

**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**\*CORRECTED\* REVISED SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022 AFTER 8:30 A.M.**  
**(via TELECONFERENCE)**

Meeting presentation will be made available here (<https://tinyurl.com/CPC12-15-22>) by Monday, December 12, 2022  
Compliant Day of Submissions will be added to this drive.

**RACIAL EQUITY VALUE STATEMENT:**

*Equitable planning demands that race does not determine whether or not one thrives in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles City Planning Commission prioritizes a planning process that centers the needs of those most harmed by systemic racism. Our goal is the creation of affordable, prosperous, resilient and healthy communities where all Angelenos experience the feeling that they belong.*

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**POLICY FOR DESIGNATED PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:**

In accordance with Government Code Section 54953, subsections (e)(1) and (e)(3), and in light of the State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020 relating to COVID-19 and ongoing concerns that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees and/or that the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person, the City Planning Commission's December 15, 2022 special meeting will be conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

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**YOU CAN ALSO VIEW THE MEETING ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT: <https://planning-lacity-org.zoom.us/j/84459392800> AND USE MEETING ID: 844 5939 2800 AND PASSCODE 048384.**

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Pursuant to the Commission's general operating procedures, the Commission at times must necessarily limit the speaking times of those presenting testimony on either side of an issue that is designated as a public hearing item. In all instances, however, equal time is allowed for presentation of pros and cons of matters to be acted upon.

Written submissions are governed by Rule 4.3 of the City Planning Commission Rules and Operating Procedures which are posted online at <https://planning.lacity.org>, by selecting "About," "Commissioners," "City Planning Commission," and "Operating Procedures." However, please see revised submission guidelines below which have been modified in order to accommodate the conduct of the meeting telephonically.

**Initial Submissions**, not limited as to volume, must be received by the Commission Executive Assistant no later than by 4:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the week of the Commission meeting. Materials must be emailed to [cpc@lacity.org](mailto:cpc@lacity.org). **Secondary Submissions** in response to a Staff Recommendation Report or additional comments must be received electronically no later than 48-hours before the Commission meeting. Submissions shall not exceed ten (10) pages, including exhibits, and must be submitted electronically to [cpc@lacity.org](mailto:cpc@lacity.org). Photographs do not count toward the page limitation. **Day of Hearing Submissions** within 48 hours of the meeting, up to and including the day of the meeting are limited to 2 pages plus accompanying photographs and must be submitted electronically to [cpc@lacity.org](mailto:cpc@lacity.org). Submissions that do not comply with these rules will be stamped "**File Copy. Non-Complying Submission.**" Non-complying submissions will be placed into the official case file, but they will not be delivered to or considered by the Commission, and will not be included in the official administrative record for the item at issue.

The Commission may RECONSIDER and alter its action taken on items listed herein at any time during this meeting or during the next regular meeting, in accordance with the Commission Rules and Operating Procedures and provided that the Commission retains jurisdiction over the case. If a Commission meeting is canceled or adjourned due to lack of quorum, all remaining agenda

items shall be continued to the next regular meeting or beyond as long as the continuance is within the legal time limits of the case or cases.

**Requests for reasonable modification or accommodation from individuals with disabilities**, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act can be made by contacting the Commission Executive Assistant at (213) 978-1299 or by email at [cpc@lacity.org](mailto:cpc@lacity.org) no later than three working days (72 hours) prior to the meeting. For Telecommunication Relay Services for the hearing impaired, please see the information located on the last page of this agenda.

If you challenge these agenda items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing agendized here, or in written correspondence on these matters delivered to this agency at or prior to the public hearing.

If you seek judicial review of any decision of the City pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5, the petition for writ of mandate pursuant to that section must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the City's decision became final pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. There may be other time limits which also affect your ability to seek judicial review.

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If you would like to receive a determination letter for any item on today's agenda, please email your request to [cpc@lacity.org](mailto:cpc@lacity.org). Please include your contact information (email or mailing address) and the case number associated with the item.

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## **1. DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**Motion Required.** Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54953(e)(1)(B)-(C), (e)(3)(A), and (e)(3)(B)(i), a determination that the COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person and possible Commission Action.

## **2. DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- [Update on City Planning Commission Status Reports and Active Assignments](#)
- LAHD Presentation on Unit Replacement & Tenant Protection Processes
- Items of Interest
- Advance Calendar
- Commission Requests

## **3. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL POSITION STATEMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Presentations by Neighborhood Council representatives on any Neighborhood Council resolution, or community impact statement filed with the City Clerk, which relates to any agenda item listed or being considered on this agenda. The Neighborhood Council representative shall provide the Board or Commission with a copy of the Neighborhood Council's resolution or community impact statement by email to [cpc@lacity.org](mailto:cpc@lacity.org). At the Chair's discretion, presentations of Neighborhood Councils on any matter listed on the agenda for this Commission meeting may be taken at the time the agenda is taken for consideration.

