Downtown Community Plan & New Zoning Code
Overview

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- Chinatown
- Skid Row

Adaptive Reuse

Character Frontages

Hotels

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- Affordable Housing Covenant Length
- Inclusionary Housing
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- Public Open Space & Parks
- Mobility
- **Housing Stability**
- Inclusionary Housing
- Covenant Length
- Skid Row History & Zoning

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- **Adaptive Reuse**
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Neighborhood Level Considerations
Arts District
Arts District (IX4) Live/Work Unit Requirements

- Requires minimum open floor area to accommodate movement of equipment and fabrication activities
- Average minimum unit size of 1,000 sf
- Unit design must be able to accommodate 5 non-residential employees (i.e. commercial occupancy)
Chinatown Key Issues
Skid Row
Recognizing Skid Row as a Neighborhood

Lamp Community
Downtown Women’s Center
Skid Row Housing Trust
Adaptive Reuse
Adaptive Reuse Updates

Applies to Both Downtown and Citywide

- Rolling eligibility dates - “pre 1974” changed to “25 years or older”
- Conversion to any permitted use
- Additional exemption for unified development projects
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- Exemptions from many Form & Frontage requirements

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Character Frontage
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Character Frontages Regulate:
- Facade Banding
- Recessed Windows
- Street Wall/Upper Story Stepback
- Facade Material Palette
Increased Flexibility in Rules - Examples

Applicability Narrowed

Banding can be Interrupted
Hotels: Proposed Zoning & Conditional Use

- A Conditional Use is required for hotels in Commercial districts, if proposed within 500 feet of a residential or agricultural use district, unless the hotel is within a Transit Core or Traditional Core General Plan land use designation.

- Conditional Use is required for hotels and lodging in Industrial-Mixed use districts.

- Hotels are not permitted in Light and Heavy Industrial Areas

- Throughout the Plan area, projects cannot convert residential units to hotels

- Limitations on the number of hotel rooms shown in previous drafts have been removed
Hotels: Existing & Proposed
Housing Stability
Housing Protections

Existing

- **Affordable Housing Linkage Fee** requires commercial and residential projects to pay a fee for affordable housing and an additional fee is charged when residential units are lost.

- **The Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO)** regulates replacement of demolished units, allowable rent increases, registration of rental units, legal reasons for eviction, and the causes for eviction requiring relocation assistance payment to tenants.

- **Residential Hotel Unit Conversion and Demolition Ordinance (RHO)** offers protections for preservation of existing residential hotels and tenant rights and prohibits conversion or demolition of dwelling units in a residential hotel without approval from LA Housing Department.

- **The Interim Motel Conversion Ordinance** facilitates the interim use of existing motels, hotels, Apartment Hotels, Transient Occupancy Residential Structures and Hostels as Supportive Housing or Transitional Housing for persons experiencing homelessness or those at risk of homelessness.

- **Development Guidelines and Controls for Residential Hotels** in the City Center, and Central Industrial Redevelopment Project Areas requires residential hotel proposed for conversion or demolition, replace these units one for one, to ensure there is no net loss of the residential hotel units.
Housing Protections

Downtown Plan

Community Benefits Program

- Housing Replacement Requirements will require all housing projects participating in the Community Benefits Program to replace lost affordable housing units.

- Community Benefit Fund program will extend financial assistance to buy out or extend expiring affordability covenants that would minimize displacement of low-income households.

Implementation Programs:

- Racial Justice and Equity Analysis: Explore the creation of a Racial Justice and Equity Analysis, that outlines recommended transformative or restorative strategies, such as targeted plan and code amendments, if harm is identified.

State Wide (SB 8)

- 1:1 Replacement   - Relocation Benefits   - Right of Return
Covenant Length
Affordable Housing Covenants
Study Findings

✔ **Mixed-income Projects**
Extending the 55-year Affordability Covenants to 99 years is *feasible*

❌ **Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Projects (LIHTC)**
*100% Affordable Low Income Housing*
Extending 55-year Affordability Covenants to 99 years pose significant feasibility challenges
Inclusionary Housing
Proposed Base/Bonus System

Base/Bonus introduces in Downtown:
- Prioritization of Affordable Housing
- Ministerial review for housing developments that are under 500 units
- Transparent and predictable outcomes
- Support from an array of Downtown and regional stakeholders and organizations

Base/Bonus Level 1 Affordable Housing Requirements

- 7% of units: Deeply-low income
  - Incomes at 0-15% of AMI $16,900* for a family of four
- 8% of units: Extremely-low income
  - Incomes at 0-30% of AMI $33,800* for a family of four
- 11% of units: Very-low income
  - Incomes at 30-50% of AMI $56,300* for a family of four
- 20% of units: Low income
  - Incomes at 50-80% of AMI $90,100* for a family of four
- 40% of units: Moderate income (for-sale)
  - Incomes at 80-120% of AMI $92,750* for a family of four
Base/Bonus & Inclusionary Housing

Program Structure for Housing Development Projects

Base FAR & Linkage Fee play a role in driving projects to provide on-site affordable and receive FAR bonuses.
# Inclusionary & Linkage fee

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Affordable Housing Linkage Fee

Market Areas

Market Areas by Community Plan Areas

Residential Fee ($ psf)
- Low Market: $8.31
- Medium Market: $10.38
- Medium-High: $12.46
- High Market: $18.69

Non-Residential Fee ($ psf)
- Low Market: $3.11
- Medium Market: $4.15
- High Market: $5.19
Affordable Housing Linkage Fee

Of the multi-unit projects (7 units or more) subject to linkage fee and issued building permits since July 2017

Approximately 97% chose to build affordable units on-site

- 3 projects paid the linkage fee
- 105 projects provided on-site affordable units
- 108 Total Projects
Base/Bonus Incentive System

Today’s TOC Guidelines have shown to be effective in bolstering housing and affordable housing production

Between 2017 and March 2021:

21% of total units proposed are affordable

34,672 Total Units Proposed

7,182 are Affordable
Affordable Housing Capture

- The base/bonus program and Affordable Housing Linkage Fee will likely yield the greatest capture of affordable housing

- Modifying the linkage fee to incentivize on-site provision is likely to yield even more affordable units

- Per AB 1505 in-lieu option for providing on-site housing will always be required to be made available
Affordable Housing Loss

Due to local programs and State Law, *inclusionary zoning will always exist in tandem with base/bonus*

To ensure feasibility of inclusionary requirements, the base FAR would need to be increased. This allows projects to double count affordable units and results in less affordable housing.
Inclusionary Zoning - Linkage Fee

- The housing department has allocated resources to evaluate the feasibility of a citywide Inclusionary Housing program.

- This would study the calibration of the linkage fee as the market conditions of Downtown evolves.
Inclusionary Zoning

Initiatives in Support of Future Inclusionary Zoning

The Proposed Plan includes an implementation program, P18, that calls for further study of inclusionary housing policies that can work with the Plan’s Base/Bonus system.

**Citywide Inclusionary Housing:** Develop a program to study the implementation of inclusionary housing policies that support the Downtown Community Plan’s base and bonus zoning system and that can further expand affordable housing opportunities.

- P18
- LU 2.1; LU 2.4; LU 2.10; LU 3.3; LAHD
Inclusionary Zoning - Considerations

- Proposed plan is **substantially inclusionary**, look to calibration of base FARs and linkage fee amount

- **Most projects will participate in the base/bonus system** and provide onsite affordable, thereby being exempt from the Linkage fee

- Proposed plan has **support from wide array of stakeholders**

- Shifting to inclusionary system would be adding to, not replacing - **there will always be a tiered system** due to existing regulatory context

- **DTLA Plan is carefully calibrated** to yield the greatest number of affordable units, in concert with other Community Benefits.

- DTLA Plan offers unprecedented **streamlining** for housing production, including **removal of TFAR** and changes to SPR Threshold among others
Thank you!

End of Presentation

Additional Slides for Reference
Community Plan Topics (AKA “Buckets”)

**Chinatown**
- 2:1 FAR Base
- 5-Story Height Limit
- TDR
- CX1-10k Ground Floor Tenant Limitation

**Skid Row**
- IX1 expansion

**Arts District**
- Live/Work for all dwelling units
- Live/Work avg size of 1,000 sq. ft.

**Design Regs**
- Character Frontage in Arts District & Historic Core
- Tree Regs

**Parking**
- Parking Maximums near transit or planwide

**Community Benefits**
- Mod & Above-mod
- Linkage & Inclusionary
- CBF Committee Lived Experience

**Housing Stability**
- Covenant Length
- SB8 protections
Plan Introduction
June 17 Overview

Introduction 10 min.
- Context and Background
- Plan Framework and Fundamental Issues
- Community Engagement
- Plan Timeline

Downtown Plan 25 min.
- Goals and Objectives
- Plan Components
- General Plan Land Use

Implementation 45 min.
- Zoning and Implementation
- Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO)
- Community Benefits Program

Key Issues and Considerations 25 min.
- Key Partners and Contributions
- Key Issues

Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) & Next Steps 2 min.
Plan Background

Plan Area Boundary

Existing CPA Boundary

Proposed CPA Boundary
The Downtown Community Plan is updated to…

Outline a vision for the Downtown community’s long-term physical and economic development, and community enhancement, through the year 2040.

Set a new direction for the future of Downtown, guide the physical development of neighborhoods, and establish goals and policies for land use in addition to a range of planning topics, including streets and open space, urban design, mobility, and arts & culture.

Provide strategies and specific implementing actions that help accomplish this vision.
Fundamental Issues

- Climate Change
- Access to Housing
- Equity
- Shifting Economy
- Mobility & Public Realm
- Environmental Justice
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Displacement Risk

- Today Downtown is predominantly a commercial and industrial district with pockets of residential uses
- 36% of total existing units Downtown-wide are protected under the RSO ordinance; 20% have CRA Replacement Requirement
  - 9% of existing units in Skid Row are RSO; 66% have CRA Replacement Requirement
  - 64% of existing units in Chinatown are RSO
- Certain neighborhoods in the plan area are particularly vulnerable to displacement
- The Plan fine-tunes anti-displacement approaches within these neighborhoods
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Community Engagement - Plan & Code

Outreach Highlights

- October 2016 - shared draft plan and New Zoning Code concepts with weeklong public open studio “storefront”
- February 2017 - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) scoping meeting
- 2017-2019 - outreach at community events, Neighborhood Councils, CBO meetings
- Summer/Fall 2019 - release of the draft Plan; draft zoning map and Downtown zones
- November 2019 - series of public Open House events
- January/February 2020 - office hours events, outreach at community events and meetings
- February 2020 - July 2020 - preparation of Draft EIR
- December 2020 - virtual Open House and Public Hearing
- 2013-2020 - Held informational forums across the City to introduce and refine New Zoning Code concepts

Since 2014, the DTLA 2040 team has held and participated in hundreds of community events to garner feedback.

Zoning Advisory Committee Forums
Workshops & Open Studio Events
What did we hear?

Allow for increased density near transit

Improve systems to build affordable housing in Downtown

Protect and preserve special places

Increase safety and comfort for people walking, bicycling, rolling, and accessing transit

Adopt zoning rules that set clear expectations and streamline development in Downtown

Expand the public open space network

Promote a healthier environment
Plan Process Timeline

2014-2015
Listen
Conduct background research, field visits, land use surveys, data collection, and gather initial input.

2016-2017
Share
Draft the Plan vision, goals and policies, and identify initial zoning concepts.

2018
Consult
Further develop the plan policy document, select new zones, and draft the environmental document (EIR).

2019-2021
Refine
2019: Release of draft policy document and land use changes, and zoning.
2020: Release of updated policy document and zoning code, followed by Draft EIR.

2021
Adopt
Appointed and elected officials review the proposed Community Plan and make final decisions regarding proposed policy and zoning recommendations.

Plan Refinement Throughout Public Engagement Process
Plan Version evolved to incorporate community feedback

V1 Fall 2016
V2 Winter 2017
V3 Summer 2019
V4 Fall 2020
V5 Winter 2020
V6 Spring 2021

We are here
Downtown Plan Area Map
Growth Projections

DOWNTOWN HAS SIGNIFICANT GROWTH PROJECTIONS.

SCAG Projection

+125,000 new residents
+70,000 housing units
+55,000 jobs

THE DOWNTOWN PLAN HAS CAPACITY FOR EVEN MORE.

Plan Reasonably Anticipated Development

+175,000 new residents
+100,000 housing units
+100,000 jobs

80% of the Plan capacity is within ½ mile of major transit stops
This represents 20% of the City’s household growth in just 1% of the City’s land area.
Downtown Plan Area
Neighborhoods Map
Core Objectives

Accommodate anticipated growth in an equitable and sustainable manner

Support and sustain Downtown’s ongoing population & job growth

Grow and support the residential base

Reinforce Downtown’s job orientation

Promote a transit, pedestrian, and bicycle-friendly environment

Strengthen neighborhood character and identity

Create linkages between districts

Create a world-class public realm
Grow and Support the Residential Base
Housing Strategies

- Capturing more affordable housing in vulnerable neighborhoods & new deeply low income category
- Expanding areas where housing is allowed
- Removing per unit requirements for open space
- Removing residential density limits in Central City North
- Removing parking requirements
- Expanding and streamlining Adaptive Reuse
- Range of housing types to address various household sizes and needs
- Introducing a Community Benefits Program to generate affordable housing.
- Replacement Requirements in Benefits system
New Housing Opportunities

Today

33% of the Plan area

Future

60% of the Plan area

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Maintain Downtown as the Primary Job Center of the Region
Creating Opportunities for Job Growth

Today

Single Use areas **today** comprise **80%** of the Plan area

Proposed

Single Use areas **proposed** will comprise only **36%** of the Plan area
Reinforce Special Places
Character Zoning Tools

New height limits and building rules that reflect historic development and reinforce community character.

Outlines standards for high quality design vs lengthy review process.

Focused on making Downtown more comfortable for those walking and rolling.
Mobility

Set building design expectations at the street level

Expand opportunities for open space adjacent to streets and in non-traditional spaces

Improve the physical connections and facilitate better access
Performance & Process

Removing Barriers for Thoughtful Development Projects

- No required parking
- No lot area-based density limitations
- Simplified Design Overlays
- Setbacks, minimum lot size, and height limitations
- Restructured Open Space Requirements
- Additional incentives for 100% affordable projects
- Reduced need for Conditional Use Process for schools and daycares
- Increased Site Plan Review Thresholds for projects providing community benefits
Community Plan Components

Policy Document
- Vision
- Policies
- Implementation Programs

Plan Map
- Sets Range of Uses
- Establishes Range of Intensities

Zoning
- Development Regulations
- Use Allowances Process
- Base & Maximum FARs
- Applicability & Relief

Implementation Overlay
- Community Benefits Program
- Design Best Practices
- Other Development Standards
Policy Document - Goals

MC GOAL 2 AN INTEGRATED AND SUSTAINABLE DOWNTOWN CIRCULATION SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES ACCESS BETWEEN DISTRICTS THROUGH PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS AND INFORMATION.

- **Goals**

- **Policies**

- **Programs**

**MC 2.1** Establish a mode share goal of 75% for transit, walking, and biking for the year 2040 to improve the sustainability of Downtown’s mobility network and increase access for residents, workers, and visitors.

**MC 2.2** Implement strategies to reduce vehicle mile traveled per capita.

**MC 2.3** Support the development of mobility hubs at key destinations such as commercial, entertainment, and institutional centers, as well as at transfer points to inform Downtown residents, workers, and visitors about and provide access to a variety of mobility options.

