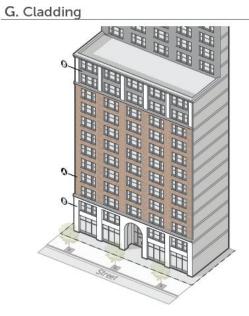
	Primary	Side
ENTRANCES	Div.	3D.8.
Street-facing entrance	Required	Required
<ul> <li>Entrance spacing (max)</li> </ul>	50'	50'
Entry feature	Required	Required
Options	Recessed entry     At-grade entry     Storefront bay	
<b>6</b> Focal entry feature	1	0



F. Windows

		Primary	Side
TRAN	NSPARENCY	Div.	3D.9.
0	Ground story (min/max)	50%/80%	50%/80%
	Active wall spacing (max)	15'	15'
ĺ	Window recession (min)	12"	12"
ı	Bulkhead	Required	Required
	Horizontal sliding windows	Prohibited	Prohibited
1	Vinyl windows	Prohibited	Prohibited
<b>6</b> / l	Jpper stories (min/max) *	30%/80%	30%/80%
I	Window recession (min)	6"	6"
	Sill	Required	Required
I.	Horizontal sliding windows	Prohibited	Prohibited

<sup>\*</sup> Applicable for first 12 stories



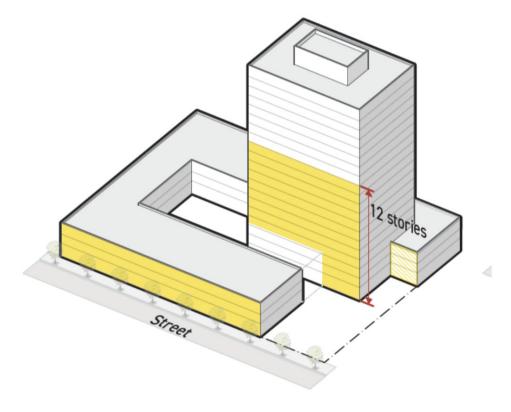
EXTERIOR MATERIALS	Div. 3D.10.
Principal materials (min) *	70%
Options	Brick     Solid stone     Concrete     Metal     Glazed tile
Accessory materials (max) *	30%
Options	Brick Solid stone Concrete Metal Wood Glazed tile
Number of accessory materials (max)	2

<sup>\*</sup> Applicable for first 12 stories

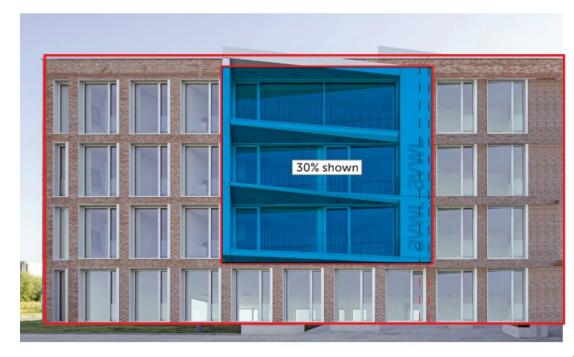
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# Increased Flexibility in Rules - Examples

### **Applicability Narrowed**



### **Banding can be Interrupted**



### Relief Mechanisms

### By-Right

### **Exceptions**

- Exemptions
- By-Right Alternatives

### **Alternate Typologies**

 Pre-Package Set of Exceptions for Specific Scenarios

### **Public Benefit Systems**

- Incentives for Public Benefits
- Bonus & Waivers

### Discretionary

### **Alternative Compliance**

 Allows for more creative approaches to meeting intent of regulation

### **Adjustments**

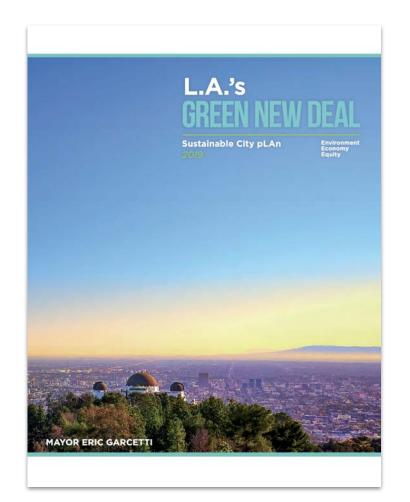
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### Electric Vehicle Parking

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### LA's 2019 Green New Deal

- Set goal of installing 10,000 publicly available EV Chargers by 2022; and 28,000 by 2028
- LA is 2 years ahead of schedule, with over 11,000 commercial charging stations on local streets
- LADWP funds large portion of charging stations through Commercial EV Charging Station Rebate Program.



# City of LA Green Building Code

- LAMC Article 9 (Green Building Code)
   Ordinance 186485 effective in January
   2020 exceeds state standards for EV ready
   and EV charging requirements
- Generally requires 30% provided parking to be EV ready, and 10% to be equipped with EV Charging Stations (installed chargers)

#### ORDINANCE NO. 186485

An ordinance amending Divisions 4 and 5 of Article 9 of Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to update electric vehicle ready and electric vehicle charging requirements that exceed current state standards.

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles established EV charging equipment regimements under Ordinance No. 181480, which helped pave the way for a mandatory state-wide requirement for EV charging equipment for the subsequent 2013 California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen):

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2017, the City adopted Ordinance 184692 which, among other things, amended the existing EV charging equipment requirements under Sections 99.04.106.4.2.1 and 99.05.106.5.3.3 of Article 9 of Chapter IX of the LAMC. This ordinance requires a certain number of EV charging stations and/or charging spaces to be included in a development based upon the size of a project;

WHEREAS, as a result of the increasing awareness of the environmental air quality benefits of facilitating the transition from gas to electrical-powered vehicles, and due to the extent of the air quality challenges here in Southern California, it would benefit the City to establish an EV-ready standard above the requirement currently under consideration by the State; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the ordinance is to address air quality concerns for freeway-adjacent communities where vehicle emissions are a major contributing factor to air pollution. Los Angeles contains a high number of vehicles per person when compared to other cities within the State thus creating a higher volume of tail emissions and associated air pollution. The City's topographic conditions increase air quality concerns as the surrounding mountain ranges trap the air pollution into the Los Angeles basin creating a poor air quality environment.

#### NOW, THEREFORE,

#### THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

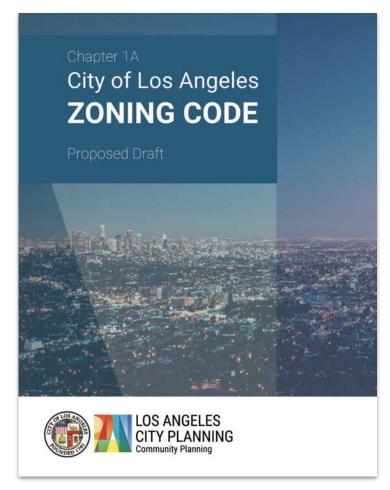
Section 1. Subsection 99.04.106.4.2 of Section 99.04.106, Division 4, Article 9, Chapter IX of the LAMC is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

99.04.106.4.2. New Multi-family Dwellings and "P" Occupancies Other Than Oneand Two-family Dwellings and Townhouses. Where multi-family dwelling units and other "R" occupancies are constructed on a building site, and parking is available, 30% of the total number of parking spaces provided, but in no case less than one space, shall be electric vehicle charging spaces (EV spaces) capable of supporting future electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE).

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# Proposed New Zoning Code

- Offers additional incentives beyond the City of LA Green Building Code
- EV Charging Stations provided beyond those required in the Green Building Code count as 2 required parking stalls.
- Accessible EV ready or installed parking stalls count as 2 required parking stalls



### River Frontage

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# River Frontage Strategy



- Incorporates standards from RIO
  - Landscaped river setback
  - Plant species requirements
- Frontage transparency minimums improve visual connection to river
- Buildings break requirement allow east/west view corridors toward the river
- Height limitations for smoother transitions from the LA river
  - 5 story height limit on parcels adjacent to the river
  - 15 story height limit behind the block adjacent to the river

### Arts District River Frontage

Contextual Requirements for River Adjacent Properties

		Primary	Side	River
ВU	ILD-TO		Div. 3D.1.	
	Applicable stories (min)	3	3	3
0	Build-to depth (max)	5'	10'	20'
0	Build-to width (min)	90%	70%	70%
	Pedestrian amenity allowance (max)	30%	30%	40%
PA	RKING	150	Div. 3D.2.	
0	Parking setback (min)	20'	5'	20'
LA	NDSCAPING		DIV. 3D.3.	
Ţ	Frontage planting area (min)	5%	5%	75%
	Frontage yard fence & wall type allowed:	A2	A2	A3

	Primary	Side	River
ENTRANCES		Div. 3D.8.	
Street-facing entrance	Required	Required	Required
6 Entrance spacing (max)	100'	100'	100'
Entry feature	Required	Required	n/a
Options	Recess     At-grad     Storefree	de entry	•
Focal entry feature	1	1	n/a



		Primary	Side	River
TR	ANSPARENCY		Div. 3D.9.	
Ø	Ground story (min/max)	50%/80%	50%/80%	30%/80%
	Active wall spacing (max)	15'	25 <sup>-</sup>	25'
	Window recession (min)	9"	9"	9"
, -	Horizontal sliding	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
₿	Upper stories (min/max) *	40%/70%	30%/70%	30%/70%
_	<ul> <li>─Windowrecession (min)</li> </ul>	6"	6"	6"
	Sill	Required	Required	Required
	Horizontal sliding windows	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited

<sup>\*</sup> Applicable for first 3 stories

### Nonconformities

## Form Exceptions

#### DIV. 12.2. FORM EXCEPTIONS

#### SEC. 12.2.1. COVERAGE EXCEPTIONS

#### A. Building Setbacks

Where a building is nonconforming as to building setbacks, an addition is allowed, provided that:

- Additions located in the nonconforming setback do not encroach to a greater extent than the
  existing encroachment or reduce the nonconforming setback to less than 50% of that required
  by the dimensional requirements of the applied zone.
- The total of all additions made since the building became nonconforming do not exceed, in height or length, the height or length of that portion of the adjoining nonconforming building that extends into the same setback.