#### 4. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Commission shall provide an opportunity in open meetings for the public to address it **on non-agenda items**, for a cumulative total of up to thirty (30) minutes, on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.

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#### 5. **RECONSIDERATIONS**

**a. MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER** – The Commission may make a motion to reconsider a Commission Action on any agenda items from its previous meeting, consistently with the Commission Rule 9.3, provided the Commission retains jurisdiction over the matter.

**b. MERITS OF ANY ITEM THE COMMISSION HAS VOTED TO RECONSIDER** – If a majority of the Commission has approved a motion to reconsider a Commission Action, the Commission may address the merits of the original Commission Action.

#### 6. **CONSENT CALENDAR (6a)**

Consent Calendar items are considered to be not controversial and will be treated as one agenda item. The Consent Calendar will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless the item is removed from the Consent Calendar, in which event the item will be considered as time allows on the regular agenda.

##### 6a. **CPC-2022-2792-CU-DB-DRB-SPP-WDI-HCA**

CEQA: ENV-2022-2793-CE

Plan Area: West Adams – Baldwin Hills – Leimert

Council District: 8 – Harris-Dawson

**\*\*Last Day to Act: 02-28-23**

**PUBLIC HEARING** – Completed October 14, 2022

**PROJECT SITE:** 5355 – 5365 South Crenshaw Boulevard; 3409 – 3415 West 54th Street

##### **PROPOSED PROJECT:**

Construction of a new six-story, 73-foot three-inch tall mixed-use building composed of 48 dwelling units (including six Very Low Income units) and 2,084 square feet of ground floor retail. The Project will be approximately 42,900 square feet in floor area with a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 3.58:1. The Project will provide 28 parking spaces with eight parking spaces located at-grade and 20 parking spaces in a single subterranean parking level. The site is currently improved with a one-story commercial building which will be demolished for the Project. There are no existing trees on site. The Project will also involve grading and the export of approximately 3,100 cubic yards of soil.

##### **REQUESTED ACTIONS:**

1. Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32, an Exemption from CEQA, and that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Section 12.22 A.25 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a Density Bonus/Affordable Housing Incentive Program Compliance Review to permit the construction of a Housing Development Project totaling 48 units, reserving six units for Very Low Income Household occupancy for a period of 55 years, with the following requested Off-Menu Incentives and Waivers of Development Standards:
  - a. An Off-Menu Incentive for an increase in FAR for a maximum of 3.58:1 in lieu of 2:1;
  - b. An Off-Menu Incentive for a height increase to 73 feet three inches in lieu of 60 feet;

- c. An Off-Menu Incentive for 25 percent decrease in open space to allow 3,999 square feet of open space in lieu of 5,050 square feet;
  - d. A Waiver of Development to allow transitional height at a 45-degree angle measured 25 feet above grade in lieu of being measured at 15 feet above grade;
  - e. A Waiver of Development to allow a five-foot northerly side yard setback in lieu of the otherwise required nine feet for a six-story building;
  - f. A Waiver of Development to allow a five-foot southerly side yard setback in lieu of the otherwise required nine feet for a six-story building;
  - g. A Waiver of Development to allow a 15-foot rear yard setback in lieu of the otherwise required 18 feet for a six-story building;
3. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 U.26, a Conditional Use Permit to allow a 58 percent increase in density;
  4. Pursuant to LAMC Sections 11.5.7 C and 16.50, a Project Permit Compliance and Design Review for the construction of a mixed-use development with 48 residential units and 2,084 square feet of ground floor commercial space with 28 parking spaces;
  5. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.31 I, a Waiver of Dedication and Improvement to waive the requirement for a three-foot wide strip of land along the property frontage to complete a 43-foot half right-of-way in accordance with Avenue II Street standards, and any associated street improvements.

**Applicant:** 5365 Crenshaw, LLC  
Representative: Dana Sayles, three6ixty

**Staff:** Kyle Winston, City Planner  
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**7. [CPC-2018-2223-CU](#)**

CEQA: ENV-2018-2224-CE  
Plan Area: Sherman Oaks – Studio City –  
Toluca Lake – Cahuenga Pass

Council District: 4 – Raman

\*\*Last Day to Act: 12-30-22  
Continued from: 12-08-22

**PUBLIC HEARING** – Completed October 25, 2022

**PROJECT SITE:** 3477 North Laurelvale Drive

**PROPOSED PROJECT:**

Continued use and operation of a private swim school at a private residence.