**MC 2.4** Promote the use of technologies that can facilitate multimodal travel by improving wayfinding and access to transit schedules, especially for visitors and new users of the Downtown transit system.

**MC 2.5** Facilitate integration between different modes of travel to create a seamless experience as users switch between modes and to promote transit use and active transportation.

**MC 2.6** Improve access to community services and amenities such as recreational facilities, cultural, and educational institutions, medical services, and healthy, fresh food.

**MC 2.7** Increase access and mobility for disadvantaged groups and aging populations through safe and affordable mobility options.
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## Policy Document - Programs

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- **Policies**
- **Programs**

### Mobility & Connectivity

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Land Use Map
Existing & Proposed

LEGEND
LAND USE & CORRESPONDING ZONES

RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE FAMILY
- Low Medium II: RD1.5, RD2, RW2, R22.5
- Medium: R3
- High Medium: R4
- High: R5

COMMERCIAL
- General: C1.5, C2, C4, RAS3, RAS4
- Community: CR, C2, C4, RAS3, RAS4
- Regional: CR, C1.5, C2, C4, RAS3, RAS4, R3, R4, R5

INDUSTRIAL
- Commercial: CM, P
- Light: MR2, M2
- Heavy: M3
- Hybrid Industrial: HI, CM, P

OPEN SPACE, PUBLIC/QUASI-PUBLIC
- Open Space: OS, A1
- Public Facilities: PF
- Other Public Open Space

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Draft Land Use Map

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Contributions of Key Partners

Neighborhood Councils
- Downtown Los Angeles
- Historic Cultural
- Historic Cultural North

BIDS
- Downtown Center
- Historic Core
- Fashion District
- Chinatown
- Arts District
- South Park
- Central City East Association
- Little Tokyo

Community Members Attendees
- Farmers Markets
- CicLAvia
- Downtown Plan Open Studio
- Downtown Plan Office Hours

Citywide Advocacy Organizations
- AIA LA
- LA Conservancy
- Abundant Housing
- Climate Resolve
- Sierra Club
- Building Industry Association
- BOMA

Affordable Housing Providers
- SCANPH (So Cal Assoc Non Profit Housing)
- Skid Row Housing Trust
- SRO Housing

Skid Row Community Groups
- Inner City Law Center
- LA CPC (Central Providers Collaborative)
- UCEPP (United Coalition East Prevention Project)
- LA Poverty Department
- LA CAN

Little Tokyo Community Groups
- Sustainable Little Tokyo (SLT)
- Little Tokyo Service Center
- Little Tokyo Community Council

Chinatown Community Groups
- Chinatown Sustainability Dialogue Group
- SEACA (Southeast Asian Community Alliance)
- Chinatown Citizens for Equitable Development
- CCBA Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association
- Chinatown Property Owners

Downtown Wide Advocacy Groups
- Public Counsel
- CCA

Zoning Code Advisory Committees
- Zoning Advisory Committee
- Technical Advisory Committee
Contributions of Key Partners - Plans

- **The Voices of Central City East**
  - Ideas & Ideas for Our Neighborhood
  - A project of the Los Angeles Department of City Planning (LADCC) to identify community needs and aspirations in Central City East and to develop strategies to meet those needs.

- **Central City United**
  - People's Plan
  - An initiative led by Central City United to address the needs of the community and improve the quality of life for residents.

- **Micro-Units in DTLA**
  - A project by the Center for Urban Pedagogy (CUP) to develop a model for creating micro-units in downtown Los Angeles.

- **SKID Row Now & 2040**
  - A project to develop a long-term vision for Skid Row, focusing on sustainability and community engagement.

- **A Sustainable Little Tokyo**
  - A project to develop a sustainable community in Little Tokyo, focusing on cultural preservation and economic development.

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High Level Issues

- Housing Needs
- Climate Change
- Sustainability
- Jobs & Economic Development
- Growth Near Transit
- Value Capture
- Neighborhood Identity
- Mobility & Connectivity
- Equity (Encompasses All)
Community Plan Topics

**General Plan Land Use**
- Transit Core Designation
- Production (Industrial Areas)

**Form Districts**
- Base FAR
- Max Bonus FAR
- Height Limits
- Height Minimums

**Use**
- Fashion District IX3
- Arts District IX4
- Skid Row IX1
- Hotels

**Design Regs**
- River Frontage
- Character Frontage
- Historic Preservation

**Parking**
- Parking Maximums
- Flexibility for existing/entitled projects

**Community Benefits**
- Level 1 Bonus %
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- Role of TOC

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Community Feedback - Additional Information
Central City United - Policies

People’s Plan, Chinatown, Skid Row, Little Tokyo, & Others

- Series of Detailed Comment Letters
- Approx 30-40 Community Plan Policies Incorporated from 35 Topical/Detailed Requests

  • Example Policy Revision Requests Included:
    • LU 1.7 Support the creation of new social services sites in high need areas within Downtown that are linked to parks, community centers, and transit stops.
    • LU 7.9 Encourage the development of new commissaries and commercial kitchens, as a new or accessory use, to support low-income street vendors in accessing permits and sustaining their business.
    • LU 9.3 Expand opportunities and resources for low-income microentrepreneurs to establish business enterprises and contribute to the Downtown economy.
    • LU 30.14 Encourage new healthy food retail in Skid Row and incentivize Skid Row businesses to accept EBT, and other forms of government assistance for fresh produce.
    • LU 42.14 Retain existing and encourage new facilities, resources, and services for seniors, such as recreation, medical care and adult day care centers, prioritizing services to high need populations such as limited English speaking residents and those with disabilities.

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Central City United - CBP

People’s Plan, Chinatown, Skid Row, Little Tokyo, & Others

- Series of Detailed Comment Letters
- 7 of 13 **Community Benefit Program** recommendations included:
  - Base FAR Rights lowered in Chinatown, Little Tokyo, Historic Core, Fashion District, etc.
  - 7% Deeply Low Income (increased from 5%)
  - Moderate & Above-moderate are isolated to a share of Level 2 (but not removed)
  - Affordable units as % of whole, not % of base
  - Public Open Space Design Standards (non-hostile design, restrooms, water, etc.)
  - Community Facility Standards
  - Future programs to study effects of Program on RSO and other protected housing
Central City United - Community Benefits Fund

People’s Plan, Chinatown, Skid Row, Little Tokyo, & Others

- Series of Detailed Comment Letters
- 10 of 14 **Community Benefit Fund** recommendations included:
  - Public Oversight Committee
  - Prioritization of underserved areas where benefits are dispersed
  - Resiliency Centers for emergency events
  - Land acquisition by Community Land Trusts, to help establish community controlled affordable housing
  - An “opportunity to purchase” program to enable organized tenant groups/community based organizations to acquire buildings in default or facing expiring affordability covenants
  - Procurement for Street Vending Carts/Resources
  - Commissary kitchens
  - Rent subsidies to provide below-market rent to Community-Serving Small Businesses
  - Grants for low-income micro-entrepreneurs

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Central City United - Current Requests

People’s Plan, Chinatown, Skid Row, Little Tokyo, & Others

- Current Requests:
  - Policies & Implementation Programs
    - Prohibition on Residential Conversion and RSO demolition without vacancy/impact analysis
  - Uses
    - Expand IX1 geography
    - Discretionary review (CU) for hotel projects
    - Remove 50 person limitation on preschool/day care uses - included in technical memo
  - Community Benefits Program
    - Remove In-Lieu and Off-site options for affordable housing
    - Remove Moderate & Above Moderate Income Incentives
    - Include affordable housing requirements/incentives with adaptive reuse projects
  - Community Benefits Fund
    - Include Lived Experience on Oversight Committee
    - Change “Legacy Small Business” from 100 employees to 50 full time employees
    - Increase Community Benefit Fund fee from $50/sq.ft to $60/sq.ft.
  - Housing Stability
    - Universal Replacement for by-right projects, not just Community Benefits Projects
    - RSO Replacement = 100% affordable (don’t allow moderate to qualify for replacement)
    - Relocation & Right of Return for all projects
    - Limit Condo Conversions

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Draft EIR
Draft Environmental Impact Report - Process

- Published August 6, 2020
- Comments were due by December 4, 2020 (extended comment period from 45 days to 120 days)
- Final EIR anticipated in Summer 2021, in advance of PLUM and full Council
DEIR - Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative 1 - Reduced Development Potential
- Lowers FARs to reduce or avoid certain impacts
- Alternative 1 would result in 36,000 fewer housing units, 69,000 fewer residents, & 15,000 fewer jobs
- Because of the reduced development potential, the capacity for development around transit would be less than that of the proposed plan; could cause development to occur elsewhere in the City or region with less access to transit & longer distances to services leading to higher regional VMT, & GHG emissions
- Reduced opportunities for community benefits compared to the proposed plan

Alternative 2 - Housing Redistribution
- Expands areas where housing is permitted, especially where not currently allowed
- Lowers FARs in these areas to ensure more compatible development
- Alternative 2 would result in 6,000 fewer housing units, 11,000 fewer residents, & 9,000 fewer jobs
- Significant & unavoidable impacts identified for the proposed plan would still occur under Alternative 2, although impacts would be to a lesser degree

Alternative 3 - Increased Development Potential
- Greater capacity in Markets and Community Center, and compared to proposed Plan overall, in exchange for more Community Benefits
- Alternative 3 would result in 6,000 more housing units, 11,000 more residents, & 59,000 more jobs
- Allows for higher FARs in areas beyond those served by transit; however this may result in potential regional benefits related to overall regional VMT & GHG emissions
- Significant & unavoidable impacts identified for the proposed plan would also occur under Alternative 3, and impacts would be to a greater degree than that of the proposed plan

Alternative 4 - No Project
Draft Environmental Impact Report Impacts

Significant and Unavoidable Impacts:

• Air Quality (Exceedance of criteria pollutants during construction & operation)
• Cultural Resources (Historical)
• Noise (noise & vibration impacts)
• Recreation
• Transportation (Safety impacts related to highway off-ramps)

Significant but Mitigable:

• Air Quality (Construction-related emissions)
• Biological
• Cultural (Archeological)
• Geology (Paleontological)
• Hazards and Hazardous Materials
• Tribal Cultural Resources
Next Steps
What’s Next - Plan Process?

1. Final Environmental Impact Report
2. City Council PLUM Committee
3. Full City Council for Adoption
Additional Topical Slides
Housing
Housing Protections - Existing

Existing

- **Affordable Housing Linkage Fee** requires commercial and residential projects to pay a fee for affordable housing and an additional fee is charged when residential units are lost.

- **The Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO)** regulates replacement of demolished units, allowable rent increases, registration of rental units, legal reasons for eviction, and the causes for eviction requiring relocation assistance payment to tenants.

- **Residential Hotel Unit Conversion and Demolition Ordinance (RHO)** offers protections for preservation of existing residential hotels and tenant rights and prohibits conversion or demolition of dwelling units in a residential hotel without approval from La Housing Department.

- **The Interim Motel Conversion Ordinance** facilitates the interim use of existing motels, hotels, Apartment Hotels, Transient Occupancy Residential Structures and Hostels as Supportive Housing or Transitional Housing for persons experiencing homelessness or those at risk of homelessness.

- **Development Guidelines and Controls for Residential Hotels** in the City Center, and Central Industrial Redevelopment Project Areas requires residential hotel proposed for conversion or demolition, replace these units one for one, to ensure there is no net loss of the residential hotel units.
Housing Protections - Downtown Plan

Downtown Plan

Community Benefits Program

- Housing Replacement Requirements will require all housing projects participating in the Community Benefits Program to replace lost affordable housing units.

- Community Benefit Fund program will extend financial assistance to buy out or extend expiring affordability covenants that would minimize displacement of low-income households.

Implementation Programs:

- Racial Justice and Equity Analysis: Explore the creation of a Racial Justice and Equity Analysis, that outlines recommended transformative or restorative strategies, such as targeted plan and code amendments, if harm is identified.

State Wide (SB 8)

- 1:1 Replacement
- Relocation Benefits
- Right of Return
Housing Protections: Comparison Table
Covenant Length

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<td>All projects (by-right, discretionary, projects in CBP) are required to replace 100% of existing demolished residential units as covenanted lower income (a mix of deeply, extremely..) All RSO units continue to be RSO</td>
<td>Evaluating 1:1 replacement for projects participating in incentive programs (DT/TOC/DB)</td>
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<td>Yes: Program is currently regulated by SB 330 and implemented by LAHD, but does not apply to non-discretionary projects</td>
<td>CF#20-0047 (w/ LAHD); CF#20-0035 (w/ LAHD); CF#14-0268-S16</td>
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| Right of Return | Land Use Policy 2.10  
Promote equitable development and inclusive growth that avoids displacement of those vulnerable to homelessness and prioritizes the needs and rights of extremely low and deeply low-income populations.  
**Implementation Program (P14)**  
First Right of Refusal: Explore the creation of Citywide first right of refusal provisions to ensure lower- and moderate-income tenants that are displaced due to new residential construction have the First Right of Refusal to return to a rental unit at an affordable cost. | Land Use Policy 5.15:  
*Tenants’ rights of return.* Support projects that offer former low-income tenants of demolished units with the first right of refusal on leases for the new housing units.  
**Implementation Program (108):** Support LAHD in exploration of future efforts to establish new programs and strengthen existing programs to provide former low-income tenants of demolished or converted units with the first right of refusal on leases for new housing units. | SELA LU Policy: *(LU1.15 +LA5.7)*  
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**Implementation Program (76):**  
*Tenants’ Right of Return:* Establish new programs and strengthen existing programs to provide former low income tenants of demolished or converted units with the first right of refusal on leases for new housing units. | SB 330 language (HAA sect 13)  
(A) (i) The project will replace all existing or demolished protected units.  
(ii) Any protected units replaced pursuant to this subparagraph shall be considered in determining whether the housing development project satisfies the requirements of Section 65915 or a locally adopted requirement that requires...[set aside]  
--5 year period prior  
--at very low covenant for at least 55 years or RSO level w/o covenant  
--existing residents to occupy up to 6 mo prior to construction  
--developer pays relocation benefits  
--developer offers right of 1st refusal for comparable unit |

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**SB8 Requires Right of Return for all projects till 2030**

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Growth Forecast
## Capacity vs RHNA

### City of Los Angeles RHNA 6th Cycle - October 2021 through October 2029

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### SCAG RTP Projections

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Parking Structure Design

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Design Standards

- All ground floors of a parking garage are required to be lined with habitable uses
- All ground floors and upper levels along primary streets of integrated parking are required to be lined with habitable uses
- Meet frontage standards of the applicable Frontage District
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Requires all parking floors to be adaptable

- Flat floors and;
- Minimum floor to ceiling height of 11 feet

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Accommodating New Mobility

TNCs, AVs, & Micro-mobility

- Parking in-lieu fee for passenger loading
- Parking is allowed to be provided off-site for AVs to pick up and drop off
- TDM program
- Adaptable parking
- Updated Mobility Plan street networks
Metro Stations within the Plan Area

Legend

- High Transit Access
- Low Transit Access

Approximate alignment of potential transit line and station
Policy Document - Metro Review

- Goals

- Policies

- Programs

MC GOAL 5  A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSIT SYSTEM THAT CONNECTS DOWNTOWN’S DISTRICTS AND DOWNTOWN TO COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE REGION.