#### SEC. 12.2.2. FLOOR AREA RATIO & HEIGHT EXCEPTIONS

#### A. Rural, Estate, and House Form Districts

- An addition to a building or structure that is nonconforming as to floor area is allowed, provided that the addition conforms to all current regulations of the applied zone and other applicable current land use regulations, except as may be approved or permitted pursuant to a discretionary approval. This exception is not available for lots in the Coastal Zone not located in a Hillside Area.
- Modifications to existing buildings other than additions are allowed, provided that the activities do not meet the definition of major demolition.

#### B. Addition to Building Exceeding Maximum Height

Where an existing building or structure is nonconforming only as to maximum height, additions that conform to all the current regulations of the applied zone and other applicable current land use regulations are allowed, except that the total aggregate floor area included in all the separate additions shall not exceed 50% of the floor area of the ground story of the building or structure.

#### SEC. 12.2.3. UPPER-STORY BULK EXCEPTIONS

An addition to a building that is nonconforming only as to bulk plane regulations is allowed, provided the addition conforms to all the current regulations of the applied zone and other applicable current land use regulations, except that the total aggregate floor area included in all separate additions shall not exceed 50% of the floor area of the ground story of the building or structure.

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ARTICLE 12 - Nonconformities
- Use Exceptions -

#### DIV. 12.5. USE EXCEPTIONS

#### SEC. 12.5.1. USE NOT ALLOWED EXCEPTIONS

- A. Where an existing use is nonconforming in the applied Use District, it may be relocated within the existing building, provided the move does not cause a net increase in the floor area of the nonconforming use.
- B. Where a building in any Open Space, Agricultural, Residential, Residential-Mixed, Commercial, Commercial-Mixed or Public Use District includes an existing nonconforming use, any residential portion of the building may be enlarged, provided that the addition does not create any additional dwelling units or dwelling units, and the addition or expansion meets all other requirements for the applied zone.
- C. Sport courts legally existing prior to the October 27, 1978 (Ord. No. 151,466) may continue as a nonconforming development or in accordance with regulations existing at the time such use was established. Those standards apply to any tennis or paddle tennis court which is accessory to a residential use and for which a permit is issued by the Department of Building and Safety subsequent to October 16, 1985, whether or not the subject of a variance. However, any replacement of lighting, fencing, or windscreens for such courts taking place after October 16, 1985, shall fully conform to the sport court standards in Sec. 4C.7.2. (Side/Rear Yard Fences & Walls).
- D. An establishment dispensing, for sale or other consideration, alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine, for on-site or off-site consumption may not be continued or re-established after September 13, 1997, without conditional use approval granted in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 13.4.2 (Class 2 Conditional Use Permit), where there is a substantial change in the mode or character of operation of the establishment, including any addition by more than 20% of the floor area, seating or occupancy, whichever applies. Construction for which a building permit is required in order to comply with an order issued by the Department of Building and Safety to repair or remedy an unsafe or substandard condition is exempt from this provision. Any addition of less than 20% of the floor area, seating or occupancy, whichever applies, requires the approval of plans pursuant to Sec. 13.4.2.H (Modification of Entitlement).
- E. Any lot or portion of a lot in a Commercial, Commercial-Mixed, Industrial-Mixed, or Industrial 1 (I1) Use District that was being used on June 1, 1951, for the temporary storage of abandoned, dismantled, partially dismantled, obsolete or wrecked automobiles, but not for the dismantling or wrecking of automobiles nor for the storage or sale of used parts, may continue.
- F. Where the creation of dwelling units is not allowed, they may be permitted in existing buildings that qualify as adaptive reuse projects pursuant to Sec. 9.4.5. (Downtown Adaptive Reuse Projects) or Sec. 9.4.6. (Citywide Adaptive Reuse Projects).
- G. Where the creation of dwelling units is not allowed, they may be permitted as part of a qualified permanent supportive housing project, as defined in Sec. 9.4.1 (Qualified Permanent Supportive Housing Incentive Program).

- H. Any Light Industrial uses lawfully existing prior to March 22, 1981, in any portion of any building in a Commercial or Commercial-Mixed Use District shall not be extended beyond that portion of the
- Joint living & work quarters are considered nonconforming to the use household business, and may be continued. Additional flexibility and incentives may be granted for existing buildings that are eligible for adaptive reuse projects pursuant to Sec. 9.4.5. (Downtown Adaptive Reuse Projects) and Sec. 12.4.6. (Citywide Adaptive Reuse Projects).

building except in accordance with Sec. 13B.2.2. (Class 2 Conditional Use Permit).

- J. In the Industrial Use Districts, the nonconforming use of land where no buildings are occupied in connection with the use or where the only buildings occupied are accessory to or incidental to the use, may be continued, subject to the following limitations:
  - The nonconforming use shall not be enlarged in any way beyond the limits of what was originally permitted.
  - b. The nonconforming use shall be completely enclosed within a building or within an area enclosed on all sides with a Type T1 Transition Screen pursuant to Sec. 4C.8.2.C.3.a. (T-Screen 1), within 1 year from the date the use becomes nonconforming.

#### K. In the Industrial Use Districts:

- A building that is nonconforming as to use with no dwelling units shall not be redesigned or rearranged to contain dwelling units.
- A building that is nonconforming as to use with dwelling units shall not be redesigned or rearranged so as to increase the number of dwelling units in the building.
- 3. Caretakers quarters in Industrial Use Districts are permitted to continue.
- L. Existing petroleum-based oil refineries expanding operations beyond the current property lines are required to:
  - Receive a Conditional Use Permit with approval by the City Planning Commission, in accordance with Sec. 13B.2.3. (Class 3 Conditional Use Permit).
  - Comply with all of the required Unified Programs (Unified Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Materials Management Regulatory Program). California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) database submittals may serve as proof of compliance.
  - 3. Submit a health assessment of the project for the surrounding vicinity identifying pollution and population indicators, such as, but not limited to, those analyzed in the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool; the number of people affected by the project; short term or permanent impacts caused by the project; likelihood that impacts will occur; and recommended mitigation measures.
- 4. Submit a truck routing plan that minimizes the incidence of a commercial truck traveling past dwellings, religious assembly, schools, regional medical, public recreation, medical care supportive housing, preschool/day care, and other similar uses.

# Additional New Zoning Code Supporting Material

#### -TABLE 1- REQUIRED AUTOMOBILE PARKING

	PARKING PACKAGE				
	Α	В	С	D	Е
RESIDENTIAL					
Dwelling:					
Dwelling Units:					
1-2 Habitable Rooms		0.25/du	0.5/du	0.75/du	1/du
3 Habitable Rooms		0.5/du	0.75/du	1/du	1.5/du
4+ Habitable Rooms		0.75/du	1/du	1.5/du	2/du
Accessory Dwelling Unit	See Div 9.5. (Accessory Dwelling Unit Incentive Program)				
Household Business:					
Family Child Care	See Dwelling (No additional parking required beyond Dwelling)				
Home Occupation	See Dwelling (No additional parking required beyond Dwelling)				
Home Sharing	See Dwelling (No additional parking required beyond Dwelling)				
Joint Live/Work Quarters	See Sec.9.4.5. (Downtown Adaptive Reuse Projects) or Sec. 9.4.6. (Citywide Adaptive Reuse Projects)				
Live Work	See Dwelling (No additional parking required beyond Dwelling)				
Mobilehome Park	See Title 25 of the California Administrative Code				
Supportive Housing:					
Medical Care		0.05/bed	0.1/bed	0.15/bed	0.2/bed
Non-Medical	I	0.25/du	0.5/du	0.75/du	1/du
Permenant Supportive Housing		0.05/du	0.1/du	0.15/du	0.2/du
Transitional Shelter					
Homeless Shelter				2/shelter	2/shelter

#### SEC. 4C.6.2. REQUIRED TREES

#### A. Intent

To maintain and increase the City's tree canopy, reduce consumption of electricity, improve air quality, promote infiltration of stormwater runoff, offset urban heat island effect, mitigate noise pollution, sequester carbon and support urban biodiversity.

#### B. Applicability

All lots containing 4,000 square feet or more of floor area shall comply with required tree standards.

#### C. Standards

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- 1. One large species tree (Sec. 4C.6.5.C.3.a.i.a.) or two small species trees (Sec. 4C.6.5.C.3.a.i.b.) shall be planted for every 4,000 square feet of total floor area on a lot. For each additional 4,000 square feet of floor area, one additional one large species tree or two small species trees shall be required.
- 2. No less than one large species tree (Sec. 4C.6.5.C.3.a.i.a.) or two small species trees (Sec. 4C.6.5.C.3.a.i.b.) shall be planted on every lot.
- 3. Palms and bamboo do not count as required trees, with the exception of existing palm trees located on a lot identified as being within a targeted planting area established by the Targeted Planting Map (Sec. 1.4.5.). In these targeted planting areas, existing palms may count as a required tree provided that the specific palm tree species meets the requirements outlined in the targeted planting list for the applicable targeted planting area.
- 4. Existing trees on-site count toward the minimum tree requirement based on tree type (large species or small species) in accordance with Sec. 4C.6.5.C.3.a. (Tree Types), provided each tree is healthy and has a minimum 1 inch caliper.
- 5. Required trees shall be planted either on-site, in a common area accessible to multiple lots from a shared pedestrian accessway, or in the abutting parkway. Trees planted in the parkway require approval from the Board of Public Works or its designee per LAMC Sec. 63.169 (Permit Required to Plant Streets).

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- 6. When calculating the total number of required trees results in the requirement of a fraction of a tree, any fraction up to and including one-half may be disregarded and any fraction over one-half will require one additional tree.
- 7. Trees provided to comply with other standards, including Sec. 4C.4.4. (Parking Lot Design), Sec. 4C.6.4. (Planting Areas), Div. 4C.8. (Screening), Sec. 3C.4.2.E.2. (Ground Story Inactive Wall Treatment Options), Sec. 3C.4.2.E.3. (Inactive Foundation Wall Treatment Options), and Sec. 8.3.2.A.3. (Freeway Screening), may also be counted toward compliance with required trees standards. Additional trees beyond the minimum number required to comply with this section, required trees (Sec. 4C.6.3.), may be required to comply with other standards.
- 8. All required trees shall be planted in accordance with the plant design and installation standards outlined in Sec. 4C.6.5.C.3. (Trees).

#### D. Measurements

- 1. For measuring floor area see Sec. 14.1.7 (Floor Area).
- 2. For large tree measurements see Sec. 4C.6.5.C.3 (Tree Types).
- 3. For small tree measurements see Sec. 4C.6.5.C.3 (Tree Types).
- 4. For measurement of caliper see Sec. 4C.6.5.D.10. (Caliper).
- 5. For measurement of container size see Sec. 4C.6.5.D.9. (Container Size).