**REQUESTED ACTIONS:**

1. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15301, Section 15323 Class 1, and Class 23, an Exemption from CEQA, and that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies; and
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.24 U.24, a Conditional Use Permit to allow the use and operation of a private swim school at a private residence in the RE15-1-H Zone.

**Applicant:** William Marsh, Swim to Bill  
Representative: Stacey Brenner, Brenner Consulting Group

**Staff:** Correy Kitchens, City Planner  
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**PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED**

**PROJECT SITE:** 2323 South Scarff Avenue

**PROPOSED PROJECT:**

Construction, maintenance, and use of a 10-unit apartment building totaling four stories in height, consisting of three residential levels over on-grade parking. The proposed building will have a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 2.37:1; 20,996 square feet of floor area, and a maximum height of 40 feet six inches. One unit, or 10 percent of the unit total, will be set aside for Very Low Income households.

**APPEAL:**

An appeal of the August 25, 2022, Zoning Administrator's determination which:

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32; and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Section 12.22 A.25(c) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a Density Bonus for the construction, use and maintenance of a 20,996 square-foot, 10-unit residential apartment building, including one unit for a Very Low Income Household, and measuring 40 feet, six inches in height and providing 18 parking spaces on the ground level, on a vacant Non-Contributing Lot;
3. Approved, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 W.52, a Conditional Use for the construction, use and maintenance of a 20,996 square-foot, 10-unit residential apartment building including one unit for a Very Low Income Household, and measuring 40 feet, six inches in height and providing 18 parking spaces on the ground level, on a vacant Non-Contributing Lot, within a Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay area;
4. Approved, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.20.3.L, a Certificate of Compatibility for the construction, use and maintenance of a 20,996 square-foot, 10-unit residential apartment building, including one unit for a Very Low Income Household, and measuring 40 feet, six inches in height and providing 18 parking spaces on the ground level, on a vacant Non-Contributing Lot within the University Park Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ);
5. Determined, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.20.3 C, that the Project is not subject to street dedication and/or improvement requirements as set forth under LAMC Sections 12.37 A-C and 17.05, provided that the existing sidewalk(s) is in compliance with the accessibility guidelines adopted to comply with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and
6. Adopted the Conditions of Approval and Findings.

**Applicant:** Henry Fan, Charles Kim, Patrick Jen, Orion Capital, LLC

**Appellant:** West Adams Heritage Association (WAHA)  
Representatives: Gary Kousnetz, Jean Frost (WAHA), Jim Childs (ADHOC)

**Staff:** Rafael Fontes, Planning Assistant  
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Theodore L. Irving, Associate Zoning Administrator

9. [DIR-2021-643-TOC-HCA-1A](#)

CEQA: ENV-2021-644-CE

Plan Area: Westlake

\*Council District: 1 – Hernandez

\*\*Last Day to Act: 12-15-22

Continued from: 12-08-22

**PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED**

**PROJECT SITE:** 1537, 1539, 1541, 1543 West Cambria Street

**PROPOSED PROJECT:**

Demolition of an existing six-unit, multi-family residence for the construction, use, and maintenance of a 43-unit residential apartment building that is six stories, 73 feet 10 inches in height, and contains 33,695 square feet of floor area and a 5.6:1 Floor Area Ratio (FAR). Five of the units will be for Extremely Low Income households. The Project will provide 22 vehicle parking spaces, 36 long-term bicycle parking spaces, and four short-term bicycle parking spaces. The Project includes a Transit Oriented Communities Affordable Housing Incentive Program for a Tier 3 project with base and additional incentives.

**APPEALS:**

Two appeals of the September 20, 2022, Director of Planning's determination which:

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15332, Class 32, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Section 12.22 A.31 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Affordable Housing Incentive Program for a qualifying Tier 3 Project totaling 43 dwelling units, reserving five units for Extremely Low Income household occupancy, occupancy for a period of 55 years, with the following three additional incentives:
  - a. Side Yard Setbacks. Allow two side yard setbacks of six feet 3.5 inches in lieu of nine feet as otherwise required by LAMC Section 12.11 C.2;
  - b. Rear Yard Setback. Allow a rear yard setback of 12 feet 7.2 inches in lieu of 18 feet as otherwise required by LAMC Section 11 C.3; and
  - c. Open Space. A 25 percent reduction in Open Space to allow 3,487.5 square feet in lieu of the 4,550 square feet otherwise required by LAMC Section 12.21 G.2;
3. Approved, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.37 I, a Waiver of Improvements to retain an existing non-standard alley along the rear, northern property line; and
4. Adopted the Conditions of Approval and Findings.