MC 5.9  Metro Review. Development within 100 feet of a Metro facility should be reviewed and approved by Metro, including for compliance with the Metro Adjacent Development Handbook.
Provisions for Small Businesses
Strategies for Small Business

- Ground floor establishment size limits to prioritize space for businesses under 10,000 sf
- Community Benefit Fund Allocations towards rental subsidies and operation assistance for small businesses
- Community Facilities provided within a project as part of the Downtown Community Benefits Program are required to extend 10-year minimum lease agreements
- Vacancy tax implementation program discourages property owners from retaining vacant ground floor units
Strategies for Small Business Policies & Programs

Downtown Plan policies:
LU 7.4 Engage and support small businesses so that they may remain resilient through market evolution, contributing to business continuity.
LU 8.2 Increase the availability of resources and programs to support existing small businesses, new business startups, and local entrepreneurs.
LU 8.6 Encourage mixed-use and commercial development to provide retail spaces conducive to community serving small businesses and business incubation.

Future Implementation Programs:
P19 Small Business Assistance Portal: Promote agency programs that assist small and legacy business owners, such as low-interest loans, management programs, business retention programs, and business incubation centers.
P20 Business Outreach and Mentorship Programs: Develop partnerships to create business outreach programs targeting local schools for student and adult participation in business apprenticeship and internship programs, as well as work with the LAUSD’s Mentorship Programs.
Neighborhoods
Skid Row
Skid Row Planning History

1891
Growth of the Rail Industry: SROs & Residential Hotels for Seasonal Workers & Train Crews

1922
Introduction of the Euclidean Zoning: Establishment of the “M” Zone

1900’s
Industrial Development: Led to uses such as Cold Storage, Warehouses & Wholesale Produce Markets alongside SRO’s

1972
Silver Book Plan: Proposed a plan for a clean slate in the Central City East area to make room for new development

1976
Blue Book Plan: The Plan “contained” Skid Row by establishing a boundary to preserve the existing community
Recognizing Skid Row as a Neighborhood

Lamp Community
Downtown Women’s Center
Skid Row Housing Trust
Use District Key Issues - Affordable Housing in Skid Row - Adopted Zoning

Adopted zoning

- Limited commercial, limited manufacturing, multi-family, shelters
- Multi-family residential, churches, schools, child care, shelters
- Light industrial, commercial and manufacturing, clinics
- IX1 Boundary
Use District Key Issues - Affordable Housing in Skid Row

IX1, The Plan Introduces:
- Restricted Affordable Units
- Continues to Allow for:
  - Non-residential uses such as social services, production, fabrication, and other job-generating uses.

IX2, The Plan Introduces:
- Development incentives to incorporate Affordable housing
- Continues to Allow for:
  - All housing types, including Affordable, supportive, and market-rate; and range of neighborhood serving non-residential uses

IX3 & IX4, The Plan Introduces:
- Live/work housing, where space is also dedicated to job-generating uses
- Development incentives to incorporate Affordable housing
- Continues to Allow for:
  - Non-residential uses such as social services, production, fabrication, and other job-generating uses.
Skid Row Summary

Lamp Community  Downtown Women’s Center  Skid Row Housing Trust
Skid Row
Additional Technical Slides
Skid Row Alternative Option

- Amend IX1 Use District to allow for all types of housing, including market-rate housing, restricted affordable housing, and permanent supportive housing
- Reduce the Base FAR from 3:1 to 1.5:1 FAR, encouraging more projects to participate in the Community Benefits Program
- Retain the Maximum Bonus FAR at 6:1 FAR.
- Other provisions such as a prohibition of new liquor stores (i.e. off-site alcohol sales), and allowances for various social services uses would remain
Plan Proposed FAR

Skid Row Alternative

Base, Bonus FAR

IX1 Boundary
# Skid Row Project Example

## Proposed Plan vs Alternative Option

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* Assumes an average unit size of 600 square feet

** Extremely Low- Income @ 14% on the total number of units
(Level 1 Requirement of 8% + Level 2 & 3 Requirement of 1.5% for every additional FAR)
Weingart Center

● 555 Crocker and 600 S. San Pedro (in IX1 area)
● 678 units, 100% Affordable
● 3 year entitlement process
● Project had to seek a General Plan amendment, a Zone Change, and had to undergo Site Plan Review
● Project was subject to CEQA
Chinatown
Chinatown Summary
Base FAR Diagrams

Downtown Community Benefits Program Scenario Compared to Adopted Zoning

Existing Built Pattern
-Varies between 2 to 5 stories

Adopted Zoning
-Maximum FAR 6:1, no height limit with no community benefits

Diagram A

Diagram B

Diagram C

Proposed Zoning
-Base FAR 2:1, no height limit
-Maximum FAR 8.5:1, no height limit, after community benefits
Base FARs Diagrams

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By-right FAR 6:1 without Community benefits

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By-right FAR 2:1 without Community benefits

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Diagram B

Diagram C
TOC and the Community Benefits Program

**ADOPTED ZONING**
- Allows up to 9.3:1 FAR using TOC
- Affordable Housing Required - 11% Extremely-low Income

**PROPOSED ZONING**
- Allows up to 6.1 FAR using CBP
  - Affordable Housing Required - 13% Extremely-low Income*
- Allows up to 8.5:1 FAR using CBP
  - Affordable Housing Required - 17% Extremely-low Income*

*Assumes project chooses to only provide affordable housing vs public open space or community facilities.*
TOC Project in Chinatown

211 W Alpine Street

A 7-story Mixed-use Development:
170 Housing Units
2,500 sq ft. of Commercial Space
4.94:1 FAR (95,260 sq ft)

TOC Incentives:
62% increase in density (consistent with TOC Tier 3)
Up to 25% reduction in Open Space

Community Benefits:
17 units set aside for Extremely-low Income Households for 55 years
CRA Base FARs in Chinatown

Currently Adopted FARs

Base FAR - 1.5: 1
Base FAR - 3: 1
Base FAR - 6: 1
Proposed Zoning in Chinatown

- Base FAR 2:1, no height limit
- Maximum FAR 8.5:1, no height limit, after community benefits

Source: StreetsblogLA/Damien Newton
Feasibility Challenges

Proposed FAR

Base FAR - 2: 1
Base Ht - 3 Stories
Bonus Max FAR - 6: 1
Bonus Max Ht - 5 Stories
Proposed FARs in Chinatown

Proposed FAR

- **Base FAR - 1.5: 1**
  - Base Ht - 3 Stories
  - Bonus Max FAR - 3: 1
  - Bonus Max Ht - 6 Stories

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  - Bonus Max Ht - 5 Stories

- **Base FAR - 2: 1**
  - Base Ht - No limit
  - Bonus Max FAR - 8.5: 1
  - Bonus Max Ht - No limit

- **Base FAR - 3: 1**
  - Base Ht - 3 Stories
  - Bonus Max FAR - 8.0: 1
  - Bonus Max Ht - No limit
Chinatown Summary
Expansion of TDR in Chinatown
Transfer of Development Rights

- Transfer unused and bonus floor area from Donor sites to Receiver sites
- Donors and Receivers must both be in the Arts District
- Receiver must provide on-site affordable housing if it is a “housing project”
- Eligible Donor: site designated or deemed eligible at local, state, or federal level; SurveyLA contributor to a historic district or identified individual resource
- Process: Covenant and Agreement; Preservation Plan and Easement
TDR in Chinatown

TDR Area

- Village
  (Base FAR 2:1; Bonus FAR of 6:1)
- Community Center
  (Base FAR 2:1; Bonus FAR of 8.5:1)
Chinatown
Additional Technical Slides
Chinatown - 2:1 Base FAR

Change all 2:1 Base FAR in Chinatown to 3:1

6:1 Form Districts
Base - 3:1
Level 1 Bonus - 4.2
Level 2 Bonus - 5.1
Level 3 Bonus - 6.0

8.5:1 Form Districts
Base - 3:1
Level 1 Bonus - 4.2
Level 2 Bonus - 6.35
Level 3 Bonus - 8.5

6:1 Form Districts
Base - 3:1
Bonus Max FAR - 6:1
Base Ht - 5 Stories
Bonus Max Ht - No limit

8.5:1 Form Districts
Base - 3:1
Bonus Max FAR - 8.5:1
Base Ht - No limit
Bonus Max Ht - No limit

Level 1 Bonus - 4.2
Level 2 Bonus - 6.35
Level 3 Bonus - 8.5

Level 1 Bonus - 4.2
Level 2 Bonus - 6.35
Level 3 Bonus - 8.5
Establishment Sizes - Image Examples

Little Tokyo

Chinatown
Establishment Size: Image Examples

Phoenix Bakery
~ 5,000 square feet

Kinokuniya Bookstore
~ 6,000 square feet

Phillippe the Original
~ 12,000 square feet

Downtown Whole Foods Market
~ 44,000 square feet

Marukai Market
~ 10,500 square feet

Downtown Ralphs Market
~ 55,000 square feet
Form District Key Issues - Diagram for DM2

**Existing Built Pattern**
- Varies between 2 to 5 stories

**Adopted Zoning**
- Maximum FAR 6:1, no height limit

**Proposed Zoning**
- Base FAR 2:1, no height limit
- Maximum FAR 8.5:1, no height limit, after community benefits

Legend:
- FAR 2:1 without Community benefits
- FAR 8.5:1 with Community benefits
Form District Key Issues - Diagram for MN1

Existing Built Pattern
-Varies between 2 to 5 stories

Adopted Zoning
-Maximum FAR 6:1, no height limit

Proposed Zoning
-Base FAR 2:1, 3 stories
-Maximum FAR 6:1, 5 stories after community benefits

FAR 6:1, 5 stories with Community benefits
FAR 2:1 without Community benefits
# Chinatown Proposed Projects

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Arts District - Summary
Arts District - Policy Considerations

Proposed Zoning in the Arts District is guided by

THE CITYWIDE GENERAL PLAN FRAMEWORK
AN ELEMENT OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES GENERAL PLAN

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General Plan Framework Element
Evolution of the Neighborhood
Downtown Plan Objectives
Community’s Vision

HYBRID INDUSTRIAL

LU GOAL 31
DIVERSE LAND USES WELCOME SUSTAINABLE NEW AND ADAPTIVE REUSE STRUCTURES THAT ACCOMMODATE A RANGE OF HYBRID INDUSTRIAL AND PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES.
LU 31.1
Encourage the development of flexible spaces that can accommodate a variety of job productive industries.

LU 31.2
Ensure a thoughtful mix of land uses including amenities to serve the evolving creative employee base and live/work community.

LU GOAL 32
HYBRID INDUSTRIAL PLACES PROVIDE SPACE FOR IN-HOME PRODUCTION, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY, AND NEW INDUSTRIES THAT ENCOURAGE INNOVATION AND BRING FLEXIBILITY AND RESILIENCE TO THE CITY ECONOMY.
Industrial Land: Citywide Policies

Goal 3J.
Industrial growth that provides job opportunities for the City’s residents and maintains the City’s fiscal viability.

Objective 3.14.
Provide land and supporting services for the retention of existing and attraction of new industries.

Provide flexible zoning to facilitate the clustering of industries and supporting uses, thereby establishing viable “themed” sectors (e.g., movie/television/media production, set design, reproductions, etc.).

Policy 3.14.3.
Promote the re-use of industrial corridors for small scale incubator industries.
Arts District Identity

Manufacturing, Light: General

Office

Manufacturing, Light: Artistic & Artisanal

Photo by DDP
Arts District (IX4) Live/Work Unit Requirements

- Requires minimum open floor area to accommodate movement of equipment and fabrication activities
- Average minimum unit size of 1,000 sf
- Unit design must be able to accommodate 5 non-residential employees (i.e. commercial occupancy)
Arts District Live/Work Development

800 Live/work Units
Recently Entitled

870 Live/work Units
Awaiting Approval
Live-work & Affordable Housing

One hundred percent affordable housing projects are streamlined and are not required to provide live-work units or comply with Production Space or Work Space requirements.

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and 100% affordable housing projects can locate in the Arts District with no restriction or regulation on unit design.

However, projects with market rate units would need to set aside some units as affordable live/work units.

Hollywood Arts Collective

Proposed Affordable housing units for the Arts & the Entertainment Community
Arts District Summary

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Arts District
Additional Technical Slides
Arts District FAR

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Base & Bonus Height: 5 Stories

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Building Breaks

One Santa Fe
Alameda Transportation Projects

Transportation Improvements in Arts District
- Cesar Chavez Bus Stop Improvements (opened October 2020)
- Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements as part of the Metro Connect US Action Plan Metro
- Regional Connector Transit Project (projected to open in 2022)
- Little Tokyo/Arts District Station (updated station projected to open in 2022)
- Arts District South Station as part of Metro’s West Santa Ana Branch Transit Oriented Development Strategic Implementation Plan (undergoing environmental review)
Proposed GPLU & Recent Projects around Alameda & 6th Street

- 520 Mateo St
  - 6: 1 FAR; 35 stories

- 695 Santa Fe (Amp Lofts)
  - 3: 1 FAR; 7 stories

- 2143 E Violet ST
  - 6: 1 FAR; 36 stories
Arts District River Approach

- Contextual facade regulations that require buildings to include higher amounts of windows facing the LA river
- Requires private yard space along the LA river
- Requires planting of native species
- Buildings break requirement at the intersection of streets to allow east/west view corridors along the LA river
- Height limitations for smoother transitions from the LA river
  - 5 story height limit on parcels adjacent to the river
  - 15 story height limit behind the block adjacent to the river

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The diagram illustrates how buildings can maximize visual access to the river. Visual connections can be achieved through innovative massing techniques, higher levels of transparency, or community-accessible patios.
## Arts District River Frontage

### Contextual Requirements for River Adjacent Properties

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| Focal entry feature     | 1        | 1    | n/a   |

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Arts District Character Frontage

B. Lot

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PARKING

| Parking setback (min) | 20' | 5' |

LANDSCAPING

| Frontage planting area (min) | 30% | 30% |
| Frontage yard fence & wall type allowed | A2 | A2 |

C. Stories

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STORY HEIGHT

| Ground story height (min) | 16' | 16' |

D. Facade

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* Applicable for first 3 stories

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Arts District Character Frontage

E. Doors

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G. Cladding

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Historic Core
Historic Core - Summary
Historic Core Resources and Preservation Areas

**Historic Resources**

**Preservation Areas**
Form District Key Issues - Historic Core

Height Limits

- 30' stepback required at 12 stories
- Upper story stepback required at 12 stories
Historic Core
Additional Technical Slides
New Infill on Broadway
Historic Core Character Frontage

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## Historic Core Character Frontage

### D. Facade

#### CONTEXTUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HISTORIC CORE

### E. Doors

#### ENTRANCES

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#### Active wall spacing (max)

| 15'     | 15'     |

#### Window recession (min)

| 12'     | 12'     |

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#### Horizontal sliding windows

| Prohibited | Prohibited |

#### Vinyl windows

| Prohibited | Prohibited |

#### UPPER STORIES (MIN/MAX)

| 30%/80% | 30%/80% |

#### Window recession (min)

| 6'      | 6'      |

#### HORIZONTAL SLIDING WINDOWS

| Prohibited | Prohibited |

### G. Cladding

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#### Options

| Brick | Solid stone | Concrete | Metal | Glazed tile |

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#### Number of accessory materials (max)

| 2 |

#### * Applicable for first 12 stories
Historic Core Character Frontage
Little Tokyo
## FAR in Little Tokyo

### Base FAR - 6.5:1
- **Bonus Max FAR - 6.5:1**

### City Hall Height Restriction
- **Bonus Max Ht - None**

### City Hall FAR and Height

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Low/Mid Rises

High Rises

Institutional Buildings

Gas Stations
Fashion District
Fashion District Proposed GPLU Map

Transit Core
Traditional Core
Community Center
Hybrid Industrial
Markets
Production
Fashion District Floor Area Ratio Map