#### E. Relief

- 1. An alternative to tree planting standards may be requested in accordance with Sec. 13B.5.1 (Alternative Compliance).
- 2. A Director's Determination may be requested to plant a required tree off-site on private property (with prior approval of the property owner) or along public streets (with the prior approval of the Board of Public Works or its designee) within one mile of the lot of the project, or pay an in-lieu fee in accordance with LAMC Sec. 62.177 (Establishment of Tree Replacement and Planting In-Lieu Fee) instead of planting a required tree. In order to approve the Director's Determination, the Director of Planning shall make the supplemental finding that required trees cannot feasibly be planted on-site or in the abutting parkway.
- 3. A deviation from any tree requirement standard may be allowed as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13B.5.3 (Variance).

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#### D. Measurement

#### 1. Outdoor Space

a. Intent

To ensure that the amenity space provided is located in an outdoor environment.

#### b. Standards

To meet the requirement for seating, each amenity space must meet all of the following criteria:

- Where the amenity space is <u>enclosed</u>, it shall not be <u>covered</u>. Where the amenity space is covered, it shall not be enclosed.
- ii. No portion of an outdoor space may have a clear height of less than 7.5 feet.
- iii. Portions of an outdoor space that are <u>covered</u> shall have a minimum <u>clear height</u> of 1.5 times the depth of the covered area.



- iv. The following structures are exempt from the outdoor space standards above, provided all exempted structures have a cumulative area no greater than 20% of the contiguous amenity space area.
  - a) Unenclosed structures having a clear height of at least 7.5 feet; and
  - b) An enclosed and covered structure, providing goods or services to tenants of the project or the public, having an area of no more than 25 square feet.



#### SEC. 14.1.7. FLOOR AREA

The cumulative amount of interior floor space on a lot.

#### A. Measurement

#### General

- a. Floor area is calculated as the sum of all interior floor space for each story of a building.
- b. The following areas are included in the calculation of floor area:
  - i. All areas within the exterior walls of a building; and
  - All areas within the exterior walls of any structure that is both enclosed (Sec. 14A.1.4.C.1.) and covered (Sec. 14A.1.1.B.1.).
- c. The following are not included in the calculation of floor area:
  - i. Exterior walls.
  - ii. Bicycle parking areas.
  - iii. All automobile parking areas, except for RL Use Districts, as specified in Sec. 14.1.7.A.2.
  - iv. Spaces with ceiling heights less than 7 feet measured from finished floor, including floored attic space.
  - Basements (Sec. 14.1.18.B.) or underground structures, such as underground parking and cellars with the exception of Indoor Storage, Self Service use areas.
  - vi. Stairways and elevator shafts.
  - vii. Mechanical equipment that is integral or incidental to the operation of on-site buildings, provided that the equipment does not serve any off-site buildings.

#### 2. RL Use Districts

- a. Any floor or portion of a floor with a ceiling height greater than 14 feet counts as twice the square footage of that area.
- b. Up to 400 square feet of a detached garage is exempt from the calculation of floor area, provided the structure is:
  - i. Separated from the primary structure a minimum of 10 feet; and
  - ii. Located a minimum of 40 feet from a primary street lot line.
- c. Up to 200 square feet of an attached garage is exempt from the calculation of floor area.
- d. No more than 400 square feet of garage floor area per lot shall be exempt.
- e. Detached accessory buildings that do not exceed 18 feet in height and 200 square feet in floor area are exempt from the calculation of floor area, provided that the total combined area exempted of all the detached accessory buildings on a lot does not exceed 400 square feet in floor area.

### Trees

REFERENCE MATERIAL

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### City Goals on Trees

#### LA's "Green New Deal" (2019)

- Increase tree canopy in areas of greatest need by at least 50% by 2028
- Plant and maintain 90,000 trees by 2021
- Complete citywide tree inventory by 2021;
   and an Urban Forest Management Plan by 2025
- Emphasis on maintenance and management of mature/maturing trees

#### **Progress**

- 90% of LA's urban forest is on private property
- There are an estimated 10 million trees in LA's urban forest
  - 2 million trees publicly maintained
  - 700,000 street trees
  - 300,000 trees in city parks
- The City removes appx. 3,000 trees/year and plants approximately 1,000 trees/year
- StreetsLA started a comprehensive inventory of LA's street trees in 2020
- Trees are planted through a combination of required planting in private projects and public planting through StreetsLA and Rec and Parks in collaboration with non-profit organizations

### Tree Requirements

Disincentive to smaller/more affordable units

Regulates size at planting, but not size at maturity

However, 1 tree per 500 SF of planting area also required for residential uses in R & C zones

Current Code	Proposed Draft
1 tree required per every 4 dwelling units	2 small species trees or 1 large species tree per 4,000 sqft
24" box trees required	Small species: 15-30ft tall at maturity Large species: ≥30ft tall at maturity  15-gallon tree/1" caliper required at planting
Applies to projects with 6 or more units	Does not apply to projects <4,000 sqft
May be planted on-site or in abutting parkway	May be planted on-site or in abutting parkway
Relief: In-lieu fee	Relief: In-lieu fee or request to plant on private property or in street within 1 mile of site (Director's Determination)

Expands applicability to non-residential projects

Does not penalize efficiency units

Encourages larger trees that provide greater public benefit

Smaller trees at planting are more accessible and have greater survivability

However, 1 large or 2 small trees still required for each 500 SF of planting area, regardless of use

Additional off-site relief option

### Tree Feedback

### **Landscape Architects**

Addition of tree size standards effectively doubles tree requirement:

Areas of intense development/limited space will always have to use the 2 small species tree option

#### Community Forest Advisory Committee

Want to see more protection of existing and mature trees

Want to incentivize trees planted in the ground over trees in planters / over structures

#### **Potential Solutions**

Count significant existing trees (≥12" caliper or ≥35' height) as 2 large trees

Count 1 small tree planted in the ground as 1 large tree

Count 1 large tree planted in the ground as 2 large trees



### Policy Document on Trees

Goals

- Policies

Programs

LU GOAL 16 A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS A HEALTHY DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY.

LU 16.3 Create a network of well-maintained public and private green infrastructure by incentivizing the use of trees, eco roofs, vertical gardens, stormwater facilities, and landscaped amenity areas.

LU GOAL 17 A RESILIENT DOWNTOWN.

LU 17.1 Implement strategies such as expanding shade cover and more efficient water use to lessen the urban heat island effect and increase reliance on renewable energy sources.

LU GOAL 18 LEGIBLE AND COMFORTABLE SPACES TO ENGAGE IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, EXPERIENCE NATURE AND FIND RESPITE.

LU 18.2 Maintain and expand the tree canopy to provide shade, improve air and water quality, reduce heat-island effect, and create habitat for birds and pollinators.

LU 18.5 Encourage trees and architectural elements that provide shade; cooling stations; and seating areas for pedestrians along primary corridors in Downtown.

LU GOAL 49

RESILIENT, SUSTAINABLE, AND FLEXIBLE STRUCTURES CONTRIBUTE TO A GENERAL URBAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PATTERN AND SUPPORT GOODS MOVEMENT ACTIVITIES.

LU 49.5 Encourage tree planting and landscaped screening in areas with industrial uses to improve air quality.

### Policy Document on Programs for Trees

- Goals
- Policies
- Programs

Program Number	Description	Policy Reference	Coordinating Agency
P4	Cool Pavement  The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services cool pavement pilot program seeks to fight urban heat, leading to cooler streets with less need for indoor air conditioning. Utilize cool pavement on surfaces and throughout Downtown's built environment to support livability and comfort.	LU 17.7; PO 6.1	BSS
P27	Street Tree Tracking  Create a publicly accessible database that displays the tree types within the City's public rights-of-way. Identify goals for an equitable tree canopy in Downtown, to address climate-resilience and the effects of urban heat island.	LU 16.3; LU 16.5; LU 16 LU 17.1; LU 18.2;	.6;

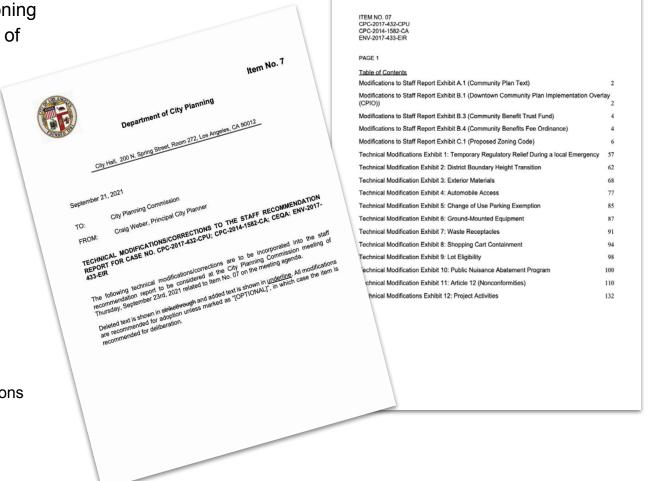
### Technical Memo

## Technical Modifications/Corrections to the Staff Recommendation Report

Modifications/Corrections are Intended to better align the plan and zoning code with the current policies of the city and improve the functionality of standards intended to implement policy.

#### Key items:

- Modifications to applicability tables
- Corrections to district standards, including form and use
- Rename Outdoor Entertainment Venue to Amphitheater or Stadium
- Affordable housing requirements added to P2 use district
- Intent statements for Character Frontage siding material standards
- Simplification of automobile access standards
- Consolidation of several different uses within parking tables
  - Habitable rooms within dwelling units
  - o Indoor Recreation, Commercial
  - Eating & Drinking uses
- Additional standards for waste receptacle screening
- Addition of shopping cart containment standards
- Incorporation of technical feedback from LADBS on nonconformity provisions
- Addition of provisions from temporary relief during emergency ordinance
- Addition of new form rule for height transitioning
- Addition of provisions from graffiti removal ordinance
- Modifications to project activity tables



### Webcode Overview





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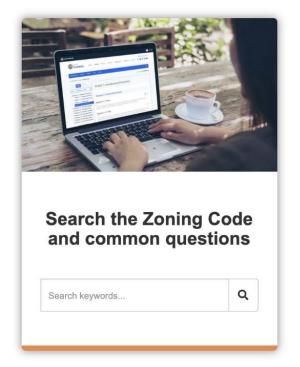


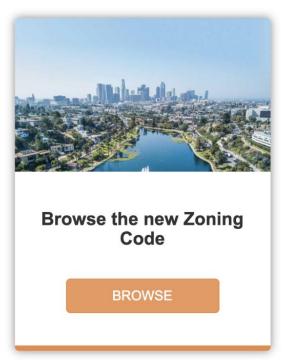


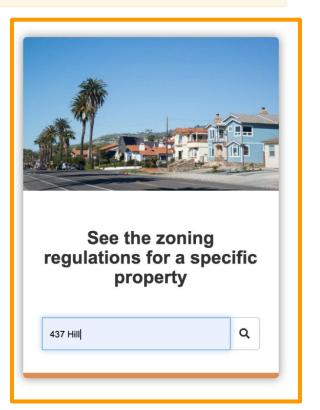


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#### STEP 1: ENTER PROPERTY INFORMATION

Enter your address, Assessor's Parcel Number or PIN.

