



Drop-In Office Hours Outreach Event | December 06, 2018 Venice Local Coastal Program

SUMMARY

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OPEN HOUSE OVERVIEW

The Local Coastal Program is a policy and regulatory document required by the California Coastal Act that establishes land use, development, natural resource protection, coastal access, and public recreation policies for the Venice Coastal Zone. The Planning Department of the City of Los Angeles is undergoing a multi-year effort to prepare, adopt, and certify the Venice Local Coastal Program (LCP) as the coastal planning tool for the area with public input.

The *Office Hours* open house event, held on December 06, 2018, was conducted by the City of Los Angeles Planning Department, and took place at the Oakwood Recreation Center. The session is held as an open format in which community members are welcome to discuss any topic and meet directly with planners. This outreach event is the fourth in the series. The Venice LCP Planning Team is committed to providing the community with a variety of opportunities to connect with planners in order attain the information they need while learning about issues that are most important to them. This summary



documents the objectives, activities, format, and major themes from the December *Office Hours* open house event.

OPEN HOUSE OBJECTIVES

The open house focused on three objectives:

- Review the Local Coastal Program update process
- Provide an overview of the recently completed sea level rise analysis
- Facilitate the collection of community input and discussion topics that were important to the community

WHERE AND WHEN

Thursday, December 06, 2018, 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Oakwood Recreation Center
767 California Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90291

OUTREACH AND ATTENDANCE

As shown in the table below, the City used the following methods to inform community members about the event and encourage participation. 12 attendees signed in at the registration table.

<i>Outreach Methods</i>
E-mail announcements to community members using database of contacts.
E-mail invitations were sent to organizations in the community, including the canal area and affordable housing organizations, with request to forward invitation to members and constituents.
E-mail announcement was sent to the Venice Neighborhood Council to share with the community.
E-mail announcement was sent to Council District 11 to share with constituents, including Twitter.
Outreach via City's External Affairs Office on social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) and at City stakeholder meetings.
E-mail postings on Nextdoor to target Venice LCP subareas.



FORMAT AND ACTIVITIES

The *Office Hours* event consisted of an open house format where attendees could visit station boards and speak directly with city planners regarding any planning matter they wanted to discuss further. Descriptions of the open house components follow below.

Registration

Participants were welcomed at the registration table and provided information about the open house format. Light refreshments and snacks were available for the public.

Open House

Open house stations were set up in the community room at the library. These four stations consisted of the following: 1) Introduction to the Venice Local Coastal Program (LCP), 2) General Land Use Map, 3) Sea Level Rise Maps, 4) Land Use Plan Chapter Board and 5) Guided online access to the Venice LCP website and materials.

Station Number	Topic
1	Venice Local Coastal Plan Overview
2	Venice Land Use Map
3	Sea Level Rise map
4	Land Use Plan Chapter Board
5	Laptop: Guided Online Access

The open house stations provided a chance for community members to ask questions and obtain answers about any planning issues pertaining to the Venice LCP area and the City of Los Angeles. Members of the Venice LCP policy team and Coastal project planning team were available on hand to answer questions, provide information, and collect input from community members. Community members were encouraged to visit all stations and provide input by speaking with planners.

INPUT THEMES

The themes below represent those that appeared the most frequently in the collected input. The themes are listed alphabetically, and their order should not be taken to suggest their priority or importance. Although the open house was designed to foster verbal communication and dialogue, a few attendees provided written comments at the event and online. Staff also made a point of taking notes to record verbal comments and concerns. A summary of all feedback received at the open house is below.



Liquefaction

- General Information and Resources

A long-time resident expressed concerns about liquefaction on his lot. This community member attended office hours to inquire about resources that are available to homeowners. Project planners shared the ZIMAS tool and will be following up with the resident at a later date on additional contacts.

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- A homeowner inquired about what is currently allowable to build and what the constraints are. Further clarification provided in a setting such as Office Hours provides guidance and answers to initial questions that applicants may have.
- At this particular Office Hours, homeowners asked more questions related to current planning more so than the long-range planning.
- New projects despite scale and size or type of project, sparks concerns from homeowners that construction will add to traffic and impact parking negatively.

Ocean Front Walk

- A Homeowner expressed the following points and recommendations:
 - Define “mixed use” on Community Commercial lots and the min residential component required for 50% bonus.
 - Mitigate cumulative impact from anticipated build-out along Ocean Front Walk (OFW) and Speedway Alley by requiring major new projects to dedicate an unobstructed 10ft setback traffic lane along Speedway for: a) drop-offs, b) project deliveries, c) queuing for valet tandem parking, and d) importantly, general neighborhood deliveries.
 - Clarification to the varied roofline definition.
 - Remove the residential density limitation on Community Commercial lots, which effectively discourages all residential development along OFW and is contrary to stated policy and intention, and clarify whether or not Community Commercial lots can be developed for general office use.
 - Remove the limitation that entrances to new walk street residences must face the Walk Street.

Topics of interest that were expressed through the online form

- Liquefaction and the canals.
- Building heights and volume restrictions.
- Survey LA and Historic preservation.
- Density.
- Building codes and remodeling do and don'ts.
- Urban design/public spaces.
- Concerns about the boardwalk (re: private police, BID).



Venice LCP “Office Hours” Overall

Office Hours were welcomed in a new subarea of Venice, this is a continued effort to provide access and reach to a wider audience. Attendance, although somewhat modest at this event continues to be a constant amongst regular attendees with a handful of new faces. SurveyLA, density and zoning remain as frequent topics of discussion while Ocean Front Walk development and safety has become an emerging topic during this series.