901-1075 S San Pedro Street (City Market)
4: 1 FAR; 3 to 38 stories

755 S WALL ST (Flower Market)
3.9:1 FAR; 15 stories
Industrial
Industrial Areas

Industrial GPLU

Existing Buildings

CalEnviroScreen

Legend

Draft CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Results

- > 90 - 100 (Highest Scores)
- > 80 - 90
- > 70 - 80
- > 60 - 70
- > 50 - 60
- > 40 - 50

Hybrid Industrial
Markets
Production
Policy 3.14.6. Consider the potential re-designation of marginal industrial lands for alternative uses by amending the community plans based on the following criteria:

- Where it can be demonstrated that the existing parcelization precludes effective use for industrial or supporting functions and where there is no available method to assemble parcels into a unified site that will support viable industrial development;

- Where the size and/or the configuration of assembled parcels are insufficient to accommodate viable industrial development;

- Where the size, use, and/or configuration of the industrial parcels adversely impact adjacent residential neighborhoods;

- Where available infrastructure is inadequate and improvements are economically infeasible to support the needs of industrial uses;

- Where the conversion of industrial lands to an alternative use will not create a fragmented pattern of development and reduce the integrity and viability of existing industrial areas;

- Where the conversion of industrial lands to an alternative use will not result in an adverse impact on adjacent residential neighborhoods, commercial districts, or other land uses;

- Where it can be demonstrated that the reduction of industrial lands will not adversely impact the City’s ability to accommodate sufficient industrial uses to provide jobs for the City’s residents or incur adverse fiscal impacts; and/or

- Where existing industrial uses constitute a hazard to adjacent residential or natural areas.
Industrial-Mixed
Use District Key Issues - Safeguards for Light & Heavy Industrial
# Industrial Mixed Allowance

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- Housing in existing buildings with limitations and discretionary approval | **Proposed Zoning** | **Proposed Permitted Uses** |
| | | - Base FAR of 3:1  
- Bonus FAR of 8:1  
- Generally zoned [MB1-SH1-5][IX2-FA][CPIO] | - Light Industrial  
- Commercial  
- Housing in existing buildings by-right |
| **Fashion District (IX3)** | - 3:1 FAR  
- Generally zoned M2-2D | - Industrial  
- Housing in existing buildings with limitations and discretionary approval | | |
| | | - Base FAR of 1.5:1  
- Bonus FARs of 3:1, 4.5:1, and 6:1  
- Generally zoned [MB3-CDF1-5][IX4-FA][CPIO] | - Limited Industrial  
- Commercial  
- Housing with 1.5 FAR of non-residential jobs space  
- Live/work units required |
| **Arts District (IX4)** | - 1.5:1 FAR  
- Generally zoned M3-1-RIO | - Industrial  
- Housing in existing buildings with limitations and discretionary approval | | |
# Fashion District Use Allowances

## Today vs Proposed and Requested (CX1)

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Industrial Mixed: IX4 Use Requirements

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- Job producing use: 1.5 FAR
- Residential: 0 FAR

Bonus 6 FAR
- Job producing use: 1.5 FAR
- Residential: 4.5 FAR

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## Industrial Mixed: IX3 Use Requirements

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### Diagrams

- Base 3 FAR
  - Job producing use: 1 FAR
  - Residential: 2 FAR

- Bonus 8 FAR
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# Industrial Mixed: Live-Work Requirements

## Optional Fashion District Standards (IX3)

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Arts District (IX4) Live/Work Unit Requirements

- Requires minimum open floor area to accommodate movement of equipment and fabrication activities
- Average minimum unit size of 1,000 sf
- Unit design must be able to accommodate 5 non-residential employees (i.e. commercial occupancy)
# Industrial Mixed: Comparison with CASP

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Community Benefits Program, CPIO, and Inclusionary Housing
Community Plan Implementation Overlay District (CPIO)

Key Components:

- Community Benefits Program Map & Menu
- Historic Preservation of Eligible Historic Resources
- Civic Center Transfer of Development Rights System
- Bunker Hill Pedway Preservation
- Best Practices
- Downtown Street Standards
What are “Community Benefits?”

Community Benefits help bring much needed resources like affordable housing and parks to the community.

The Plan creates clear expectations on how new developments in the Plan area need to contribute to the community.

Developers are allowed to build larger buildings in exchange for providing benefits that serve the community, such as open space, schools, affordable housing or small business protections.
Community Benefits Programs that Exist Today

Public Benefit Funds
- Quimby Fees to build parks & recreational facilities
- Affordable Housing Linkage Fee used to Build Affordable Housing

Incentive Programs
- Greater Downtown Housing Incentive (Density Bonus)
- Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Guidelines
- Transfer of Floor Area Rights (TFAR)
Community Benefits Programs under the Downtown Plan

Public Benefits Funds

- Quimby Fees to build parks & recreational facilities
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Incentive Programs

- Density Bonus Program
- Downtown Community Benefits Program
Downtown Plan Community Benefits Program

Development Potential & Community Benefits

The Downtown Community Plan proposes base and bonus floor area rights throughout the plan area, and will set forth a Community Benefits Program to guide how benefits are achieved.

- Transparent and predictable
- Prioritizes affordable housing
- Prioritizes on-site benefits
  - Public Open Space
  - Community Facilities
  - Historic Preservation
- Streamlines approvals to better facilitate Downtown investment
  Implemented directly through zoning vs today’s complex TFAR process
Base Development Potential

Adopted FARs

Proposed FARs

Base

Max Bonus

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Program Structure for Housing Development Projects

Projects with 5 or more housing units are eligible

Must include a percentage of total units as affordable units

Prioritizes affordable housing over other community benefits
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Program Structure for **Housing Development Projects**

A 3-Level incentive structure, where required amount of community benefits increase in proportion to the building size above the base zoning.
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Program Structure for **Housing Development Projects**

Base zoning regulations allow for a certain height, and floor area, and can be built with only market-rate units. Fees are always paid to an affordable housing fund.
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Program Structure for **Housing Development Projects**

40% additional FAR is available for projects that provide **Affordable Housing Units***

*On-site, off-site, or in-lieu fee

*BASE*

- Base zoning

*Bonus for Affordable Housing*

- Bonus

*Bonus for Affordable Housing + Open Space/Community Facilities*

- Bonus

*Bonus for Affordable Housing + Open Space/Community Facilities + Community Benefit Fund*

- Bonus

_MAX BONUS_

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Program Structure for **Housing Development Projects**

50% of remaining “bonus” floor area is available for projects that provide **Publicly Accessible Open Space, or Community Facilities or more Affordable Housing**

- **BASE**
  - Base zoning
- **BONUS**
  - Bonus for Affordable Housing
- **BONUS**
  - Bonus for Affordable Housing + Open Space/Community Facilities
- **MAX BONUS**
  - Bonus for Affordable Housing + Open Space/Community Facilities + Community Benefit Fund
Downtown Plan Community Benefits Program

Program Structure for Housing Development Projects

Projects can access the remaining bonus floor area by providing more affordable housing or on-site open space/community facilities or by paying into a community benefit fund.

| BASE | Bonus for Affordable Housing | Bonus for Affordable Housing + Open Space/Community Facilities | Bonus for Affordable Housing + Open Space/Community Facilities + Community Benefit Fund |

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Program Structure for **Non-Housing Development Projects**

Any commercial, office or mixed use development project with less than 5 housing units are eligible.

Must include a minimum amount of publicly accessible open space or community serving facilities.
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Program Structure for Non-Housing Development Projects

Requirements regarding affordable housing would not apply

BASE

Base zoning

Bonus for Affordable Housing

Bonus for Open Space/Community Facilities

Bonus for Open Space/Community Facilities + Community Benefit Fund

MAX BONUS

Bonus for Affordable Housing
Downtown Plan Community Benefits Program

Program Structure for **Non-Housing Development Projects**

50% of “bonus” floor area is available for projects that provide **Publicly Accessible Open Space or Community Facilities**

BASE

- Base zoning

Bonus for Open Space/Community Facilities

Bonus for Open Space/Community Facilities + Community Benefit Fund
Program Structure for Non-Housing Development Projects

Projects can access the remaining bonus development potential by providing on-site benefits or paying into a community benefit fund.

- **BASE**
  - Base zoning

- **MAX BONUS**
  - Bonus for Open Space/Community Facilities
  - Bonus for Open Space/Community Facilities + Community Benefit Fund
Downtown Plan Community Benefits Program

Affordable Units

A project utilizing the Affordable Housing Incentive must set aside for a term of 55 years in exchange for a 40% FAR increase:

- **7% of units**
  - Deeply-low income
  - Incomes at 0-15% of AMI
    - $16,900* for a family of four

- **8% of units**
  - Extremely-low income
  - Incomes at 0-30% of AMI
    - $33,800* for a family of four

- **11% of units**
  - Very-low income
  - Incomes at 30-50% of AMI
    - $56,300* for a family of four

- **20% of units**
  - Low income
  - Incomes at 50-80% of AMI
    - $90,100* for a family of four

- **40% of units**
  - Moderate income (for-sale)
  - Incomes at 80-120% of AMI
    - $92,750* for a family of four

If the zoning allows additional FAR, a project may achieve more bonus FAR by setting aside additional units for a term of 55 years per 1 FAR increase:

- **1.5% of units**
  - Deeply Low, Extremely Low Income, or Very Low Income
  - Incomes at 0-50% of AMI
    - $16,900*- $56,300* for a family of four

- **2.5% of units**
  - Low Income, Moderate Income or Above Moderate Income
  - Incomes at 50-150% of AMI
    - $90,100*- $115,937* for a family of four

* As of August 2020
Open Space

A project choosing to provide Open Space to access bonus development potential must incorporate the following:

- Allocate 4% of Lot Area as Publicly Accessible Open Space in addition to the Outdoor Amenity Space requirement outlined in the base zoning.
- For every 1:1 Floor Area Ratio of bonus development potential:
  - Comply with location, access, and signage requirements.
  - Meet design, shade, and landscaping standards.
  - Include amenities such as restrooms, water fountains & recreational equipment.
Community Facilities

A project choosing to provide Community Facilities to access bonus development potential must incorporate the following:

Allocate **5,000 sf + 2.5% of Incremental Floor Area** towards a Community Facility

For every **1:1 Floor Area Ratio** of bonus development potential

Comply with inspection requirements

Choose from a menu of amenities
- Schools
- Social Services
- Public facilities
- Daycare Services
- Libraries
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Transfer of Development Rights

- Transfer unused and bonus floor area from Donor sites to Receiver sites
- Donors and Receivers must both be in the Arts District
- Receiver must provide on-site affordable housing if it is a “housing project”
- Eligible Donor: site designated or deemed eligible at local, state, or federal level; SurveyLA contributor to a historic district or identified individual resource
- Process: Covenant and Agreement; Preservation Plan and Easement
Downtown Plan Community Benefits Program

Community Benefits Fund

Projects pay an “in-lieu” fee of $50/s.f.

Oversight Committee makes recommendations on how to appropriate funds

Council approves appropriations

This fund is established by ordinance

The process is ministerial and does not require discretionary action
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Community Benefits Fund

Eligible Uses

– Programs to support affordable housing
– Mobility and street improvements
– Parks and open space
– Programs for small legacy and community-serving businesses
– Design and procurement of sidewalk vending carts
– Resiliency Centers (new or conversion)
– Amenities for people who are experiencing homelessness
Downtown Plan Community Benefits Program

**Housing Development Projects**

- **Scenario A**
  - Base FAR (By-Right Development)
  - Contribution to Community Benefits Fund
  - On-Site Public Open Space or Community Facilities, or TDR for Historic Preservation
  - Affordable Housing

- **Scenario B**

- **Scenario C**

**Non-Housing Development Projects**

- **Scenario A**
  - Base FAR (By-Right Development)

- **Scenario B**

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Downtown Community Benefits Program - Project Examples
Downtown Plan Community Summary

Base FAR

Housing Project

Non-Housing Project

LEVEL 1:
Affordable Housing

LEVEL 2 & 3:
Community Facility, Open Space, Fund Payment

LEVEL 2 & 3:
Community Facility, Open Space, Fund Payment

BASE FAR

BASE FAR
Development Project Scenario 1

Arts District: Residential Project

- Production Space = 84,940 sf (1.95:1 FAR > Minimum Required 1.5:1 FAR)
- Outdoor Amenity Space = 8,712 sf (15% of Lot Area)

Total # of Housing Units = 176
- Market-Rate Units = 159
- Affordable Units* = 18
  (in exchange for 2.55:1 Bonus FAR above the 1.5:1 Base FAR)

Parks Publicly Accessible Open Space ** = 9,932 sf
  (in exchange for 1.95:1 Bonus FAR above the 1.5:1 Base FAR)

* Extremely Low-Income @ 10% on the total number of units (Level 1 Requirement of 8% + 1.5% for every additional FAR)
** (Outdoor Amenity Space (15% of lot area) + 4% of lot area for every Incremental FAR)

Assumes Lot Area = 1 Acre; Average Unit Size = 1,000 sf (Minimum size required is 1,000 sf)
Development Project Scenario 2

Transit Core: Residential Project

- Bonus FAR = 13:1
- Base FAR = 7:1
- Total # of Housing Units = 809
  - Market-Rate Units = 725
- Affordable Units* = 84
  (in exchange for 4.4:1 Bonus FAR above the 7:1 Base FAR)
- Daycare Community Facility** = 6,742 sf
  (in exchange for 1.5:1 additional Bonus FAR)
- Outdoor Amenity Space = 8,712 sf
  (20% of Lot Area)

Assumes Lot Area = 1 Acre; Average Unit Size = 700 sf

* Extremely Low-Income @ 10.4% on the total number of units (Level 1 Requirement of 8% + 1.5% for every additional FAR)
** 5,000 sf + 2.5% of every incremental Bonus FAR
Development Project Scenario 3

Transit Core: Non-Residential Project

Assumes Lot Area = 1 Acre

* 5,000 sf + 2.5% of every incremental Bonus FAR

** Outdoor Amenity Space (20% of lot area) + 4% of lot area for every Incremental FAR
Downtown Community Benefits Program - Additional Technical Slides
Community Benefits Program Key Issues - Moderate & Above Moderate Housing

40% Bonus (Level 1) Eligible Income Categories

Deeply Low Income
Extremely Low Income
Very Low Income
Low Income
Moderate Income (for sale only)

Additional Bonus Eligible Income Categories:

Deeply Low Income
Extremely Low Income
Very Low Income
Low Income
Moderate Income*
Above Moderate Income*

* Limits the amount of qualifying moderate and above moderate units
Community Benefits Program Key Issues - System Feasibility

- Alignment with TOC program
- Increased Project Review Thresholds
- Long Term Goals
- Increased By-right Development Potential
# Downtown Community Benefits Program vs Density Bonus

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Downtown Community Benefits Program vs TOC

Existing TOC Guidelines

- Bonus FAR established by proximity to transit
- TOC Tiers 1-4 are capped at a 40% bonus - DT does not regulate density so FAR increases are more significant (resulted in feasibility challenges for larger projects - Tier 4 requires more affordable units with same bonus as Tier 1)
- Housing Linkage Fee Exemption

Community Benefits Program “TOC +”

