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## Council Approves DTLA Plan, Leads Way for More Affordable and Supportive Housing, New Zoning Code

**LOS ANGELES** — The City Council approved City Planning’s Downtown Community Plan Update, or DTLA 2040, a multi-year effort that seeks to update the policies and zoning designations that guide development within the seven-square-mile core of the City. The Council’s unanimous decision helps usher in more sustainable growth, as well as protects and encourages affordable and supportive housing in L.A.’s urban core. The DTLA Community Plan Update will also be the first area in the City to make use of the long-anticipated New Zoning Code.

“The Downtown Community Plan update provides clear, standardized tools necessary to address the housing crisis equitably,” said Director of Planning Vince Bertoni. “Downtown Los Angeles faces unique challenges and opportunities as a dense, mixed-use urban center. This update coupled with the New Zoning Code will play a crucial role in shaping its future, promoting sustainable development, preserving historic resources, and enhancing its livability.”

The DTLA Community Plan Update is expected to create 100,000 new homes, attract 100,000 more work opportunities, and draw 175,000 additional residents to Downtown through the year 2040. The plan has made significant efforts to address both the ongoing climate crisis and the City’s housing crisis. With 80% of the plan’s housing capacity within half a mile of major transit stops, this community plan update leverages L.A.’s transit-rich center to connect more Angelenos and visitors to housing, employment, health care, education, and cultural events. It also strives to support and sustain Downtown’s ongoing transformation, with 20% of the city’s growth on just 1% of the City’s land.



This updated community plan for the City’s very diverse urban core will affect Chinatown, Bunker Hill, Union Station, Civic Center, Little Tokyo, Fashion District, the Convention Center, Skid Row, and the Arts District, as well as Downtown’s financial, historic core, and light and heavy industrial districts. More information on the Downtown Community Plan can be found at [planning4la.org/dtla2040](https://planning4la.org/dtla2040).

The current Zoning Code was first established in 1946, last comprehensively updated in 2000 as part of the Charter Reform initiative, and is one of the most complex in the nation, with numerous zones and overlays across 469 square miles of land for nearly 4 million people. The New Zoning Code will be a more modern and flexible zoning system designed to be more responsive to the needs of L.A.’s diverse communities and provide a thoughtful range of uses and building design, encourage sustainable development, and promote equity across the City. More information about the New Zoning Code will be shared in coming months.

The City Council initially adopted the Downtown Community Plan in May 2023, and at that time, referred its many implementing ordinances to the City Attorney for finalization. Since May 2023, the Council made two changes to the DTLA plan that was adopted in 2023. The Council changed the inclusionary housing obligation imposed on industrial-mixed use sites in Skid Row, and it changed the zoning regulations for the ROW DTLA and Wholesale Produce Distribution sites near 7th and Alameda.

The Council also incorporated various citywide ordinances that had been established subsequent to the May 3, 2023 adoption date. These include ordinances such as the Citywide AI Fresco program, and the Responsible Hotel Ordinance.

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