

# South LA Development Services Center (DSC)


## Grand Opening

Los Angeles City Planning recently launched its full service Development Services Center (DSC) in South LA, in partnership with the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) and the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), marking a significant milestone toward greater inclusivity, economic opportunity, and support for underserved communities.

Located at the Mark Ridley-Thomas Constituent Service Center at 8475 Vermont Avenue, First Floor, the addition of City Planning to the South LA Development Services Center (DSC) creates a one-stop shop for South LA residents to access critical services to begin the building process.

One key benefit of the South LA DSC is that residents, community members and business owners in South LA and surrounding areas can access resources nearby instead of traveling to Downtown LA, the location of the next closest DSC. Applicants can schedule an appointment to receive technical guidance on planning services. Small business owners and residents can also visit the DSCs to learn about existing and proposed land use regulations.

The South LA DSC team offers in-person appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.a.m. to 4 p.m. for certain City Planning services while also engaging in various outreach efforts in the community. Please note that the counter is closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Virtual appointments are available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On



Tuesdays and Thursdays, in-person meetings will be offered in support of specific planning services including:


- Technical guidance and pre-application consultation to verify that a proposed project is in compliance with specific development regulations
- Planning case application filings
- Planning case condition clearance
- Planning clearances for building permit issuance
- Fee payment - On-site cashier is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Information about City Planning programs, processes, and policies

The South LA LADBS branch is open two days a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, by appointment only. LADBS virtual counters are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are closed between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. On Wednesdays, the virtual counter opens at 9 a.m. At this branch, LADBS provides:

- Express permits
- New Building Plan check submittal
- Building Over-the-Counter and Expanded Counter Plan Check
- Verification for Over-the-Counter and Expanded Counter Plan Check
- Ready-to-Issue for Building Plan Check

The South LA Housing Department counter is available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and is closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Appointments are recommended to receive assistance with a variety of housing services, including:

- Educational resources for landlords, tenants, and community advocates including, but not limited to, Rent Stabilization Ordinance, Just Cause Ordinance, and the Los Angeles Municipal Code
- Code complaint intake and assistance resolving housing issues
- Fee payments and billing
- Rent Registry form completion and other LAHD forms
- Housing records requests



In the coming months, City Planning will introduce its services to the South LA community and neighborhood groups by hosting information tables at upcoming community events. There will be engagement opportunities facilitated throughout the year.

For more information on the South LA DSC and available services, please visit [Planning4LA.org/SouthLA-DSC](https://planning4la.org/SouthLA-DSC). To reach the South LA Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) public counter, please visit <https://housing2.lacity.org/about-us/public-counters>. To reach the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) public counter, please visit <https://appointments.lacity.org/apptsys/Public/Account>.