- Bonus FAR informed by proximity to transit, community feedback, and adopted plan FARs
- The Downtown Community Benefits Program caps FAR based on form district and varies throughout the plan area
- Requires a minimum of TOC Tier 1 affordability but allows greater than a 40% bonus with increased affordability requirements
- Introduces a deeply low income category
- Informed by market analysis
- Housing Linkage Fee Exemption
- Additional bonus FAR beyond first 40% for more affordable housing or other public benefits
# Downtown Community Benefits Program vs Transit Oriented Communities (TOC)

**TOC**

- Offers ministerial density and FAR increases
- Calculated on the total number of units & allows for a linkage fee exemption
- Allows a maximum of 80% density increase and a maximum of 55% FAR increase in exchange for community benefits
- In the Greater Downtown Housing Incentive Area, Bonus FAR incentive is **limited to 40%**
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- Does not offer Incentives for providing community supportive facilities
- Affordable housing income categories limited to Extremely-low, Very-low, Low

**Development Incentives**

- **Required Affordable Housing Units**
- **Maximum Incentives**
- **Limits on FAR Increases**
- **Incentives for Non-residential**
- **Other Community Supportive Incentives**
- **Affordable Housing Income Categories**

**Downtown Community Benefits Program**

- Offers ministerial FAR and Height increases (Density is unlimited)
- Calculated on the total number of units & allows for a linkage fee exemption
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Publicly Accessible Private Open Space Design Standards

- Accessibility to the public from sunrise to sunset and maintenance
- Unenclosed and located along a public sidewalk or public right-of-way
- Way-finding signs at each of the access points
- A set amount of shade, planted area and seating
- Public restroom, drinking water fountain, and public charging stations at no cost to public users

At least one of the amenity options listed below shall be provided for public use within or adjacent to the publicly accessible open space:

- Outdoor exercise equipment
- Sport courts
- Dog run
- Children’s play area
- Community garden
- Public art or historical interpretive element
- Alternative Open Space Amenities deemed appropriate by the Director of Planning
Community Facilities - Article 9

Community Facility Options

- Daycare/Childcare Facility
- Employment Incubators
- School and/or Library
- Social Services
- Civic Facilities
- Alternative Community Facilities (such as transit facilities)

Enforcement

- 55 year covenant with LA County Recorder
- 10 year min. lease (5 year renewal) before certificate of occupancy can be issued
- Annual reporting on occupancy status
- Vacant spaces must be filled within 6 months (can be a different eligible community facility) to finish out the term of the lease
- Non-compliance results in either renewal of 55-year term or legal action
- Fine for each day in non-compliance
Downtown Plan Community Benefits Program

Affordable Housing Requirements under Level 1, 2, and 3

**LEVEL 2 & 3: MAX BONUS FAR**
Under LEVEL 2 & 3, Projects are Required to Provide One of the Following for **each 1:1** of bonus FAR:

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**LEVEL 1: 40% Bonus FAR**
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<td>Requirement</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>40%</td>
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Linkage Fee - Phased Schedule

Phased-In Approach

Ordinance effective February 2018

A three-part phased-in approach:

- 1/3 of fee: Vested by June 18, 2018
- 2/3 of fee: Vested by December 20, 2018
- **Full fee: Vested by June 17, 2019**
Downtown Community Benefits Program vs TFAR

Existing TFAR System

- Discretionary process requiring City Council approval
- Public benefits provided primarily as cash payments
- Does not establish priority between public benefits

New Community Benefits System

- Transparent and predictable
- By-right process for most benefit options
- Prioritizes affordable housing
- Prioritizes on-site benefits like public open space and community facilities with clear standards
Existing TFAR Program

Background

- Established in 1988
- Intended to function in concert with Redevelopment Plan
- Zoning established D-Limitations that limited floor area rights necessitating TFAR process (prototype for base/bonus)
- Intended to garner public benefits
- Rigorous process requires Council Action for TFAR transactions over 50k sq.ft.
- Projects can contribute payments to the TFAR Trust Fund, or do “Direct Provision”
Economic Analysis of TFAR Program

TFAR **undervalues** development rights by over **50%**
- Average TFAR payment is **$33** per square foot
- Market value of development rights in Downtown is **$65-85** per square foot

TFAR has not resulted in affordable units Downtown
- TFAR does not require on-site affordable units
- 82.5% of public benefit trust fund and direct provision payments have gone to other public benefits (transportation, open space, community facilities)
- Between 2015-2018, **260 affordable units** could have been generated by a benefits system that prioritizes affordable housing
The Base/Bonus Incentive System is transparent and simple compared to today’s TFAR program, GPAs

- TFAR today relies upon complex property appraisals and a bizentine discretionary process to establish community benefits, whereas
  Base/Bonus Incentive System prioritizes benefits and establishes a streamlined process

- Base/Bonus Incentive System is non-transactional

- Base/Bonus Incentive System offers predictability for everyone - community members, developers and property owners
Transfer of Development Rights & CPIO

Preservation Areas

- Currently proposed for Arts District
- Donor and Receiver sites are within Arts District
- Can be expanded to allow donor sites in Little Tokyo, Chinatown, and Historic Core
- Receiver Sites for Little Tokyo and Chinatown can be all Community Center and Villages properties
- Receiver Sites for Historic Core can be all sites within Traditional Core
Downtown Community Plan
Implementation Overlay District
CPIO Subareas
CPIO Subarea A

A.1: Community Benefits
A.2: Community Benefits, also TDR
A.3: Community Benefits with Family-sized Dwelling Units
Protections to Preserve Historically Significant Buildings

Development Review Process

- Eligible Historic Resource within CPIO Subarea D
- Alteration or Demolition
- Determined not a historic resource or rehabilitated per the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards
  - Administrative Clearance (Ministerial Review)
- Determined to be a historic resource and not rehabilitated per the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards*
  - Discretionary Review / CEQA

*Resources within National Register Districts are required to make additional findings
Inclusionary Housing
Base/Bonus Incentive System

- The Base/Bonus Incentive System proposed Downtown has broad support from stakeholders.
- The proposed Base/Bonus Incentive System is consistent with other recent Community Plans and Specific Plans citywide.
  South Los Angeles Community Plan
  Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan
  Hollywood Community Plan
- Inclusionary Zoning has no precedent for broad application within the City and has not been tested in the City context.
Inclusionary Housing - History

Timeline

2017 • AB 1505 allows municipalities to apply inclusionary requirements to rental housing
- **Affordable Housing Linkage Fee Ordinance**

2016 • Development of DTLA 2040 Community Benefits Program with base/bonus

2009 • Existing inclusionary restructured to charge in-lieu fees
- **Palmer/Sixth St. Properties, L.P. v. City of Los Angeles**

1980s • Spread of Inclusionary Programs in Cities
- **Central City West Specific Plan**

- **Creation of affordable housing**: spreads the cost over both commercial and residential development, depending on the market area, to fund the

- **Fee exemption**: projects which include affordable units, multifamily units with 5 or fewer units, and small commercial/mixed-use projects of less than 25,000 square feet of new floor area

- **Fee phase-in**: began in 2018 and became in full effect in 2019

- **TOC success**: Studies show many projects are pursuing the on-site options with TOC

- **Increased affordable housing**: additional incentives bolster development and the production of affordable housing
Inclusionary Zoning and Density Bonus Project Scenario

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<td>3:1</td>
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<td>Total housing units</td>
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<td>Total amount of affordable units (very-low income)</td>
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<td>Total affordability percentage</td>
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Downtown Community Benefits Program
Very Low Income Req.
Level 1: 11%
Level 2: 1.5% per FAR
## Affordable Housing Linkage Fee Schedule Effective July 1, 2020

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New Zoning Code
Zoning Summary
Background

- Effort was initiated under the re:code LA Program in July 2013

- New Zoning Code is being developed by the Zoning Integration Program within the Community Planning Bureau

- New Zoning Code was presented at Public Hearing alongside the Downtown Plan

- New Zoning Code will be applied through the Community Plan Update Process and new districts or provisions can be introduced as needed
Current Zoning Code

- “Chapter 1” of LAMC
- New Code will be “Chapter 1A”
- Created in 1946
- Limited set of zoning options created reliance on “overlays” to better implement goals and policies
- More than 2/3rds of City has one or more “overlays”
Objectives for New Zoning Code

- A new, easy-to-use zoning system for the City
- Improved toolkit of zoning districts to implement collective aspirations expressed in adopted plans
- A more organized, responsive system of regulations
- Relevant property-specific zoning information (only what you need, and not what you don’t)
New Zoning System

[FORM]
- Building Size

FRONTAGE
- Relationship to the Street

STANDARDS
- Development Standards

Built Environment

[USE]
- Permitted Uses

DENSITY
- Number of Units

Activity

[OVERLAY]
- Supplemental Standards

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Form Districts

What should the scale of buildings be in the neighborhood?
Form Districts

- Allowable development envelopes for buildings
  - Lot Size
  - Building Placement (Coverage)
  - Amenity
  - FAR & Height
  - Building Mass

FORM-FRONTAGE-STANDARDS] [USE-DENSITY]
Form in DTLA

Upper Story Stepbacks

Building Breaks
Form Districts
Frontage Districts

How should buildings be experienced from the street?
Frontage Districts

[FORM-FRONTAGE-STANDARDS] [USE-DENSITY]

- Requirements for how site & building addresses the right-of-way:
  - Build-To
  - Parking Setback
  - Landscape
  - Windows (Transparency)
  - Articulation
  - Entrances
  - Ground Story

- Many existing overlay requirements will be reflected in the Frontages
Frontage in DTLA
Frontage in DTLA
Development Standards Districts

What should the site characteristics be in the neighborhood?
Standards Districts

- Development standards that vary to address different types of neighborhoods
- Development standards currently varying:
  - Pedestrian Access
  - Automobile Access
  - Parking Ratios
  - Parking Structure Design
  - On-Site Sign Allocation / Permissions
  - Development Review Thresholds
Development Standards

- Pedestrian Access
- Automobile Access
- Bicycle Parking
- Automobile Parking
- Transportation Demand Management
- Plants
- Screening
- Grading & Retaining Walls
- Outdoor Lighting & Glare
- Signs
- Site Elements
- Environmental Protection
- Development Review
Development Standards in DTLA
Development Standards in DTLA

- Development Standards Districts 5 and 6 are applied Downtown
- District 5 supports an urban pedestrian focused environment
- District 6 in primarily non-residential industrial areas
Use Districts

What activities should be allowed?
Use Districts

- Grouped system – retail, personal services, dwelling, schools
- Each Use District has permission levels for every use:
  - P  Permitted
  - P*  Permitted with Standards
  - C  Conditional
  - --  Not Permitted
Use in DTLA
Use in DTLA

In certain areas, the Plan prioritizes spaces for small businesses through commercial establishment size limits

10,000 square feet tenant size limit
Density Districts

How should population be accommodated?
Density Districts

- Shows density at-a-glance
- Units allowed based on Lot Area or Lot
- Example: Density District 8 allows 1 Household Dwelling Unit for every 800 sq-ft of Lot Area
- Example: Density District 1L allows 1 Household Dwelling Unit per Lot
Density in DTLA
New Zoning Code Structure

Article 2. Form
Article 3. Frontage
Article 4. Development Standards
Article 5. Use
Article 6. Density
Article 7. Alternate Typologies
Article 8. Specific Plans, Supplemental & Special Districts
Article 9. Public Benefits Systems

Article 10. Streets & Parks
Article 11. Division of Land
Article 12. Nonconformities
Article 13. Administration
Article 14. General Rules
Today’s Online Zoning Code


The following regulations shall apply in the “C2” Commercial Zone:

A. Use — No building, structure or land shall be used and no building or structure shall be erected, structurally altered, enlarged or maintained, except for the following uses, and when a “Supplemental Use District” is created by the provisions of Article 3 of this chapter, for such uses as may be permitted therein:

1. The following stores, shops or businesses when conducted in accordance with the limitations hereafter specified:

   (a) Types of uses:

      (1) Any use permitted in the C1.5 Limited Commercial Zone by Sections 12.13.1 A.2. of this Code or in the C1 Limited Commercial Zone by Section 12.13 A.2. of this Code. (Added by Ord. No. 156,024, E/E 8/23/82.)

      (2) Art or antique shop.

      (3) Bird store or taxidermist, or a pet shop for the keeping or sale of domestic or wild animals, other than those wild animals specified in the definition of “Accessory Use” as set forth in Section 23.52 of this Code, under an appropriate permit issued by the Department of Animal Services as provided in Section 23.39 of this Code. (Amended by Ord. No. 174,735, E/E 9/13/02.)

      (4) Carpet, plumbing or sheet metal shop.

      (5) Catering shop.

      (6) Feed and fuel store.

      (7) Interior decorating or upholstery shop.

      (8) Sign painting shop.

      (9) Tire shop, provided the tire shop is in compliance with all of the development standards and operating conditions set forth in Section 12.27 A.28. of this Code. (Added by Ord. No. 174,735, E/E 9/13/02.)
### Current Zoning

**[Q]C2-2D-CDO**

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<td>Sign Prohibitions:</td>
<td>Commercial Zone:</td>
<td>Floor Area Ratio: 6:1</td>
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<td>28 Pages of Design Standards:</td>
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<td>Permitted Uses</td>
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**Other LAMC Provisions**

- Section 12.21 – General Provision
- Parking, Open Space, Walls/Fences
- Section 12.22 – General Exceptions
- Section 12.24 – Conditional Use
- Section 12.37 – Dedication and Improvement
- Article 4.4 – Signs
Translated Zoning

Zoning System facilitates access to the same regulations

- centralized
- summarized
- digestible
- easier to navigate
Zoning in DTLA

Legend

- Specific Plan Areas
- A1, LF2
- CX1, DM2
- CX1, DM5
- CX1, LM2
- CX1, MN1
- CX2, DM1
- CX2, DM2
- CX2, DM3
- CX2, DM4
- CX2, HB1
- CX2, HB2
- CX2, HB3
- CX2, HM1
- CX2, HM2
- CX2, LM2
- CX2, MB4
- CX3, DM1
- CX3, HB4
- CX3, HB5
- CX3, HB6
- CX3, HM2
- CX3, MB4
- CX4, DM4
- CX4, HB5
- CX4, HM2
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- I1, MM1
- I2, LF2
- IX1, MB4
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- IX3, DM1
- IX3, MB4
- IX4, LM1
- IX4, MB2
- IX4, MB3
- IX4, MB4
- IX4, MM1
- OS1, VF1
- PF, various form districts
- RG1, LM2
- RG1, LN1
- RX1, LM2
- RX1, LN1
- RX1, MN1
New Zoning Code Technical Slides
Frontages

General Frontage

SEC. 39.3.1. GENERAL 1 (G1)

A. Lot

B. Facade

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<td>70%</td>
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<td>2. Parking setback (min)</td>
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ENTRANCES

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GROUND STORY

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<td>Ground floor elevation (min/max) Residential</td>
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Character Frontage

A. Streets

B. Facade

C. Doors

D. Staircase

E. Windows

F. Cladding

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Character Frontages
SEC. 13B.5.1. ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE

A. Applicability

1. General

This Section applies to the following situations where this Code expressly allows Alternative Compliance:

a. The proposed development does not comply with a design, development, or performance standard required by this Chapter or Chapter 1 (General Provisions and Zoning) of this Code, and proposes an alternative standard or condition consistent with Paragraph b. below.

b. The applicant proposed deviations from regulations which do not substantially alter the execution or intent of the regulations that apply to a proposed development.

2. Specific Plan Excluded

This Section does not apply to specific plans.

B. Initiation

An application for an Alternative Compliance is filed with the Department.

C. Notice

1. Notice of Public Hearing

a. There is no public hearing required for the initial decision on an Alternative Compliance, and therefore no notice of a public hearing is required.

