

Liaison Updates - September 2024



Citywide

Housing Element Rezoning Program Draft Ordinances

In June 2024, Los Angeles City Planning released revised draft ordinances for the Housing Element Rezoning Program. Information on the draft ordinances can be found [here](#). Following a [public hearing](#) on July 25th, the City Planning Commission (CPC) is scheduled to review these draft ordinances on **September 26, 2024**. The meeting will be available in person, via Zoom, or by phone.

After the CPC review, the ordinances will be forwarded to the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee and then to the full City Council for further consideration. Please note that the public comment period is now closed. Additional information and resources on the ordinances can be found on the City Planning [webpage](#).

For questions about the adoption process, contact housingelement@lacity.org.

New Zoning Code

City Planning is in the process of developing a zoning system and zoning code for the first time since 1946. The New Zoning Code aims to be more modern, efficient, user friendly, and responsive to the diverse needs and visions of our City's communities. You can learn about the new zoning system by watching our [Zoning Overview Videos](#), and the New Zoning Code by visiting [the New Code project page](#).

Zoning determines the permitted uses on a parcel and provides regulations for development, including height, bulk, use, and setbacks. The adoption of the [Downtown Community Plan](#) will mark the initial implementation of the New Zoning Code, and will expand to other neighborhoods as the Community Plans are updated throughout the City. Sign up [here](#) to receive updates on the Community Plan update.

The New Zoning Code is currently being reviewed by the City Attorney's Office for form and legality and is anticipated to be adopted later this year, and operational in early 2025. We will also be updating our Department's website with new resources to help everyone navigate the New Zoning Code.

Environmental Justice

Los Angeles City Planning has released the [Outreach Summary](#) for the initial phase of the Environmental Justice (EJ) Policy Program. After engaging with over 1,800 Angelenos and gathering 2,000+ comments, and consulting with a working group of community-based organizations and a

technical advisory group of city departments, the next phase will involve drafting policies and programs. Draft documents will be shared for public comment in winter 2025.

For more information or questions, visit the EJ [website](#) or contact the EJ Policy teams via planning.envjustice@lacity.org.

Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA)

We are pleased to invite you to join a virtual information session on the Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA) on **October 15 at 3:00 p.m.** Please register [here](#) and visit our [website](#) for more information on the CVA. For any questions, please email the Climate Equity team at planning.climate@lacity.org.

Redevelopment Plan Procedures

Los Angeles City Planning has proposed a [new draft ordinance](#) to transition Redevelopment Plan Procedures to Chapter 1A. This ordinance relocates these procedures from Section 11.5.14 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to a new Division 13B.12 in Chapter 1A. To maintain consistency with Chapter 1A this update includes minor updates to policies, standardized procedures, and improves clarity and readability.

The [draft ordinance](#) was reviewed and approved on consent at the City Planning Commission meeting on September 12, 2024. The ordinance will be heard next at a Planning and Land Use Committee meeting that is currently TBD.

For questions or to be added to the interested parties list, please contact Tyler Currie at tyler.currie@lacity.org and include Planning Case Number [CPC-2024-2616-CA](#) in your email.

South LA Development Services Center

On Tuesday, July 23, 2024, Los Angeles City Planning opened its first [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). Located on the first floor of the Mark Ridley-Thomas Constituent Service Center at 8475 Vermont Avenue, the South LA DSC is a convenient one-stop shop for local residents to access important planning services. The center offers in-person appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.a.m. to 4 p.m., as well as virtual appointments on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

For more information, please visit Planning4LA.org/SouthLA-DSC.

AI Fresco Deadline Extended to December 31

The deadline for the temporary AI Fresco program has been extended, and all AI Fresco Temporary Authorizations will now expire on December 31, 2024. Businesses with these Temporary Authorizations must apply for [permits](#) to offer permanent outdoor dining beyond the temporary program. Since the review and inspection process can be lengthy, it is strongly recommended to apply early to avoid any disruptions.