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	FIND IN ZIMAS
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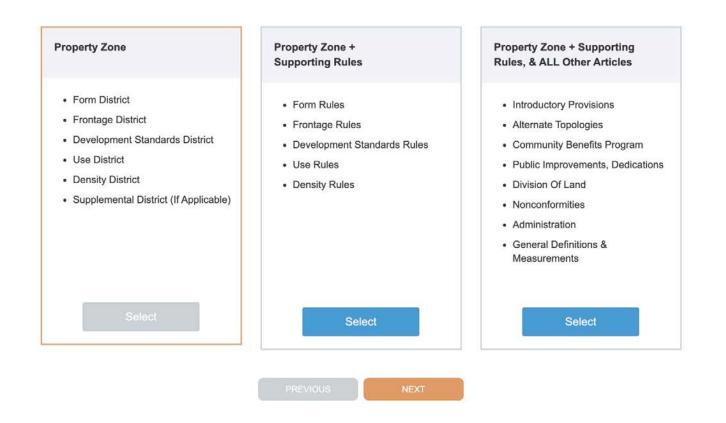
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#### STEP 2: SELECT REPORT DETAIL

Select the level of detail you'd like to see in your report:















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#### STEP 3: AGREE TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Tell us about your property, and we'll highlight sections of the Zoning Code that apply to you.

#### **Terms and Conditions**

The service provided herein is not intended to constitute, nor should be construed as, professional services of any kind, nor does it represent a final determination or assurance of the issuance of permits or entitlement approvals by the City of Los Angeles. Before proceeding with any project, the user is solely responsible for seeking legal, accounting, real estate, business, tax or other professional advice.

I agree to the terms and conditions \*



#### STEP 4: CONFIRMATION

Tell us about your property, and we'll highlight sections of the Zoning Code that apply to you.

#### Your Selected Address

437 S HILL ST Zone: [HB5-SH1-5] [CX3-FA] [CPIO]

#### **Property Zone**

- Form District
- Frontage District
- Development Standards District
- Use District
- Density District
- Supplemental District (If Applicable)

**PREVIOUS** 

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# Zoning Report Article 2. Form Article 3. Frontage Article 4. Development Standards Article 5. Use Article 6. Density Article 7. Alternate Typologies Article 8. Specific Plans, Supplemental & Special Districts Appendix

#### **ZONING REPORT FOR 437 S HILL ST**



This Zoning Report includes the applied Zoning Districts (Form, Frontage, Development Standards, Use, and Density) and Supplemental Districts, or Special Districts, relevant to the property you have searched. Depending on the report detail you selected, you may also see supporting rules and the other Articles in the Zoning Code. The appendix includes a ZIMAS Summary, which is a snapshot of key fields from the Zoning Information and Map Access System (ZIMAS) important to understanding the zoning regulations for a property. Each of the fields are intended to assist in determining applicable regulations and how to apply them. See ZIMAS for the full listing of fields, and the ZIMAS terms of conditions for reference. As relevant, Zoning Administrator Interpretations and Frequently Asked questions may also be included.



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Your zone: [HB5-SH1-5] [CX3-FA] [CPIO]

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#### Frequently Asked Questions

All (20)

Administration (3)

Density (2)

Development Standards (3)

Entrances (0)

Fences & Walls (0)

Floor Area Ratio (FAR) (0)

Form (3)

Frontage (3)

General Questions (3)

Height (0)

Landscaping (0)

Landscaping (Frontage) (0)

Parking (0)

Parking Setback (0)

Setbacks (0)

Signs (0)

Transparency (0)

Use (3)

Q: What is the difference between a Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3

Q: How do I file an appeal?

Q: What is alternative compliance?

Q: What are the density designators?

Q: How is density regulated?

Q: What do the permission levels on the Use Table mean?

Q: What are access requirements?

Q: How do I find my parking requirements?



## FAR Examples

## Sample Floor Area Ratio (FAR) 4:1 FAR

The Rise Hollywood: Built

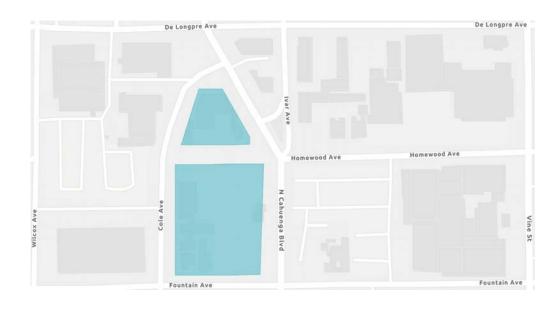


Source: Nadel Architects.

Lot Area: 2.15 Acres

Height: 110 feet (7 stories)

Total Units: 369



## Sample Floor Area Ratio (FAR) 4.5:1 FAR

The Lofts on La Brea: Built

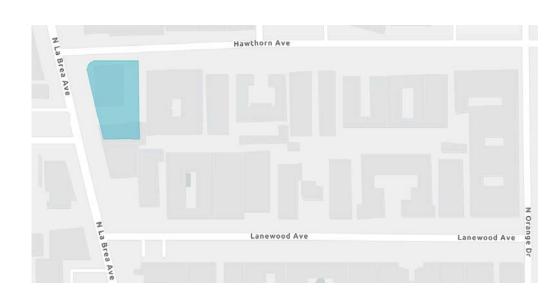


Source: The Lofts on La Brea

Lot Area: 0.37 acres

Height: 72-74 feet (5 stories)

Total Units: 56



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## Sample Floor Area Ratio (FAR) 4.5:1 FAR

#### Hollywood/Wilcox: Entitled



Source: GMPA Architects

Lot Area: 1.4 acres

Height: 160 feet (up to 15 stories)

Total Units: 260



## Sample Floor Area Ratio (FAR) 4.5:1 FAR

#### Eastown and El Centro: Built



Eastown, provided by Morley Builders

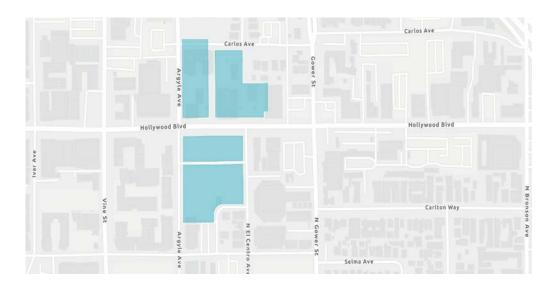


El Centro, provided by El Centro

Lot Area: 6.7 acres total Height: Eastown (6 stories);

El Centro (7 stories)

Total Units: 1,042



## Sample Floor Area Ratio (FAR) 6:1 FAR

Palladium: Entitled

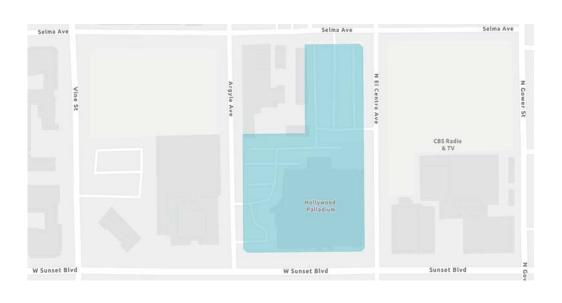


Source: Crescent Heights

Lot Area: 3.6 acres

Height: 350 feet (28 stories)

Total Units: 731



## Sample Floor Area Ratio (FAR) 7.9:1 FAR

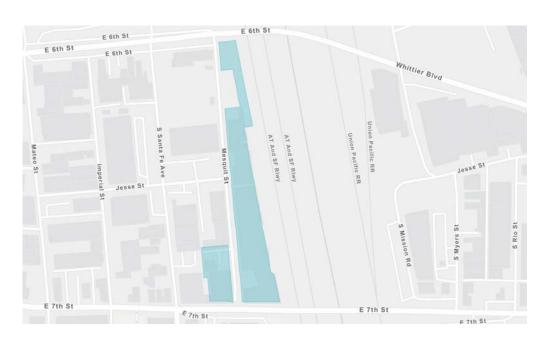
670 Mesquit (Arts District): Pending Review



Source: Bjarke Ingels Group

Lot Area: Height: 5.1 acres 5 buildings, ranging from 90 feet to 360 feet

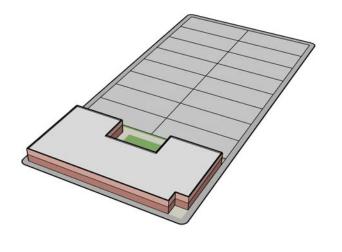
Total Units: 308

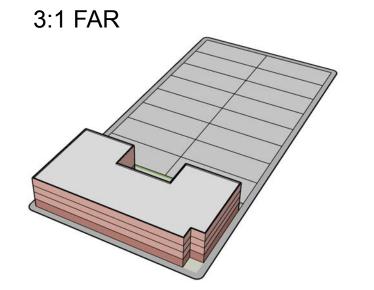


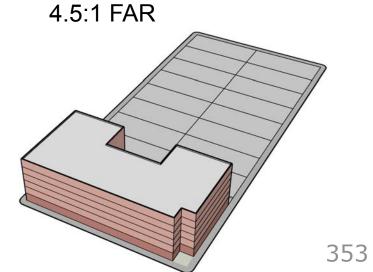
## FAR Diagrams For Comparison

Building Footprint

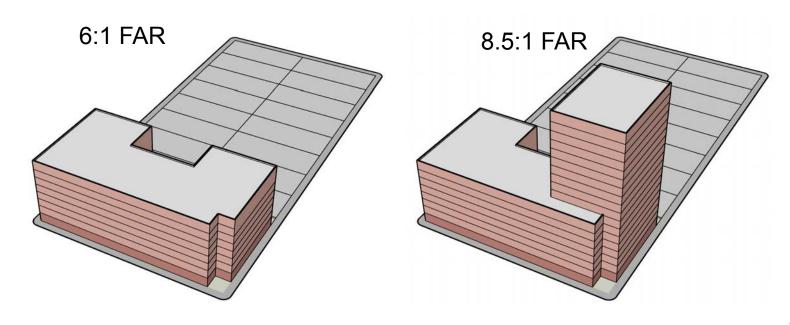
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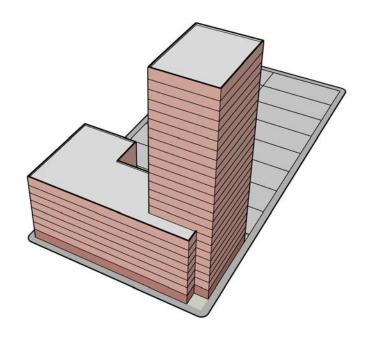