2. Notice of Public Hearing on Appeal
OLD APPROACH - MODIFIED THROUGH FEEDBACK

- New Zoning Code has changed dramatically based on input from Architecture Community
- Used to be based on building types
- Modified to a much more flexible system to allow for architectural creativity
Here’s a guide to the New Zoning Code and how it is applied Downtown.
New zoning Code: Key Components

These are the components of the New Zoning Code. Each component is outlined in an Article, or chapter, of the new code.

- Article 2 - Form Districts
- Article 3 - Frontage Districts
- Article 4 - Development Standards
- Article 5 - Use Districts
- Article 6 - Density Districts
New zoning Code: Key Components

Example Downtown Zone: [HB4-SH1-5] [CX3-FA] [CPIO]
General Plan Map & Zoning Correspondence

The Downtown Community Plan’s building blocks are its land use designations and zoning. Each land use designation has pre-set corresponding zoning. See next slide for a table of which Form, Use, & Density zoning designations correspond to each land use designation.

(Note: only Form, Use, & Density are “keyed” to land use designations. Frontage, Development Standards, and supplemental use districts are not restricted by General Plan Land Use Designation and can be applied in any General Plan Land Use Designation.)
## LAND USE & ZONING CORRESPONDENCE TABLE

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### Public Facilities - Freeways
- LM2, LN1

### Medium Neighborhood Residential
- RG1, RX1

### Production
- LF1, MB2, MM1, VF1

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Zoning Districts

The following district level maps are informational and help to visualize where certain portions of the zone strand are applied. Here we can see the distinct Form, Frontage, Development Standards, Use, and Density Districts, each of which comprise the complete Zone Designation.
Form Districts - Article 2

Here are all of the Form Districts currently being applied Downtown:

1. VF1 - Very Low-Rise Full 1
2. LF1 - Low-Rise Full 1
3. LF2 - Low-Rise Full 2
4. LM1 - Low-Rise Medium 1 (height limit)
5. LM2 - Low-Rise Medium 2 (height limit)
6. LN1 - Low-Rise Narrow 1 (height limit)
7. MB1 - Mid-Rise Broad 1
8. MB3 - Mid-Rise Broad 3
9. MB4 - Mid-Rise Broad 4
10. MF1 - Mid-Rise Full 1
11. MN1 - Mid-Rise Narrow 1
12. MB2 - Mid-Rise Broad 2 (height limit)
13. MM1 - Mid-Rise Medium 1 (height limit)
14. DM1 - Moderate-Rise Medium 1
15. DM2 - Moderate-Rise Medium 2
16. DM3 - Moderate-Rise Medium 3
17. DM4 - Moderate-Rise Medium 4
18. DM5 - Moderate-Rise Medium 5 (height limit)
19. HB1 - High-Rise Broad 1
20. HB2 - High-Rise Broad 2
21. HB3 - High-Rise Broad 3
22. HB4 - High-Rise Broad 4
23. HB5 - High-Rise Broad 5
24. HB6 - High-Rise Broad 6
25. HM1 - High-Rise Medium 1
26. HM2 - High-Rise Medium 2
Frontage Districts - Article 3

Here are all of the Frontage Districts currently available in the New Zoning Code:

1. SH1 - Shopfront 1
2. SH2 - Shopfront 2
3. AL2 - Alley Shopfront 2
4. CHC1 - Historic Core
5. CDF1 - Daylight Factory
6. CDR1 - Daylight Factory / River
7. MK1 - Market
8. AL1 - Alley Market
9. G1 - General 1
10. MU1 - Multi-Unit 1
11. MU2 - Multi-Unit 2
12. WH1 - Warehouse 1

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Dev. Standards - Article 4

Here are all of the Development Standards Districts currently available in the New Zoning Code:

1. Development Standards District Set 5
2. Development Standards District Set 6
Use Districts - Article 5

[FORM] [FRONTAGE] [STANDARDS] [USE] [DENSITY] [OVERLAY]

Here are all of the Use Districts currently available in the New Zoning Code:

1. RG1 - Residential 1
2. RX1 - Residential-Mixed 1
3. CX1 - Commercial-Mixed 1
4. CX2 - Commercial-Mixed 2
5. CX3 - Commercial-Mixed 3
6. CX4 - Commercial-Mixed 4
7. IX1 - Industrial-Mixed 1
8. IX2 - Industrial-Mixed 2
9. IX3 - Industrial-Mixed 3
10. IX4 - Industrial-Mixed 4
11. I1 - Industrial 1
12. I2 - Industrial 2
13. A1 - Agricultural 1
14. OS1 - Open Space 1
15. P2 - Public 2

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Density Districts - Article 6

Here are all of the Density Districts currently available in the New Zoning Code:

1. 1L - Maximum density of 1 dwelling unit permitted on a lot
2. FA - Density limited by floor area
3. N - Residential not permitted

Note: There is unlimited density downtown, except for a little piece of Agricultural Land along Stadium Way in the north-eastern portion of the Plan area near Elysian Park.
Zoning Map Visualized

- This Zoning Map is comprised of a composite of the [Form] and [Use] components of the zone strand.
  - There are 26 Form Districts and 16 Use Districts.
  - 47 combinations are used Downtown, shown on this map.
  - In the legend, the [Use] is on the left, then the [Form] is on the right.
Zoning Map Visualized

- Mapping the complete Zone Strand reveals 134 unique zones
- A printable version of the complete Zoning Map can be found [here](#).
- A table of all of the proposed Zoning Designations (or Zone Strands) can be found [here](#).
Today’s Zoning Map

- Today’s zoning map appears simple, with about 20 “surface zone” designations viewable on the map.
- There are actually 104 unique zones under the adopted Central City and Central City North Community Plans when we account for:
  - Unique Q Conditions and D Limitations that can vary site-to-site and block-to-block
  - Redevelopment Plan provisions
  - ZIs, Specific Plans, CDOs, and other regulations not readily reflected in the zone strand
- Generally, the following zones are applied Downtown:

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Current Zoning

[Q]C2-2D-CDO

**QUALIFIED CONDITIONS**

- Sign Prohibitions: Off-Site Signs, Pole Signs, Mural Signs, Supergraphic Displays

**ZONE CLASS (LAMC)**

- Commercial Zone: Permitted Uses, Setbacks, Lot Standards

**HEIGHT DISTRICT (LAMC)**

- Floor Area Ratio: 6:1
- Height: Unlimited

**OTHER LAMC PROVISIONS**

- Section 12.21 – General Provision
- Parking, Open Space, Walls/Fences
- Section 12.22 – General Exceptions
- Section 12.24 – Conditional Use
- Section 12.37 – Dedication and Improvement
- Article 4.4 – Signs

**DEVELOPMENT LIMITATIONS**

- Restrict: Heights
- Floor Area Ratio
- % of lot coverage
- Building setbacks

**SUPPLEMENTAL USE DISTRICT**

- 28 Pages of Design Standards: Building, Pedestrian, Open Space, Circulation, Parking, Landscaping, Signs
Translated Zoning

[FORM-FRONTAGE-STANDARDS] [USE-DENSITY]

[MB3 – SH1 -#] [CX3- 4]

Mid-Rise Broad 3
Shopfront 1
Development Standards District #
Commercial - Mixed 3

1 Unit per 400 sq-ft of Lot Area
# MB3 – SH1

## SEC. 5B.3. COMMERCIAL-MIXED 3 (CX3)

### A. Intent

The CX3 Use District allows for primarily commercial uses. This District is intended to accommodate a variety of uses, mixing housing with small and large-scale commercial amenities and services.

### B. Allowed Uses & Use Limitations

#### RESIDENTIAL

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### REAR

- P = Permitted
- # = Use not permitted
- ** = Use Ignored
- ** = Approved by Zoning Administrator
- ** = Public Hearing by Zoning Administrator
- ** = Review by City Planning Commission

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Character Frontages
Character Frontages Maps

Boundaries Across Plan

Historic Core

Arts District
Frontages General vs Character Frontage

**General Frontage**

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**Character Frontage**

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**Historic Core Character Frontage**

**D. Facade**

- **Base, middle & top***: Required, Required
- **Horizontal bands***: Required, Required
- **Vertical bands***: Required, Required
- **Spacing (min/max)**: 15'/30' 15'/30'

**ARTICULATION**

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**FEATURES**

*Applicable for first 12 stories*

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**EXTERIOR MATERIALS**

**Options**

- **Principal materials (min)**: 70%
  - Brick
  - Solid stone
  - Concrete
  - Metal
  - Glazed tile

**Accessory materials (max)**: 30%

- **Options**
  - Brick
  - Solid stone
  - Concrete
  - Metal
  - Wood
  - Glazed tile

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Los Angeles City Planning
Increased Flexibility in Rules - Examples

- Applicability Narrowed
- Banding can be Interrupted
Relief Mechanisms

By-Right

Exceptions
- Exemptions
- By-Right Alternatives

Alternate Typologies
- Pre-Package Set of Exceptions for Specific Scenarios

Public Benefit Systems
- Incentives for Public Benefits
- Bonus & Waivers

Discretionary

Alternative Compliance
- Allows for more creative approaches to meeting intent of regulation

Adjustments

Variance
Electric Vehicle Parking
LA’s 2019 Green New Deal

- Set goal of installing 10,000 publicly available EV Chargers by 2022; and 28,000 by 2028
- LA is 2 years ahead of schedule, with over 11,000 commercial charging stations on local streets
- LADWP funds large portion of charging stations through Commercial EV Charging Station Rebate Program.
City of LA Green Building Code

- LAMC Article 9 (Green Building Code) Ordinance 186485 effective in January 2020 exceeds state standards for EV ready and EV charging requirements

- Generally requires 30% provided parking to be EV ready, and 10% to be equipped with EV Charging Stations (installed chargers)
Proposed New Zoning Code

- Offers additional incentives beyond the City of LA Green Building Code

- EV Charging Stations provided beyond those required in the Green Building Code count as 2 required parking stalls.

- Accessible EV ready or installed parking stalls count as 2 required parking stalls.
River Frontage
River Frontage Strategy

- Incorporates standards from RIO
  - Landscaped river setback
  - Plant species requirements
- Frontage transparency minimums improve visual connection to river
- Buildings break requirement allow east/west view corridors toward the river
- Height limitations for smoother transitions from the LA river
  - 5 story height limit on parcels adjacent to the river
  - 15 story height limit behind the block adjacent to the river
## Arts District River Frontage

### Contextual Requirements for River Adjacent Properties

#### BUILD-TO

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Nonconformities
DIV. 12.2. FORM EXCEPTIONS
SEC. 12.2.1. COVERAGE EXCEPTIONS
A. Building Setbacks

Where a building is nonconforming as to building setbacks, an addition is allowed, provided that:

1. Additions located in the nonconforming setback do not encroach to a greater extent than the existing encroachment or reduce the nonconforming setback to less than 50% of that required by the dimensional requirements of the applied zone.

2. The total of all additions made since the building became nonconforming do not exceed, in height or length, the height or length of that portion of the adjoining nonconforming building that extends into the same setback.

SEC. 12.2.2. FLOOR AREA RATIO & HEIGHT EXCEPTIONS
A. Rural, Estate, and House Form Districts

1. An addition to a building or structure that is nonconforming as to floor area is allowed, provided that the addition conforms to all current regulations of the applied zone and other applicable current land use regulations, except as may be approved or permitted pursuant to a discretionary approval. This exception is not available for lots in the Coastal Zone not located in a Hillside Area.

2. Modifications to existing buildings other than additions are allowed, provided that the activities do not meet the definition of major demolition.

B. Addition to Building Exceeding Maximum Height

Where an existing building or structure is nonconforming only as to maximum height, additions that conform to all the current regulations of the applied zone and other applicable current land use regulations are allowed, except that the total aggregate floor area included in all the separate additions shall not exceed 50% of the floor area of the ground story of the building or structure.

SEC. 12.2.3. UPPER-STORY BULK EXCEPTIONS

An addition to a building that is nonconforming only as to bulk plane regulations is allowed, provided the addition conforms to all the current regulations of the applied zone and other applicable current land use regulations, except that the total aggregate floor area included in all separate additions shall not exceed 50% of the floor area of the ground story of the building or structure.
DIV. 12.5. USE EXCEPTIONS

SEC. 12.5.1. USE NOT ALLOWED EXCEPTIONS

A. Where an existing use is nonconforming in the applied Use District, it may be relocated within the existing building, provided the move does not cause a net increase in the floor area of the nonconforming use.

B. Where a building in any Open Space, Agricultural, Residential, Residential-Mixed, Commercial, Commercial-Mixed or Public Use District includes an existing nonconforming use, any residential portion of the building may be enlarged, provided that the addition does not create any additional dwelling units or dwelling units, and the addition or expansion meets all other requirements for the applied zone.

C. Sport courts legally existing prior to the October 27, 1978 (Ord. No. 151,466) may continue as a nonconforming development or in accordance with regulations existing at the time such use was established. Those standards apply to any tennis or paddle tennis court which is accessory to a residential use and for which a permit is issued by the Department of Building and Safety subsequent to October 16, 1985, whether or not the subject of a variance. However, any replacement of lighting, fencing, or windscreen for such courts taking place after October 16, 1985, shall fully conform to the sport court standards in Sec. 4C.7.2. (Side/Rear Yard Fences & Walls).

D. An establishment dispensing, for sale or other consideration, alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine, for on-site or off-site consumption may not be continued or re-established after September 13, 1997, without conditional use approval granted in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 15.4.2 (Class 2 Conditional Use Permit), where there is a substantial change in the mode or character of operation of the establishment, including any addition by more than 20% of the floor area, seating or occupancy, whichever applies. Construction for which a building permit is required in order to comply with an order issued by the Department of Building and Safety to repair or remedy an unsafe or substandard condition is exempt from this provision. Any addition of less than 20% of the floor area, seating or occupancy, whichever applies, requires the approval of plans pursuant to Sec. 15.4.2.H (Modification of Entitlement).

E. Any lot or portion of a lot in a Commercial, Commercial-Mixed, Industrial-Mixed, or Industrial 1 (II) Use District that was being used on June 1, 1951, for the temporary storage of abandoned, dismantled, partially dismantled, obsolete or wrecked automobiles, but not for the dismantling or wrecking of automobiles nor for the storage of used parts, may continue.

F. Where the creation of dwelling units is not allowed, they may be permitted in existing buildings that qualify as adaptive reuse projects pursuant to Sec. 9A.4.5. (Downtown Adaptive Reuse Projects) or Sec. 9A.4.6. (Citywide Adaptive Reuse Projects).

G. Where the creation of dwelling units is not allowed, they may be permitted as part of a qualified permanent supportive housing project, as defined in Sec. 9A.4.1. (Qualified Permanent Supportive Housing Incentive Program).

H. Any Light Industrial uses lawfully existing prior to March 22, 1981, in any portion of any building in a Commercial or Commercial-Mixed Use District shall not be extended beyond that portion of the building except in accordance with Sec. 15B.2.2. (Class 2 Conditional Use Permit).

I. Joint living & work quarters are considered nonconforming to the use household business, and may be continued. Additional flexibility and incentives may be granted for existing buildings that are eligible for adaptive reuse projects pursuant to Sec. 9A.4.5. (Downtown Adaptive Reuse Projects) and Sec. 12.4.6. (Citywide Adaptive Reuse Projects).