Biologist Consultants List

The Department will be creating a list of Qualified Biological Consultants. The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be released via RAMPLA (Regional Alliance Marketplace for Procurement). In order to view the RFQ and to submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ), interested applicants must register on [RAMPLA](#).

For additional information, email planning.contracts@lacity.org.

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Boyle heights Community Plan update

The [Boyle Heights Community Plan Update](#) sets long-term goals and policies for the future of Boyle Heights, one of Los Angeles's most transit-friendly and densely populated neighborhoods. The Plan encourages growth near transit hubs and commercial areas while preserving the variety of housing densities and the neighborhood's historic character. You can find more details and key priorities on the official [website](#).

The Plan is expected to be reconsidered by the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM Committee) at its **upcoming meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2024**. To recap the Plan's adoption progress: In December 2023, the Los Angeles City Council (City Council) considered the Plan and approved modifications. These changes were required to be considered by the City Planning Commission (CPC), who issued its recommendation on the City Council's modifications on January 11, 2024 and the Mayor issued their recommendation on the modifications on May 30, 2024. City Planning has prepared a finalized version of the Plan, inclusive of General Plan policies, maps, implementing ordinances, and revised environmental studies, and transmitted those items to the City Council for final adoption.

The City Council must take action by September 27, 2024. To stay updated, subscribe for notifications on the [City Clerk's website](#). The PLUM Committee meeting agenda will be posted 72 hours before the meeting, with options for public participation both in person and online. The meeting will also be streamed live online and accessible by phone.

For more information, materials, or to submit public comments, visit [Council File No. 23-0861](#). A [four-part video series](#) on the Community Plan is also available for those who want to learn more.

East San Fernando Valley Transit Neighborhood Plan

The Plan will update land use and zoning regulations along Van Nuys Boulevard in Pacoima, Arleta, and Panorama City, in alignment with the new Metro light rail. The plan aims to promote equitable housing, support transit use, and boost economic vitality in these communities.

Through extensive outreach, five Guiding Principles have been developed based on community feedback, addressing key topics such as: housing equity, local business diversity, connectivity, climate resilience, and community identity.

A draft land use proposal is expected by spring 2025, with more opportunities for community engagement to follow.

For more information, visit the ESFV TNP [website](#) to explore program details, review past event materials, and sign up for updates via email. You can also provide feedback by contacting planning.esfvtnp@lacity.org.

Southeast Valley Community Plans Update

In Spring 2024, the Southeast Valley Community Plans Update (SEVCPU) team introduced the Draft General Plan Land Use (GPLU) Designations and [StoryMap](#) for three community plans: North Hollywood - Valley Village, Sherman Oaks - Studio City - Toluca Lake - Cahuenga Pass, and Van Nuys - North Sherman Oaks. This September, the SEVCPU team is hosting office hours for more detailed, one-on-one discussions about the Draft GPLU Designations. Appointments can be made for both virtual and in-person meetings on various dates:

- [Virtual Office Hours:](#)
 - September 19 and 23, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- [In-Person/Hybrid Office Hours:](#)
 - September 17, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Lankershim Arts Center
 - September 24, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Marvin Braude Constituent Services Center

To sign up, visit the [Office Hour Appointment Form](#) on the [website](#), provide your contact details, select a planning topic, indicate if you need translation services, and choose an available time slot. Confirmations will be sent 24 hours before the appointment, with virtual meetings including a Google Meet link.

Westchester Playa Del Rey Community Plan update

Join City Planning for an in-person meeting on **September 19, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Frank D. Parent Elementary School, Inglewood**. This meeting will focus on the Westchester-Playa Del Rey Community Plan Update, especially regarding Ladera Heights. You'll have the chance to ask questions and share your feedback. For more information, see the meeting [flyer](#). [Recording](#) and [presentation materials](#) from the July 16 virtual session are also available.

For more information contact us at planning.thewestside@lacity.org.

Helpful Resources

- [Animated video series](#) about the new, updated zoning system and its modules
- [Executive Directive 1 Implementation](#)
- [Home-Sharing Records Portal](#)
- [City Planning Prefixes and Suffixes](#)

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