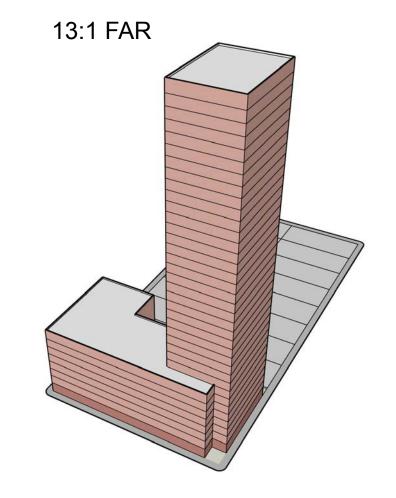
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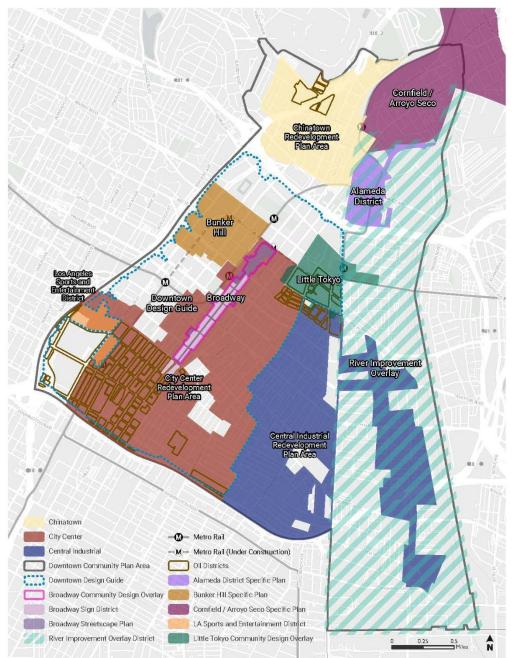
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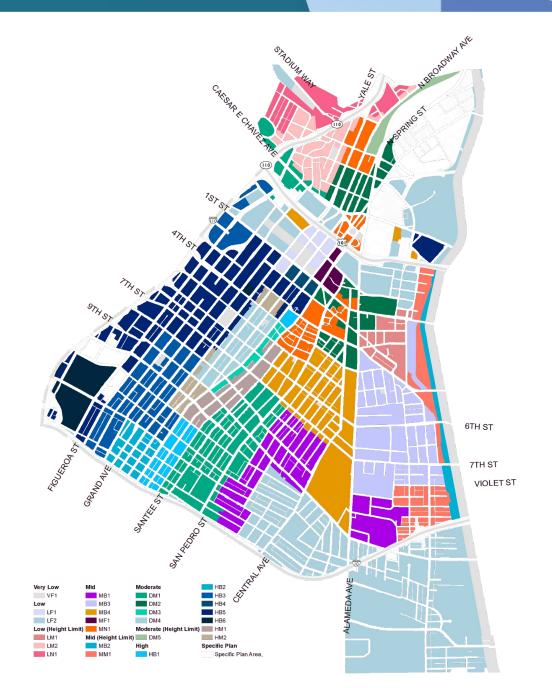


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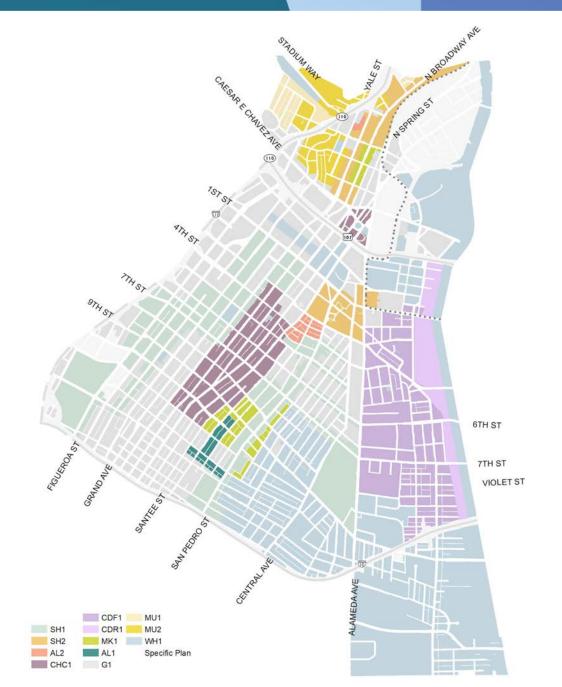
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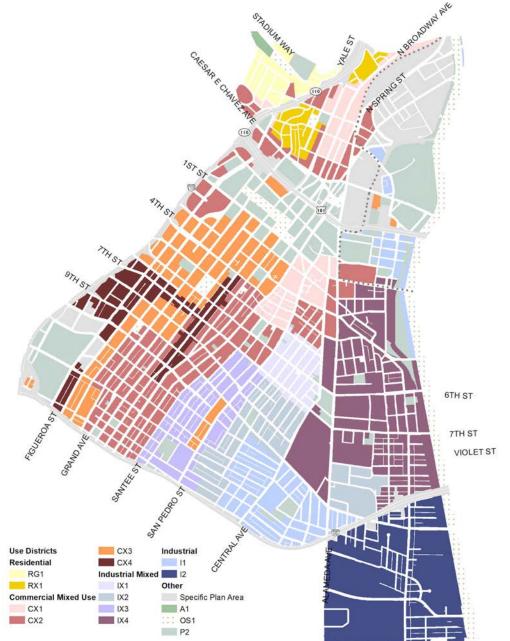
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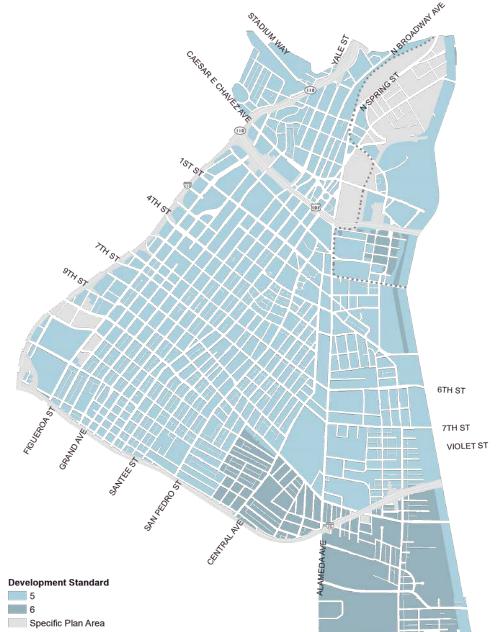


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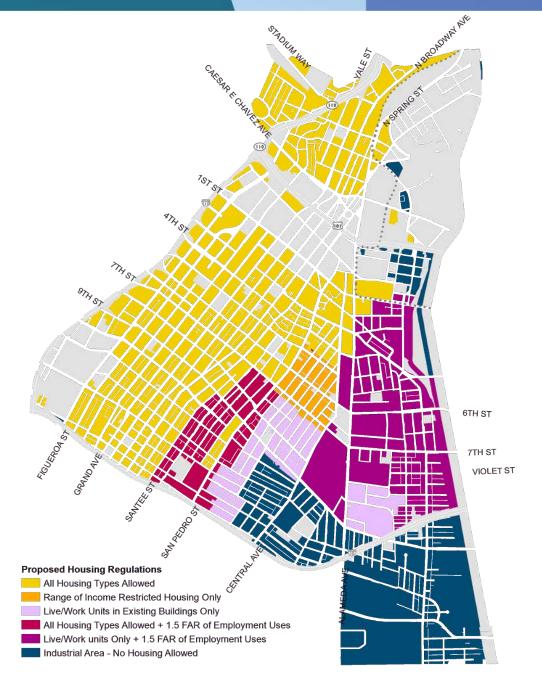
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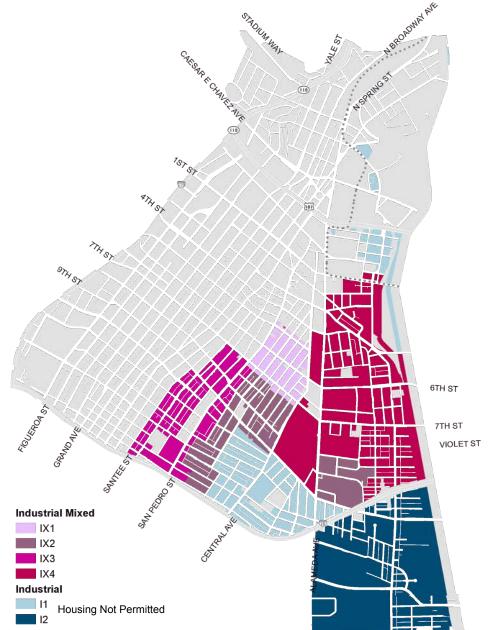
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# Housing Types