J. In the Industrial Use Districts, the nonconforming use of land where no buildings are occupied in connection with the use or where the only buildings occupied are accessory to or incidental to the use, may be continued, subject to the following limitations:
   a. The nonconforming use shall not be enlarged in any way beyond the limits of what was originally permitted.
   b. The nonconforming use shall be completely enclosed within a building or within an area enclosed on all sides with a Type 1, Transition Screen pursuant to Sec. 4C.8.B.2.C.3.a. (Transition Screen), within 1 year from the date the use becomes nonconforming.

K. In the Industrial Use Districts:
   1. A building that is nonconforming as to use with no dwelling units shall not be redesigned or rearranged to contain dwelling units.
   2. A building that is nonconforming as to use with dwelling units shall not be redesigned or rearranged so as to increase the number of dwelling units in the building.
   3. Caretakers quarter in Industrial Use Districts are permitted to continue.

L. Existing petroleum-based oil refineries expanding operations beyond the current property lines are required to:
   1. Receive a Conditional Use Permit with approval by the City Planning Commission, in accordance with Sec. 15B.2.3. (Class 3 Conditional Use Permit).
   2. Comply with all of the required Unified Programs (Unified Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Materials Management Regulatory Program), California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) database submittals may serve as proof of compliance.
   3. Submit a health assessment of the project for the surrounding vicinity identifying pollution and population indicators, such as, but not limited to, those analyzed in the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool; the number of people affected by the project, short term or permanent impacts caused by the project, likelihood that impacts will occur, and recommended mitigation measures.
   4. Submit a truck routing plan that minimizes the incidence of a commercial truck traveling past dwellings, religious assembly, schools, regional medical, public recreation, medical care supportive housing, preschool/day care, and other similar uses.
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SEC. 4C.6.2. REQUIRED TREES

A. Intent

To maintain and increase the City’s tree canopy, reduce consumption of electricity, improve air quality, promote infiltration of stormwater runoff, offset urban heat island effect, mitigate noise pollution, sequester carbon and support urban biodiversity.

B. Applicability

All lots containing 4,000 square feet or more of floor area shall comply with required tree standards.

C. Standards

1. One large species tree (Sec. 4C.6.5.C.3.a.i.a.) or two small species trees (Sec. 4C.6.5.C.3.a.i.b.) shall be planted for every 4,000 square feet of total floor area on a lot. For each additional 4,000 square feet of floor area, one additional one large species tree or two small species trees shall be required.

2. No less than one large species tree (Sec. 4C.6.5.C.3.a.i.a.) or two small species trees (Sec. 4C.6.5.C.3.a.i.b.) shall be planted on every lot.

3. Palms and bamboo do not count as required trees, with the exception of existing palm trees located on a lot identified as being within a targeted planting area established by the Targeted Planting Map (Sec. 1.45.I). In these targeted planting areas, existing palms may count as a required tree provided that the specific palm tree species meets the requirements outlined in the targeted planting list for the applicable targeted planting area.

4. Existing trees on-site count toward the minimum tree requirement based on tree type (large species or small species) in accordance with Sec. 4C.6.5.C.3.a. (Tree Types), provided each tree is healthy and has a minimum 1 inch caliper.

5. Required trees shall be planted either on-site, in a common area accessible to multiple lots from a shared pedestrian accessway, or in the abutting parkways. Trees planted in the parkways require approval from the Board of Public Works or its designee per LAMC Sec. 63.169 (Permit Required to Plant Streets).

6. When calculating the total number of required trees results in the requirement of a fraction of a tree, any fraction up to and including one-half may be disregarded and any fraction over one-half will require one additional tree.

7. Trees provided to comply with other standards, including Sec. 4C.4.4. (Parking Lot Design), Sec. 4C.6.4. (Planting Areas), Div. 4C.B. (Screening), Sec. 3C.4.2.E.2. (Ground Story Inactive Wall Treatment Options), Sec. 3C.4.2.E.3. (Inactive Foundation Wall Treatment Options), and Sec. 3C.3.2.A.3. (Freeway Screening), may also be counted toward compliance with required trees standards. Additional trees beyond the minimum number required to comply with this section, required trees (Sec. 4C.6.3.), may be required to comply with other standards.

8. All required trees shall be planted in accordance with the plant design and installation standards outlined in Sec. 4C.6.5.C.3. (Trees).

D. Measurements

1. For measuring floor area see Sec. 14.1.7 (Floor Area).

2. For large tree measurements see Sec. 4C.6.5.C.3 (Tree Types).

3. For small tree measurements see Sec. 4C.6.5.C.3 (Tree Types).

4. For measurement of caliper see Sec. 4C.6.5.D.10. (Caliper).

5. For measurement of container size see Sec. 4C.6.5.D.9. (Container Size).

E. Relief

1. An alternative to tree planting standards may be requested in accordance with Sec. 13B.5.1 (Alternative Compliance).

2. A Director’s Determination may be requested to plant a required tree off-site on private property (with prior approval of the property owner) or along public streets (with the prior approval of the Board of Public Works or its designee) within one mile of the lot of the project, or pay an in-lieu fee in accordance with LAMC Sec. 62.177 (Establishment of Tree Replacement and Planting In-Lieu Fee) instead of planting a required tree. In order to approve the Director’s Determination, the Director of Planning shall make the supplemental finding that required trees cannot feasibly be planted on-site or in the abutting parkway.

3. A deviation from any tree requirement standard may be allowed as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13B.5.3 (Variance).
D. Measurement

1. Outdoor Space
   
a. Intent

To ensure that the amenity space provided is located in an outdoor environment.

b. Standards

To meet the requirement for seating, each amenity space must meet all of the following criteria:

i. Where the amenity space is enclosed, it shall not be covered. Where the amenity space is covered, it shall not be enclosed.

ii. No portion of an outdoor space may have a clear height of less than 7.5 feet.

iii. Portions of an outdoor space that are covered shall have a minimum clear height of 1.5 times the depth of the covered area.

iv. The following structures are exempt from the outdoor space standards above, provided all exempted structures have a cumulative area no greater than 20\% of the contiguous amenity space area.

   a) Unenclosed structures having a clear height of at least 7.5 feet; and

   b) An enclosed and covered structure, providing goods or services to tenants of the project or the public, having an area of no more than 25 square feet.
SEC. 14.17  FLOOR AREA

The cumulative amount of interior floor space on a lot.

A. Measurement

1. General
   a. Floor area is calculated as the sum of all interior floor space for each story of a building.
   b. The following areas are included in the calculation of floor area:
      i. All areas within the exterior walls of a building; and
      ii. All areas within the exterior walls of any structure that is both enclosed (Sec. 14A.14.C.1) and covered (Sec. 14A.11.B.1).
   c. The following are not included in the calculation of floor area:
      i. Exterior walls.
      ii. Bicycle parking areas.
      iii. All automobile parking areas, except for RL Use Districts, as specified in Sec. 14.17.A.2
      iv. Spaces with ceiling heights less than 7 feet measured from finished floor, including floored attic space.
      v. Basements (Sec. 14.11.B.8) or underground structures, such as underground parking and cellars with the exception of Indoor Storage, Self Service use areas.
      vi. Stairways and elevator shafts.
      vii. Mechanical equipment that is integral or incidental to the operation of on-site buildings, provided that the equipment does not serve any off-site buildings.

2. RL Use Districts
   a. Any floor or portion of a floor with a ceiling height greater than 14 feet counts as twice the square footage of that area.
   b. Up to 400 square feet of a detached garage is exempt from the calculation of floor area, provided the structure is:
      i. Separated from the primary structure a minimum of 10 feet; and
      ii. Located a minimum of 40 feet from a primary street lot line.
   c. Up to 200 square feet of an attached garage is exempt from the calculation of floor area.
   d. No more than 400 square feet of garage floor area per lot shall be exempt.
   e. Detached accessory buildings that do not exceed 18 feet in height and 200 square feet in floor area are exempt from the calculation of floor area, provided that the total combined area exempted of all the detached accessory buildings on a lot does not exceed 400 square feet in floor area.
Trees
City Goals on Trees

LA’s “Green New Deal” (2019)

- Increase tree canopy in areas of greatest need by at least 50% by 2028
- Plant and maintain 90,000 trees by 2021
- Complete citywide tree inventory by 2021; and an Urban Forest Management Plan by 2025
- Emphasis on maintenance and management of mature/maturing trees

Progress

- 90% of LA’s urban forest is on private property
- There are an estimated 10 million trees in LA’s urban forest
  - 2 million trees publicly maintained
  - 700,000 street trees
  - 300,000 trees in city parks
- The City removes appx. 3,000 trees/year and plants approximately 1,000 trees/year
- StreetsLA started a comprehensive inventory of LA’s street trees in 2020
- Trees are planted through a combination of required planting in private projects and public planting through StreetsLA and Rec and Parks in collaboration with non-profit organizations
### Tree Requirements

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**Disincentive to smaller/more affordable units**

**Regulates size at planting, but not size at maturity**

However, 1 tree per 500 SF of planting area also required for residential uses in R & C zones

**Expands applicability to non-residential projects**

**Does not penalize efficiency units**

**Encourages larger trees that provide greater public benefit**

**Smaller trees at planting are more accessible and have greater survivability**

However, 1 large or 2 small trees still required for each 500 SF of planting area, regardless of use

**Additional off-site relief option**
Tree Feedback

Landscape Architects
Addition of tree size standards effectively doubles tree requirement:
Areas of intense development/limited space will always have to use the 2 small species tree option

Community Forest Advisory Committee
Want to see more protection of existing and mature trees
Want to incentivize trees planted in the ground over trees in planters / over structures

Potential Solutions
Count significant existing trees (≥12” caliper or ≥35’ height) as 2 large trees
Count 1 small tree planted in the ground as 1 large tree
Count 1 large tree planted in the ground as 2 large trees
Policy Document on Trees

– **Goals**

**LU GOAL 16**
A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS A HEALTHY DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY.
LU 16.3 Create a network of well-maintained public and private green infrastructure by incentivizing the use of trees, eco roofs, vertical gardens, stormwater facilities, and landscaped amenity areas.

– **Policies**

**LU GOAL 17**
A RESILIENT DOWNTOWN.
LU 17.1 Implement strategies such as expanding shade cover and more efficient water use to lessen the urban heat island effect and increase reliance on renewable energy sources.

**LU GOAL 18**
LEGIBLE AND COMFORTABLE SPACES TO ENGAGE IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, EXPERIENCE NATURE AND FIND RESPITE.
LU 18.2 Maintain and expand the tree canopy to provide shade, improve air and water quality, reduce heat-island effect, and create habitat for birds and pollinators.
LU 18.5 Encourage trees and architectural elements that provide shade; cooling stations; and seating areas for pedestrians along primary corridors in Downtown.

– **Programs**

**LU GOAL 49**
RESILIENT, SUSTAINABLE, AND FLEXIBLE STRUCTURES CONTRIBUTE TO A GENERAL URBAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PATTERN AND SUPPORT GOODS MOVEMENT ACTIVITIES.
LU 49.5 Encourage tree planting and landscaped screening in areas with industrial uses to improve air quality.
## Goals

## Policies

## Programs

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Technical Memo
Technical Modifications/Corrections to the Staff Recommendation Report

Modifications/Corrections are Intended to better align the plan and zoning code with the current policies of the city and improve the functionality of standards intended to implement policy.

Key items:
- Modifications to applicability tables
- Corrections to district standards, including form and use
- Rename Outdoor Entertainment Venue to Amphitheater or Stadium
- Affordable housing requirements added to P2 use district
- Intent statements for Character Frontage siding material standards
- Simplification of automobile access standards
- Consolidation of several different uses within parking tables
  - Habitable rooms within dwelling units
  - Indoor Recreation, Commercial
  - Eating & Drinking uses
- Additional standards for waste receptacle screening
- Addition of shopping cart containment standards
- Incorporation of technical feedback from LADBS on nonconformity provisions
- Addition of provisions from temporary relief during emergency ordinance
- Addition of new form rule for height transitioning
- Addition of provisions from graffiti removal ordinance
- Modifications to project activity tables
Webcode Overview
City Planning > Zoning > Zoning Code > Zoning Report

Please note that this version of the Zoning Code contained on this website is a DRAFT and not yet adopted by the Los Angeles City Council.

STEP 1: ENTER PROPERTY INFORMATION
Enter your address, Assessor's Parcel Number or PIN.

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437 Hill

FIND IN ZIMAS

Select your address

We found a result in ZIMAS.

Select your address

437 S HILL ST (Community Plan Area: Central City ZIP: 90013)
STEP 2: SELECT REPORT DETAIL

Select the level of detail you'd like to see in your report:

**Property Zone**
- Form District
- Frontage District
- Development Standards District
- Use District
- Density District
- Supplemental District (If Applicable)

**Property Zone + Supporting Rules**
- Form Rules
- Frontage Rules
- Development Standards Rules
- Use Rules
- Density Rules

**Property Zone + Supporting Rules, & ALL Other Articles**
- Introductory Provisions
- Alternate Topologies
- Community Benefits Program
- Public Improvements, Dedications
- Division Of Land
- Nonconformities
- Administration
- General Definitions & Measurements

Select
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PREVIOUS  NEXT
STEP 3: AGREE TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Tell us about your property, and we'll highlight sections of the Zoning Code that apply to you.

Terms and Conditions

The service provided herein is not intended to constitute, nor should be construed as, professional services of any kind, nor does it represent a final determination or assurance of the issuance of permits or entitlement approvals by the City of Los Angeles. Before proceeding with any project, the user is solely responsible for seeking legal, accounting, real estate, business, tax or other professional advice.

I agree to the terms and conditions *
STEP 4: CONFIRMATION

Tell us about your property, and we'll highlight sections of the Zoning Code that apply to you.

Your Selected Address

437 S HILL ST
Zone: [HBS-SH1-5] [C3X-FA] [CPIO]

Property Zone

- Form District
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This Zoning Report includes the applied Zoning Districts (Form, Frontage, Development Standards, Use, and Density) and Supplemental Districts, or Special Districts, relevant to the property you have searched. Depending on the report detail you selected, you may also see supporting rules and the other Articles in the Zoning Code. The appendix includes a ZIMAS Summary, which is a snapshot of key fields from the Zoning Information and Map Access System (ZIMAS) important to understanding the zoning regulations for a property. Each of the fields are intended to assist in determining applicable regulations and how to apply them. See ZIMAS for the full listing of fields, and the ZIMAS terms of conditions for reference. As relevant, Zoning Administrator Interpretations and Frequently Asked questions may also be included.
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the difference between a Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 CUP?

Q: How do I file an appeal?

Q: What is alternative compliance?

Q: What are the density designators?

Q: How is density regulated?

Q: What do the permission levels on the Use Table mean?

Q: What are access requirements?

Q: How do I find my parking requirements?
Additional Technical Information
Sample Floor Area Ratio (FAR)

4:1 FAR

The Rise Hollywood: Built

Lot Area: 2.15 Acres
Height: 110 feet (7 stories)
Total Units: 369

Source: Nadel Architects.