**Applicant:** Shahram Saba, Shahco Inc.  
Representative: Shahla Salah, New Real Estate Market

**Appellants:** Alma Myllyla  
  
Pilar Pugh

**Staff:** Marie Pichay, Planning Assistant  
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**PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED**

**PROJECT SITE:** 212 – 220 South Spring Street

**PROPOSED PROJECT:**

Demolition of an existing commercial building; and construction, use and maintenance of a 17-story mixed-use building containing 103,550 square feet of floor area with an 8.1:1 floor area ratio and a maximum height of 223 feet, 4 inches. The new building would include 120 dwelling units, of which 14 units will be restricted to Very Low Income Households. The project would provide 69 automobile parking spaces, 102 bicycle parking spaces and 12,692 square feet of usable open space.

**APPEALS:**

Twos appeals of the September 21, 2022, Director of Planning's determination which:

1. Determined, that based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15332, Class 32 (Class 32 Urban In-Fill Development), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved with Conditions, pursuant to Section 12.22 A.25 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a Density Bonus Affordable Housing Incentive Program to allow the following incentive for a project totaling 120 dwelling units, reserving 11 percent, or 14 units, of the base density units for Very Low Income Household occupancy for a period of 55 years:
  - a. An On-Menu Incentive for a 35 percent increase in the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) to permit a maximum of 8.1:1 in lieu of otherwise permitted 6:1;
3. Approve with Conditions, pursuant to LAMC Section 16.05, a Site Plan Review for a development project which creates or results in an increase of 50 or more dwelling units; and
4. Adopted the Conditions of Approval and Findings.

**Applicant:** 216 Spring St., LLC  
Representative: Blaise Fremont, David Lawrence Gray Architects

**Appellants:** Coalition for Responsible Equitable Economic Development Los Angeles (CREED LA)  
Representative: Aidan P. Marshall, Adams, Broadwell, Joseph & Cardozo

Supporters Alliance for Environmental Responsibility (SAFER)  
Representative: Brian Flynn, Lozeau Drury LLP

**Staff:** Nuri Cho, City Planner  
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**PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED**

**PROJECT SITE:** 3800 – 3830 North Pasadena Avenue;  
3832 – 3836 North Figueroa Street; 110 East Avenue 39

**PROPOSED PROJECT:**

Demolition of existing structures and the construction, use, and maintenance of a new, seven-story mixed-use building with 100 dwelling units, including 10 dwelling units set aside for Extremely Low Income Households and 14,734 square feet of ground floor commercial space within 13 commercial condominium units. The Project includes commercial, residential and parking on the ground floor. The Project will provide a total of 114 automobile parking spaces, 16 short-term and 210 long-term bicycle parking spaces.

**APPEALS:**

Two appeals of the September 15, 2022, Director of Planning's determination which:

1. Determined, that based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Section 12.22 A.31 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a 70 percent increase in density consistent with the provisions of the Transit Oriented Communities Affordable Housing Incentive Program along with the following one Additional Incentive for a Tier 3 project with a total 100 dwelling units and 13 commercial condominium units, including 10 units reserved for Extremely Low Income (ELI) Household occupancy for a period of 55 years:
  - a. Height. To permit a maximum of two additional stories up to an additional 22 feet;
3. Conditionally Approved, pursuant to LAMC Section 16.05, a Site Plan Review for the construction, use and maintenance of a new, seven-story, 150,501 square foot mixed-use building with 100 dwelling units, and 14,734 square feet of commercial space within 13 commercial condominium units in the [T][Q]RAS3-1VL Zone; and
4. Adopted the Conditions of Approval and Findings.

**Applicant:** Michael Naim, Naim Associates, Architecture & Development  
Representative: Harvey Goodman C.E.

**Appellants:** Derek Ryder, Arroyo Seco Alliance  
  
Saul Ramirez, Jr., Ramirez Family

**Staff:** Michelle Carter, City Planner  
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The next regular meeting of the City Planning Commission  
will be held on **Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.**

**\*\*Pursuant to Mayor Garcetti's Emergency Order issued on March 21, 2020, which was subsequently extended on April 17, 2020, the time to act on this item has been tolled for the duration of the local emergency period. Please note that other State law provisions may also apply.**



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### Reasonable Accommodations Consistent with Federal and State Law

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What forms of TRS are available? There are several forms of TRS, depending on the particular needs of the user and the equipment available: TRS includes: Text to Voice TTY-Based TRS; Speech-to-Speech Relay Service; Shared Non-English Language Relay Service; Captioned Telephone Relay Service; Internet Protocol Relay Service; and Video Relay Service. Please visit this site for detailed descriptions, <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

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