# Industrial and Hybrid Industrial Land Uses



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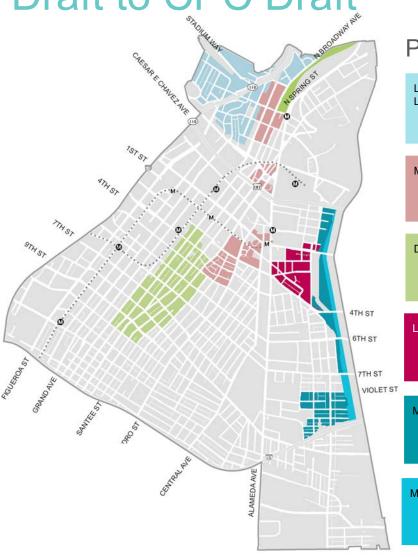
# Form District Key Issues - Story Limitations

Story limitations have been applied in targeted areas to reinforce neighborhood character



Story Limitations - Change from Public Hearing

Draft to CPC Draft



Public Hearing		
LN1 LM2	Base Limit	Bonus Limit
	3 Stories	6 Stories
MN1	Base Limit	Bonus Limit
	3 Stories	5 Stories
DM5	Base Limit	Bonus Limit
	12 Stories	15 Stories
LM1	Base Limit	Bonus Limit
	8 Stories	10 Stories
MM1	Base Limit	Bonus Limit
	15 Stories	18 Stories
MB2	Base Limit	Bonus Limit

5 Stories





CHINATOWN

LITTLE TOKYO/ TOY DISTRICT

**ARTS** DISTRICT

**Height Limits** Removed

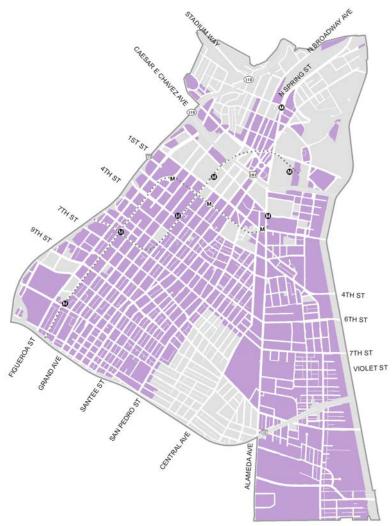
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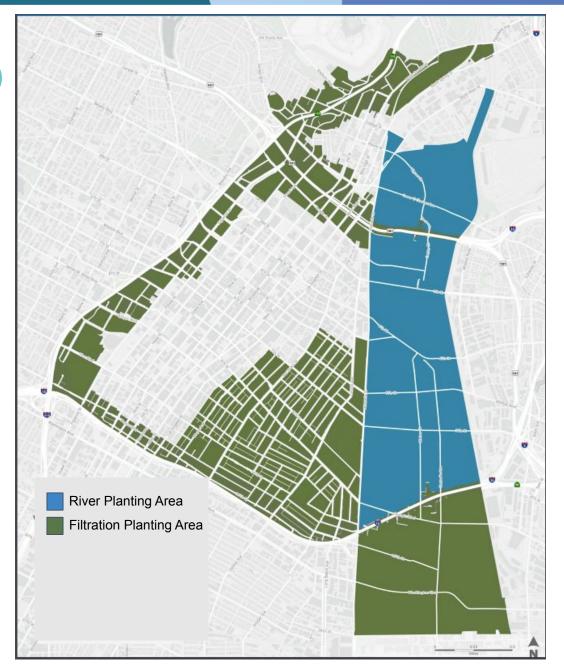
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# Increased Development Potential Map



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# Targeted Planting Map



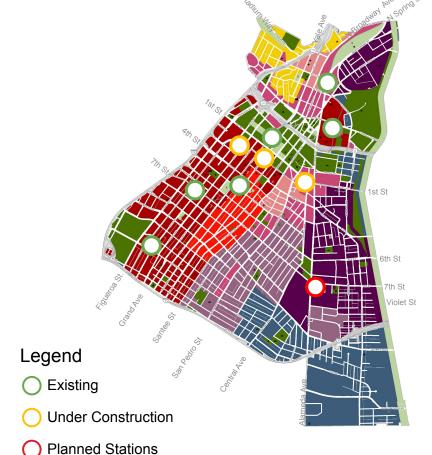
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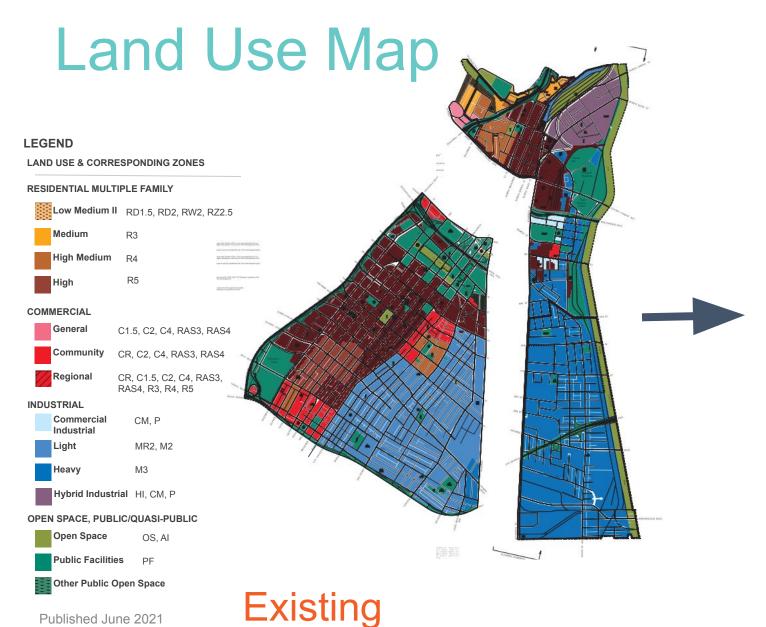
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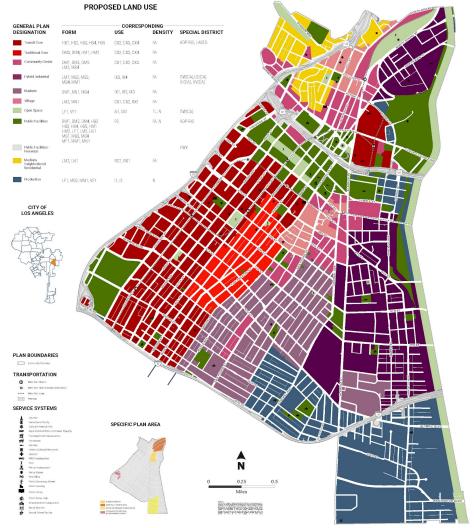
Community Feedback: Apply Transit Core General Plan Land Use Designation adjacent to all major rail stops

#### Considerations:

- Six out of ten stations have Transit Core applied Station areas with other designations include historic, cultural areas such as Little Tokyo and Chinatown
- Stations areas that are not designated Transit
   Core allow up to a 6:1 FAR or 8.5:1 FAR
- Neighborhood groups have expressed a desire to see lower scale development in Chinatown, Little Tokyo, and Arts District



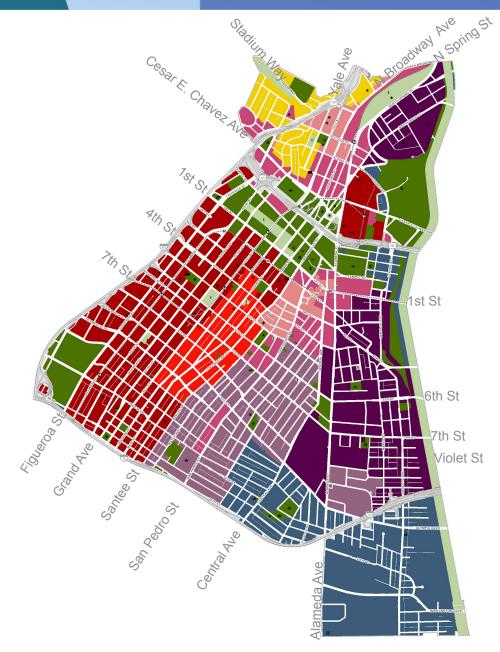




Proposed

# Draft Land Use Map

Designation	Form	Use	De
Transit Core	HB1, HB2, HB3, HB4, HB5	CX2,CX3,CX4	FA
Traditional Core	DM3,DM4,HM1,HM2	CX2,CX3,CX4	FA
Community Center	DM1,DM2,DM5,LM2,MB4	CX1,CX2,CX3	FA
Hybrid Industrial	LM1,MB2,MB3,MB4,MM1	IX3,IX4	FA
Markets	DM1,MB1,MB4	IX1,IX2,IX3	FA
Village	LM2,MN1	CX1,CX2,RX1	FA
Open Space	LF1,VF1	A1, OS1	1L, N
Public Facilities	DM1,DM2,DM4,HB2,HB3,HB4,HB5,HM1,HM2, LF1,LM2,LN1,MB1,MB3,MB4,MF1,MM1,MN1	P2	FA, N
Public Facilities - Freeways			
Medium Neighborhood Residential	LM2,LN1	RG1, RX1	FA
Production	LF1,MB2,MM1,VF1	11,12	N



# Staff Report Recommended Actions

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Staff Recommendation Report

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- 1. Conduct a public hearing on the Proposed Project as described in this Staff Recommendation Report.
- **2. Approve** the Staff Recommendation Report as the Commission Report.
- **3. Approve and Recommend** that the City Council adopt the Findings in the Staff Recommendation Report, and direct staff to prepare Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Findings, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP) for City Council consideration.
- **4. Recommend** that the City Council instruct the Director of City Planning to adopt Environmental Protection Measures pursuant to Division 4C.12 (Environmental Protection) of the new Zoning Code as appropriate to implement the MMP.
- **5. Find** the City Planning Commission has reviewed the Draft EIR (City EIR No. ENV-2017- 433-EIR and State Clearinghouse No. 2017021024), as shown in Exhibit A.8.
- **6. Recommend** the City Council adopt the Resolution in Exhibit A to certify the EIR, adopt EIR Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adopt a Mitigation Monitoring Program.

- **7. Approve and Recommend** that the Mayor approve and the City Council adopt, pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.6 and City Charter Section 555, the attached Resolution in Exhibit A to amend the General Plan as follows:
  - a. Amend the General Plan Land Use Element and adopt the Plan Boundary Change Map to consolidate the Central City Community Plan area and Central City North Community Plan area into the new Downtown Plan Area as shown in Exhibit A.5; adopt the Downtown Community Plan as shown in Exhibit A.1; and adopt the General Plan Land Use Map for the Downtown Community Plan, inclusive of Symbols, Footnotes, and Corresponding Zone and Land Use Nomenclature as shown in Exhibit A.3, and the General Plan Land Use Change Maps and Matrices as shown in Exhibit A.4.
  - b. Amend the Mobility Plan 2035 to reclassify selected streets and Enhanced Networks, as shown in Exhibit A.7.
  - c. Amend the Citywide General Plan Framework Element, as shown in Exhibit A.6.
- **8. Approve and Recommend** that pursuant to LAMC Sections 12.04 and 12.32 and City Charter Section 558, the City Council Adopt the draft ordinance to amend the Zoning Map, as shown in Exhibit B.2 (Zone Change Maps and Matrices).

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- **9. Approve and Recommend t**hat pursuant to LAMC Sections 12.04, 12.32, 13.14.C and City Charter Section 558, the City Council Adopt the proposed Downtown Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO) District Ordinance as shown in Exhibit B.1.
- **10. Approve and Recommend** that the City Council Adopt the proposed Downtown Community Benefits Trust Fund Ordinance, the Downtown Community Benefits Fee Ordinance, and Downtown Affordable Housing Trust Fund Ordinance as shown in Exhibits B.3, B.4, and B.7.
- **11. Approve and Recommend** that the City Council pursuant to LAMC Section 12.32.S and City Charter Section 558 Adopt the proposed ordinance to amend the River Improvement Overlay (RIO) District Ordinance and Greater Downtown Housing Incentive Ordinance as shown in Exhibits B.5 and B.6.
- **12. Approve and Recommend** that the City Council Adopt the proposed Ordinance to rescind the Bunker Hill Specific Plan and Downtown Design Guide as shown in Exhibit B.8.
- **13. Approve and Recommend** that the City Council pursuant to LAMC Section 12.32 and City Charter Section 558 Adopt the proposed Pipeline Parking Alignment Ordinance as shown in Exhibit B.9.

- **14. Approve and Recommend** that the City Council pursuant to LAMC Section 12.32 and City Charter Section 558 Adopt the proposed Community Plan Consolidation Ordinance as shown in Exhibit B.10.
- **15. Authorize** the Director of Planning to present the resolutions and proposed General Plan amendments (Exhibits A.1, A.3, A.4, and A.5, A.6 and A.7) to the Mayor and City Council, in accordance with City Charter Section 555 and LAMC Section 11.5.6, and the proposed zoning ordinances (Exhibit B.1-B.10 and C.1 and C.3) to the City Council, in accordance with City Charter Section 558 and LAMC Section 12.32.
- **16. Approve and Recommend** that the City Council adopt the New Zoning Code Ordinance to Amend Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code ("New Zoning Code") to add new Articles 1 through 12, and Articles 14 and 15, Amend Article 13, and Adopt the accompanying Zoning Code Maps established in Division 1.4. (Zoning Code Maps) of Article 1 of the New Zoning Code (Exhibits C.1. and C.3.).





# LIVING IN DOMNTOWN EQUITY AND IDENTITY

#### A GUIDE FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS

PROPOSED DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY PLAN
SUMMER 2021

#### THE BIG PICTURE

Cities have rules about what can be built and where. These rules are called land uses. This is a guide to help understand the goals for land use laws that will shape what you see in Downtown Los Angeles for the next 20 years after the update to the Downtown Community Plan is adopted by the City Council.

The Community Plan is currently being presented to the City of L.A. decision-makers. Visit planning4la.org/dtla2040 to identify opportunities to join and provide comments.

#### HOW DO THESE RULES MAKE MY NEIGHBORHOOD BETTER?

Communities need a plan to guide growth, jobs, housing, schools, transportation, and parks.

Land use laws will not build specific buildings, but instead set the rules for what buildings look like and how they can be used.

#### **EQUITY IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES**

Taking into account past history and current conditions, the proposed Downtown
Community Plan aims to equitably meet the needs of stakeholders in the plan area and reduce racial disparities, especially those unequally present in historic cultural communities and communities of color. In doing so, issues of equity, health, and climate justice have become goalposts.

As Downtown is anticipated to accommodate more housing and jobs over the next 20 years, understanding these issues provides insight into common values, competing demands, fiscal priorities, and awareness of existing inequities. Continue scrolling for some approaches to address equity, health, and climate change that will be further explained.



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#### TRANSIT PROXIMITY

The Downtown Plan is designed to accommodate approximately 80% of its new residents and employees close to transit. This means that it will be convenient for a majority of people to hop on a bus or train and to get to work, school, parks and other daily needs. The Plan also works to provide easy access to health care, food and open spaces. Allowing a mix of uses will shorten the distance between these uses, making it more attractive for people to walk or bike to access these amenities.

A new Community

Benefits Program

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#### HOUSING FOR ALL

The Plan nearly doubles the area where housing is allowed today to broaden the areas where housing can be built across areas where housing can be built across Downtown. Approximately 66% of the Plan area would allow for new housing, ranging from market-rate housing to Permanent

This also makes it easier to build affordable housing for more Angelenos, permanent supportive housing for many residents experiencing homelessness. More neighbors will also support more deutores health will also support more daycares, health facilities, grocery stores, as well as create small business opportunities in more areas of Downtown Los Angeles.

#### EQUITY

#### **ADAPTIVE REUSE**

It will be easier for existing buildings to change to a different use, without having to go through lengthy and expensive processes. This is a more sustainable pathway to give new life to existing underused buildings.

#### INFILL DEVELOPMENT

The Plan expands the area where housing can be built, allowing for housing to exist more widely across Downtown than where it is allowed today. The Plan also generally permits bigger and taller buildings than is currently possible, especially close to transit, creating more opportunities for people and households to live, work and experience the advantages of multiple travel options, such as walking or biking.

#### **AFFORDABLE & PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**

PLAN STRATEGIES

When residential projects choose to build larger buildings, the proposed Community Benefits Program requires affordable housing to be provided before any other benefits. The system was developed with the benefit of substantial local input, as well as market analysis.

#### ♥ Economic Analysis

The Plan proposes to rezone neighborhoods where housing isn't allowed today so that housing, particularly affordable housing, can be built by-right.

 Proposed Draft Downtown Community Plan Text, reference the housing section

The Plan introduces a new Community Benefits Program. The predominant community benefits system used today, TFAR, does not require affordable housing before other benefits. The Plan proposes to replace TFAR with the Community Benefits Program & prioritizes provision of on-site affordable housing.

Community Benefits Program Summary

The proposed Plan allows for an increase in floor area ratio<sup>2</sup> (FAR) when community benefits such as affordable housing are provided. The Downtown Community Plan zoning outlines base and bonus FARs for each property. The difference between the base and bonus FAR is the key mechanism to incentivize affordable housing in new developments. In most areas of the Plan, the maximum FAR is greater than what is allowed today-allowing more opportunities to capture affordable housing. The proposed FARs are informed by what is allowed under the current adopted plan as well as stakeholder feedback.

#### Community Benefits Program Summary

The Plan proposes to increase project review thresholds and reduce review time for projects providing affordable housing.

**Q** Staff Report discussion Improving Feasibility of the Community Benefits Program

The Plan also introduces a new Community Benefits Fund to promote creation of new affordable housing, buyout expiring affordable housing covenants, and distribute funding to Community Land Trusts.

**Q** Community Benefits Trust Fund Ordinance



<sup>1</sup> The proposed zoning outlines a Base and Bonus FAR for each property. Developments that build larger than what the Base FAR allows are required to provide community benefits such as affordable housing.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  Floor area ratio (FAR) is the measurement of a building's floor area in relation to the size of the lot that the building is located on.

#### **ANTI-DISPLACEMENT**

PLAN STRATEGIES

The Plan proposes to increase opportunities for affordable housing by lowering the base FARs, removing density limitations, and increasing the maximum FARs in Chinatown and Little Tokyo.

♥ Draft of the New Zoning Code Article 2-Forms, Zoning Form Districts: LN1, LM2, MN1, DM5, DM2 and Chinatown Plan Summary

The Proposed Plan requires 100% affordable housing in certain portions of Skid Row.

♥ Draft of the New Zoning Code, Article 5-Use, Zoning Use District IX1

The Plan introduces a deeply low income affordable housing category to serve existing Downtown residents and safeguard housing for those making less than 15% AMI or approximately \$14,000 annually.

O Community Benefits Program Summary

Projects choosing to participate in the Community Benefits program will be required to replace any residential units demolished as a result of new residential construction. Residential Hotel Unit Conversion and Demolition Ordinance and Home-Sharing Ordinance protections will continue.

**♥** Draft of the New Zoning Code, Article 9-Public Benefit Programs

The Plan outlines a number of Implementation Programs in the Policy Document including:

Vacancy Tax Study: Study the feasibility of an annual tax on the rental value of vacant land that is based on the permitted land use to encourage activation and development of underutilized land in urban areas, particularly near public transit infrastructure.

First Right of Refusal Study: Explore the creation of Citywide first right of refusal provisions to ensure lower- and moderate-income tenants that are displaced due to new residential construction have the First Right of Refusal to return to a rental unit at an affordable cost.

No Net Loss Program: Explore the creation of a Citywide no net loss program to minimize the displacement of residents and ensure that there is no loss of affordable rental housing.

A Racial Justice and Equity Analysis: Explore the creation of a Racial Justice and Equity Analysis, that outlines recommended transformative or restorative strategies, such as targeted plan and code amendments, if harm is identified.

Community Land Trust: Encourage partnerships that seek to implement community land trust projects. A Community Land Trust is a community-based non-profit organization designed to ensure community stewardship of land by purchasing or holding land and removing it from the speculative real estate market.



Visit planning4la.org/dtla2040 to find referenced Draft Plan materials and documents.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

PLAN STRATEGIES

The Plan prohibits toxic uses near residential uses and only allows heavy industrial uses in areas of the plan that are buffered from mixed-use zones.

• Interactive Zoning Map

The Plan requires buffering and screening from adjacent freeways to protect people from air pollution.

• Draft of the New Zoning Code, Article 4-Development Standards

The Plan requires pedestrian passages and amenities to help create a safe and inviting space for more Angelenos to walk, roll, and take transit to complete their daily activities.

O Draft of the New Zoning Code, Article 4-Development Standards, Article 3-Frontages

The Plan supports a range of mobility options to reduce car trips, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality for all Angelenos.

Proposed Draft Downtown Community Plan Text, reference Chapter 3 Mobility & Connectivity

#### **HISTORIC & CULTURAL NEIGHBORHOODS**

PLAN STRATEGIES

Introduces height limits and a palette of character tools in historic and cultural neighborhoods to encourage building frontages that reinforce the character unique of these neighborhoods.

Oraft of the New Zoning Code Article 3-Frontage, Zoning Frontage Districts: CHC1, CDF1, CDR1, SH2, AL1, AL2, MK1

The Plan proposes incentives for preserving historic resources.

Praft of the New Zoning Code, Article 9-Public Benefit Programs, Downtown Adaptive Reuse

#### **SMALL BUSINESS PROTECTIONS**

PLAN STRATEGIES

The Plan limits the The Community Benefit maximum size of a ground Program offers incentives floor establishment in Little include business Tokyo and Chinatown to incubators, providing promote and retain locally tenant space and owned small businesses. assistance for small

O Draft of the New Zoning business. Code Article 5-Use, O Community Benefits Zoning Use Districts: RX1, Program Summary CX1

The Community Benefit Fund the Arts district require supports eligible small production space in legacy and community- residential units to serving businesses with support small scale rent subsidies, grants for artisans, manufactures, low-income entrepreneurs, supports creation Sidewalk Commissaries.

Benefits Community Trust Fund Ordinance

business for developments to

Proposed Live/work Downtown zoning requirements in micro- and fabricators

and O Draft of the New of Zoning Code Article 5-Vendor Use, Zoning Use Districts: IX4



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AS WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE, THE DTLA 2040 PLAN CELEBRATES DOWNTOWN'S MANY DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOODS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE DIVERSE AND RICH FABRIC OF THE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY WHILE DISTINCT STRATEGIES FOCUS ON SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES.

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REQUIRE THAT NEW
DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDE
AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN EXISTING
INDUSTRIAL AREAS. REQUIRE THAT
NEW LARGE DEVELOPMENTS
PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN
EXISTING RESIDENTIAL AREAS.
ENCOURAGE THE PROVISION OF
SERVICES FOR THOSE MOST IN
NEED. ALLOW FOR COMMUNITY
SERVING USES SUCH AS GROCERY
STORES.

#### LITTLE TOKYO

REQUIRE THAT NEW BUILDINGS
INCLUDE SPACE FOR SMALL
BUSINESSESR. REQUIRE SPECIAL
REVIEW FOR ALL PROJECTS
THROUGH THE COMMUNITY
DESIGN OVERLAY TO ENSURE
THAT NEW DEVELOPMENT
RESPECTS THE CULTURAL
LEGACY OF LITTLE TOKYO.

#### HISTORIC CORE

REQUIRE THAT NEW BUILDINGS
HAVE SIMILAR SCALE TO EXISTING
HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND USE
CERTAIN MATERIALS LIKE BRICK OR
STONE TO RESPECT THE HISTORIC
CHARACTER OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD. ENCOURAGE
ACTIVATION OF BROADWAY
THEATERS AND ENCOURAGE SPACE
FOR ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT.

#### CHINATOWN

REQUIRE THAT NEW BUILDINGS
HAVE SIMILAR SCALE TO
EXISTING BUILDINGS, CREATE
NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR
AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND
ADOPT NEW DESIGN BEST
PRACTICE DOCUMENTS TO
ENSURE NEW DEVELOPMENT
RESPECTS THE CULTURAL
LEGACY OF CHINATOWN.

# FASHION DISTRICT

PRESERVE SPACE FOR
FABRICATION, RETAIL, AND
OFFICE AND ALLOW NEW
HOUSING TO BE BUILT. APPLY
ZONING TOOLS THAT SUPPORT
OUTDOOR MARKETS AND
VENDING.

#### **ARTS DISTRICT**

ENCOURAGE "MAKER" SPACE
FOR ARTISTS, MANUFACTURERS,
AND CONTENT CREATION.
PRESERVE HISTORIC BUILDINGS
AND FACILITATE ACCESS TO THE
LOS ANGELES RIVER.

# FINANICAL DISTRICT

IMPROVE WALKABILITY AND TRANSIT ACCESS. ENCOURAGE TOWERS THAT WILL SHAPE THE CITY'S SKYLINE.





RULES AND ACTIONS OF
GOVERNMENT CAN SHAPE OUR
DAY-TO-DAY EXPERIENCE AND
QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH THE
ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES.

THE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY PLAN OUTLINES NEW RULES TO ENSURE NEW BUILDINGS CONTRIBUTE AMENITIES SUCH AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PARKS.

YOUR LIVED EXPERIENCE OF DOWNTOWN IS VALUABLE. YOU CAN ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES THAT HELP CREATE POSITIVE CHARACTERISTICS AND DISCOURAGE NEGATIVES ONES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THE PLAN UPDATE PROCESS OFFERS MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE.

# WAYS TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE PLAN:

- SHOW PUBLIC SUPPORT IN FAVOR OF A COMMUNITY PLANNING POLICY OR VISION
- WRITE A LETTER IN FAVOR OR AGAINST THE PLAN
- DOCUMENT ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IN FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
- HIGHLIGHT ISSUES THAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED
- PROVIDE TESTIMONY AT A PUBLIC HEARING

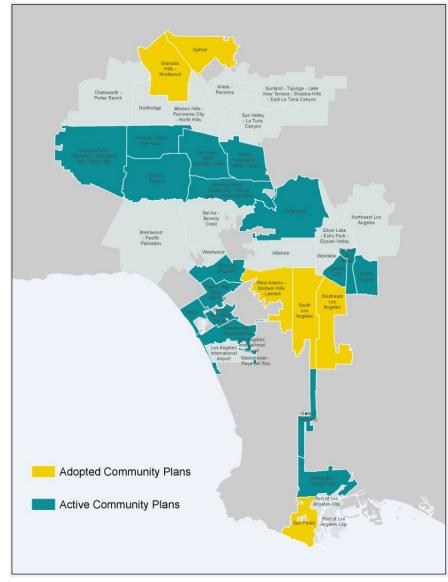
# Miscellaneous Informational

# Successional Rights

Entitlement	Reference
General Plan Adoption/Amendment	Sec. 13B.1.1.
Specific Plan Adoption/Amendment	Sec. 13B.1.2.
Zone Change	Sec. 13B.1.4.
Class 3 Conditional Use Permit	Sec. 13B.2.3.
Project Review	Sec. 13B.2.4.
Tentative Tract Map	Sec. 13B.7.3.
Final Tract Map	Sec. 13B.7.4.
Preliminary Parcel Map	Sec. 13B.7.5.
Final Parcel Map	Sec. 13B.7.5.
Project Compliance	Sec. 13B.4.2.
Project Compliance (Design Review Board)	Sec. 13B.4.3.
Project Adjustment	Sec. 13B.4.4.
Project Exception	Sec. 13B.4.5.
Certificate of Appropriateness (Construction, Addition, Modification, or Reconstruction)	Sec. 13B.8.5.
Certificate of Appropriateness (Demolition, Removal, or Relocation)	Sec 13B.8.6.
Certificate of Compatibility for Non-Contributing Elements	Sec. 13B.8.7.
Coastal Development Permit (Pre-Certification)	Sec. 13B.9.1.
Coastal Development Permit (Post-Certification)	Sec. 13B.9.2.
Transfer of Floor Area Rights	LAMC Chapter 1, Article 4.5
Design Overlay Plan Approval	LAMC Chapter 1, Section 13.08.
Density Bonus Program	LAMC Chapter 1, Section 12.22.A.25
Transit Oriented Communities Incentive Program	LAMC Chapter 1, Section 12.22.A.31

# Community Plan Update Citywide Map

There are 16 Community Plans in the update process



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# Live-work Q Conditions in the Elysian Valley

**Section 2.** Pursuant to Section 12.32-G of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, and any amendment thereto, the following limitations are hereby imposed upon the use of those properties described in Section 1 and are preceded by the "Q" in Brackets ([Q]). The conditions and limitations imposed by the new "Q" Qualified Classification are set forth as follows:

#### 1. Uses:

- a. Residential dwelling units are prohibited except for the following:
  - Live/Work dwelling units are permissible at a ratio of one unit per 1,200 square feet of lot area and must comply with the following development standards:
    - 1. A minimum unit floor area of 750 square feet;
    - 2. A minimum work space of 150 square feet;
    - Open floor plans at the ground floor (exclusive of restrooms/bathrooms, storage areas);
    - Ground floors are comprised of a minimum floor-to-ceiling height of 12 feet (adaptive re-use projects exempt where not feasible within an existing structure);
    - All Live/Work dwelling units shall be built in conformance with Section 419
      of the Los Angeles Building Code and the provisions of this ordinance,
      subject to verification by the Los Angeles Department of Building and
      Safety.
- b. Individual Food Service establishments are limited to 8,000 square feet.
- c. Individual Retail establishments are limited to 10,000 square feet.
- d. The following uses are prohibited;
  - Any use involving the service, repair, storage, sales, or dismantling of new or used automobiles, trucks, trailers, or parts therein.
  - Any use involving the deposit, storage, transfer, or sorting of recyclable waste materials
- iii. Adult Entertainment
- iv. Bail Bond Broker
- v. Pawnshop
- vi. Public Storage Facility (Storage Building for Household Goods)
- vii. Open Storage Area
- viii. Drive-throughs of Any Kind
- ix. Shooting Gallery
- x. Tow Truck Dispatching

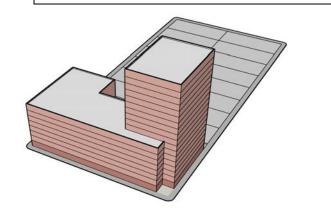
### **Policies**

Development of a pre-qualification process that evaluates contractors on their record and commitment to high road wage and benefit standards and local hire training.

# Lot 45 - Proposed Plan Potential Development Scenario (Affordable Housing Emphasis)

# Proposed FAR Map Category Base FAR - 2:1 Bonus Max FAR - 8.5:1 Base Ht - No limit Bonus Max Ht - No limit

Example of 8.5:1 Building



#### Lot 45 Development Scenario

Summary\*: Mixed- income, residential project would result in 829 units with 138 restricted to extremely low income

8.5 FAR Bonus for providing Additional Affordable Housing

Level 2 & 3 an additional 9% Extremely-low on the total units required (1.5% per 1:1 FAR for an additional bonus of 6:1 FAR)

2.8:1 FAR Bonus for providing Affordable Housing

Level 1 8% Extremely-low on the total units Required

2:1 FAR Base

No affordable housing required