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Sample Floor Area Ratio (FAR)
4.5:1 FAR

The Lofts on La Brea: Built

Lot Area: 0.37 acres
Height: 72-74 feet (5 stories)
Total Units: 56

Source: The Lofts on La Brea
Sample Floor Area Ratio (FAR)
4.5:1 FAR

Hollywood/Wilcox: Entitled

Lot Area: 1.4 acres
Height: 160 feet (up to 15 stories)
Total Units: 260

Source: GMPA Architects

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Sample Floor Area Ratio (FAR)

4.5:1 FAR

Eastown and El Centro: Built

Lot Area: 6.7 acres total
Height: Eastown (6 stories); El Centro (7 stories)
Total Units: 1,042

Eastown, provided by Morley Builders

El Centro, provided by El Centro

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Sample Floor Area Ratio (FAR)
6:1 FAR

Palladium: Entitled

Lot Area: 3.6 acres
Height: 350 feet (28 stories)
Total Units: 731

Source: Crescent Heights
Sample Floor Area Ratio (FAR)
7.9:1 FAR

670 Mesquit (Arts District): Pending Review

Lot Area: 5.1 acres
Height: 5 buildings, ranging from 90 feet to 360 feet
Total Units: 308

Source: Bjarke Ingels Group

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FAR Diagrams For Comparison

Building Footprint

1.5:1 FAR

3:1 FAR

4.5:1 FAR

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Increased Development Potential Map
Targeted Planting Map
General Plan Land Use
GPLU Key Issues - Expand Transit Core

Community Feedback: Apply Transit Core General Plan Land Use Designation adjacent to all major rail stops

Considerations:
- Six out of ten stations have Transit Core applied. Station areas with other designations include historic, cultural areas such as Little Tokyo and Chinatown.
- Stations areas that are not designated Transit Core allow up to a 6:1 FAR or 8.5:1 FAR.
- Neighborhood groups have expressed a desire to see lower scale development in Chinatown, Little Tokyo, and Arts District.
# Draft Land Use Map

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Staff Report

Recommended Actions
Recommended Actions

1. **Conduct** a public hearing on the Proposed Project as described in this Staff Recommendation Report.

2. **Approve** the Staff Recommendation Report as the Commission Report.

3. **Approve and Recommend** that the City Council adopt the Findings in the Staff Recommendation Report, and direct staff to prepare Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Findings, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP) for City Council consideration.

4. **Recommend** that the City Council instruct the Director of City Planning to adopt Environmental Protection Measures pursuant to Division 4C.12 (Environmental Protection) of the new Zoning Code as appropriate to implement the MMP.

5. **Find** the City Planning Commission has reviewed the Draft EIR (City EIR No. ENV-2017- 433-EIR and State Clearinghouse No. 2017021024), as shown in Exhibit A.8.

6. **Recommend** the City Council adopt the Resolution in Exhibit A to certify the EIR, adopt EIR Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adopt a Mitigation Monitoring Program.
Recommended Actions

7. Approve and Recommend that the Mayor approve and the City Council adopt, pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.6 and City Charter Section 555, the attached Resolution in Exhibit A to amend the General Plan as follows:

a. Amend the General Plan Land Use Element and adopt the Plan Boundary Change Map to consolidate the Central City Community Plan area and Central City North Community Plan area into the new Downtown Plan Area as shown in Exhibit A.5; adopt the Downtown Community Plan as shown in Exhibit A.1; and adopt the General Plan Land Use Map for the Downtown Community Plan, inclusive of Symbols, Footnotes, and Corresponding Zone and Land Use Nomenclature as shown in Exhibit A.3, and the General Plan Land Use Change Maps and Matrices as shown in Exhibit A.4.

b. Amend the Mobility Plan 2035 to reclassify selected streets and Enhanced Networks, as shown in Exhibit A.7.

c. Amend the Citywide General Plan Framework Element, as shown in Exhibit A.6.

8. Approve and Recommend that pursuant to LAMC Sections 12.04 and 12.32 and City Charter Section 558, the City Council Adopt the draft ordinance to amend the Zoning Map, as shown in Exhibit B.2 (Zone Change Maps and Matrices).
Recommended Actions

9. **Approve and Recommend** that pursuant to LAMC Sections 12.04, 12.32, 13.14.C and City Charter Section 558, the City Council Adopt the proposed Downtown Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO) District Ordinance as shown in Exhibit B.1.

10. **Approve and Recommend** that the City Council Adopt the proposed Downtown Community Benefits Trust Fund Ordinance, the Downtown Community Benefits Fee Ordinance, and Downtown Affordable Housing Trust Fund Ordinance as shown in Exhibits B.3, B.4, and B.7.

11. **Approve and Recommend** that the City Council pursuant to LAMC Section 12.32.S and City Charter Section 558 Adopt the proposed ordinance to amend the River Improvement Overlay (RIO) District Ordinance and Greater Downtown Housing Incentive Ordinance as shown in Exhibits B.5 and B.6.

12. **Approve and Recommend** that the City Council Adopt the proposed Ordinance to rescind the Bunker Hill Specific Plan and Downtown Design Guide as shown in Exhibit B.8.

13. **Approve and Recommend** that the City Council pursuant to LAMC Section 12.32 and City Charter Section 558 Adopt the proposed Pipeline Parking Alignment Ordinance as shown in Exhibit B.9.
Recommended Actions

14. **Approve and Recommend** that the City Council pursuant to LAMC Section 12.32 and City Charter Section 558 Adopt the proposed Community Plan Consolidation Ordinance as shown in Exhibit B.10.

15. **Authorize** the Director of Planning to present the resolutions and proposed General Plan amendments (Exhibits A.1, A.3, A.4, and A.5, A.6 and A.7) to the Mayor and City Council, in accordance with City Charter Section 555 and LAMC Section 11.5.6, and the proposed zoning ordinances (Exhibit B.1-B.10 and C.1 and C.3) to the City Council, in accordance with City Charter Section 558 and LAMC Section 12.32.

16. **Approve and Recommend** that the City Council adopt the New Zoning Code Ordinance to Amend Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (“New Zoning Code”) to add new Articles 1 through 12, and Articles 14 and 15, Amend Article 13, and Adopt the accompanying Zoning Code Maps established in Division 1.4. (Zoning Code Maps) of Article 1 of the New Zoning Code (Exhibits C.1. and C.3.).
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LIVING IN DOWNTOWN
EQUITY AND IDENTITY

A GUIDE FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS

PROPOSED DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY PLAN
SUMMER 2021
THE BIG PICTURE

Cities have rules about what can be built and where. These rules are called land uses. This is a guide to help understand the goals for land use laws that will shape what you see in Downtown Los Angeles for the next 20 years after the update to the Downtown Community Plan is adopted by the City Council.

The Community Plan is currently being presented to the City of L.A. decision-makers. Visit planning4la.org/dtla2040 to identify opportunities to join and provide comments.

HOW DO THESE RULES MAKE MY NEIGHBORHOOD BETTER?

Communities need a plan to guide growth, jobs, housing, schools, transportation, and parks.

Land use laws will not build specific buildings, but instead set the rules for what buildings look like and how they can be used.
EQUITY IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES

Taking into account past history and current conditions, the proposed Downtown Community Plan aims to equitably meet the needs of stakeholders in the plan area and reduce racial disparities, especially those unequally present in historic cultural communities and communities of color. In doing so, issues of equity, health, and climate justice have become goalposts.

As Downtown is anticipated to accommodate more housing and jobs over the next 20 years, understanding these issues provides insight into common values, competing demands, fiscal priorities, and awareness of existing inequities. Continue scrolling for some approaches to address equity, health, and climate change that will be further explained.
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**SERVICES & AMENITIES**
A new Community Benefits Program will offer incentives for development to provide space for social and health services, social enterprises, small business incubators, childcare and public services within the downtown area. Through innovating the Passeo programs, the plan works to increase access to daily necessities like fresh food and educational resources. The Plan expands the areas where grocery stores, corner markets, and other neighborhood services can be built, especially within working distance of housing and jobs.

**HOUSING FOR ALL**
The Plan nearly doubles the area where housing is allowed today to broaden the areas where housing can be built across downtown. Approximately 66% of the Plan area would allow for new housing, ranging from market-rate housing to Permanent Supportive Housing. This also makes it easier to build affordable housing for more Angelenos, permanent supportive housing for many residents experiencing homelessness. More neighbors will also support more daycares, health facilities, grocery stores, as well as create small business opportunities in more areas of downtown Los Angeles.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH**
Historically, affordable housing built in areas zoned for commercial use and negative have been trial runs and test projects. The Plan aims to have places people can afford to live in a way that supports living in the community, promoting healthy lifestyles.

**INFILL DEVELOPMENT**
The Plan expands the area where housing can be built, allowing for housing to exist more widely across downtown than where it is allowed today. The Plan also generally permits bigger and taller buildings than is currently possible, especially close to transit, creating more opportunities for people and households to live, work and experience the advantages of multiple travel options, such as walking or biking.

**TRANSPORT PROXIMITY**
The downtown plan is designed to accommodate approximately 80% of its new residents and employees close to transit. This means that it will be convenient for a majority of people to hop on a bus or train and get to work, school, parks and other daily needs. The Plan also works to provide more access to health care, food and open spaces. Allowing a mix of uses will shorten the distance between these uses, making it more attractive for pedestrians to walk or bike to access these amenities.

**ADAPTIVE REUSE**
It will be easier for existing buildings to change to a different use, without having to go through lengthy and expensive processes. This is a more sustainable pathway to give new life to existing underused buildings.

**OPEN SPACE**
The downtown Plan includes requirements for new developments to include open spaces at all levels and for people who live and work in the building. It also introduces new programs that incentivize open spaces: open to community facilities like community gardens and schools.
AFFORDABLE & PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

PLAN STRATEGIES

When residential projects choose to build larger buildings, the proposed Community Benefits Program requires affordable housing to be provided before any other benefits. The system was developed with the benefit of substantial local input, as well as market analysis.

1 Economic Analysis

The Plan proposes to rezone neighborhoods where housing isn’t allowed today so that housing, particularly affordable housing, can be built by-right.

1 Proposed Draft Downtown Community Plan Text, reference the housing section

The Plan introduces a new Community Benefits Program. The predominant community benefits system used today, TFAR, does not require affordable housing before other benefits. The Plan proposes to replace TFAR with the Community Benefits Program & prioritizes provision of on-site affordable housing.

1 Community Benefits Program Summary

The proposed Plan allows for an increase in floor area ratio (FAR) when community benefits such as affordable housing are provided. The Downtown Community Plan zoning outlines base and bonus FARs for each property. The difference between the base and bonus FAR is the key mechanism to incentivize affordable housing in new developments. In most areas of the Plan, the maximum FAR is greater than what is allowed today—allowing more opportunities to capture affordable housing. The proposed FARs are informed by what is allowed under the current adopted plan as well as stakeholder feedback.

1 Community Benefits Program Summary

The Plan proposes to increase project review thresholds and reduce review time for projects providing affordable housing.

1 Staff Report discussion Improving Feasibility of the Community Benefits Program

The Plan also introduces a new Community Benefits Fund to promote creation of new affordable housing, buyout expiring affordable housing covenants, and distribute funding to Community Land Trusts.

1 Community Benefits Trust Fund Ordinance

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1 The proposed zoning outlines a Base and Bonus FAR for each property. Developments that build larger than what the Base FAR allows are required to provide community benefits such as affordable housing.

2 Floor area ratio (FAR) is the measurement of a building’s floor area in relation to the size of the lot that the building is located on.
The Plan proposes to increase opportunities for affordable housing by lowering the base FARs, removing density limitations, and increasing the maximum FARs in Chinatown and Little Tokyo.

- Draft of the New Zoning Code Article 2-Forms, Zoning Form Districts: LN1, LM2, MN1, DM5, DM2 and Chinatown Plan Summary

The Proposed Plan requires 100% affordable housing in certain portions of Skid Row.

- Draft of the New Zoning Code, Article 5-Use, Zoning Use District IX1

The Plan introduces a deeply low income affordable housing category to serve existing Downtown residents and safeguard housing for those making less than 15% AMI or approximately $14,000 annually.

- Community Benefits Program Summary

Projects choosing to participate in the Community Benefits program will be required to replace any residential units demolished as a result of new residential construction. Residential Hotel Unit Conversion and Demolition Ordinance and Home-Sharing Ordinance protections will continue.

- Draft of the New Zoning Code, Article 9-Public Benefit Programs

The Plan outlines a number of Implementation Programs in the Policy Document including:

- Vacancy Tax Study: Study the feasibility of an annual tax on the rental value of vacant land that is based on the permitted land use to encourage activation and development of underutilized land in urban areas, particularly near public transit infrastructure.

- First Right of Refusal Study: Explore the creation of Citywide first right of refusal provisions to ensure lower- and moderate-income tenants that are displaced due to new residential construction have the First Right of Refusal to return to a rental unit at an affordable cost.

- No Net Loss Program: Explore the creation of a Citywide no net loss program to minimize the displacement of residents and ensure that there is no loss of affordable rental housing.

- A Racial Justice and Equity Analysis: Explore the creation of a Racial Justice and Equity Analysis, that outlines recommended transformative or restorative strategies, such as targeted plan and code amendments, if harm is identified.

- Community Land Trust: Encourage partnerships that seek to implement community land trust projects. A Community Land Trust is a community-based non-profit organization designed to ensure community stewardship of land by purchasing or holding land and removing it from the speculative real estate market.

Visit planning4la.org/dtla2040 to find referenced Draft Plan materials and documents.
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

PLAN STRATEGIES

The Plan prohibits toxic uses near residential uses and only allows heavy industrial uses in areas of the plan that are buffered from mixed-use zones.

- Interactive Zoning Map

The Plan requires buffering and screening from adjacent freeways to protect people from air pollution.

- Draft of the New Zoning Code, Article 4-Development Standards

The Plan requires pedestrian passages and amenities to help create a safe and inviting space for more Angelenos to walk, roll, and take transit to complete their daily activities.

- Draft of the New Zoning Code, Article 4-Development Standards, Article 3-Frontages

The Plan supports a range of mobility options to reduce car trips, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality for all Angelenos.

- Proposed Draft Downtown Community Plan Text, reference Chapter 3 Mobility & Connectivity

Visit planning4la.org/dtla2040 to find referenced Draft Plan materials and documents.
HISTORIC & CULTURAL NEIGHBORHOODS

PLAN STRATEGIES

Introduces height limits and a palette of character tools in historic and cultural neighborhoods to encourage building frontages that reinforce the unique character of these neighborhoods.

Draft of the New Zoning Code Article 3–Frontage, Zoning Frontage Districts: CHC1, CDF1, CDRI, SH2, AL1, AL2, MK1

The Plan proposes incentives for preserving historic resources.

Draft of the New Zoning Code, Article 9–Public Benefit Programs, Downtown Adaptive Reuse

SMALL BUSINESS PROTECTIONS

PLAN STRATEGIES

The Plan limits the maximum size of a ground floor business establishment in Little Tokyo and Chinatown to promote and retain locally owned small businesses.

Draft of the New Zoning Code Article 5–Use, Zoning Use Districts: RX1, CX1

The Community Benefit Program offers incentives for developments to include business incubators, providing tenant space and assistance for small business.

Community Benefits Program Summary

The Downtown Community Benefit Fund supports eligible small legacy and community-serving businesses with rent subsidies, grants for low-income micro-entrepreneurs, and supports creation of Sidewalk Vendor Commissaries.

Draft of the New Zoning Code Article 5–Use, Zoning Use Districts: 1X4

Proposed Live/work zoning requirements in the Arts district require production space in residential units to support small scale artisans, manufactures, and fabricators.

Community Benefits Trust Fund Ordinance

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On Tongva land, downtown Los Angeles was said to be established in 1781. Rules about building a city have changed a lot in 240 years.

As we look to the future, the DTLA 2040 plan celebrates downtown’s many different neighborhoods that contribute to the diverse and rich fabric of the downtown community while distinct strategies focus on specific communities.

**Skid Row**
Require that new developments include affordable housing in existing industrial areas, require that new large developments provide affordable housing in existing residential areas, encourage the provision of services for those most in need, allow for community serving uses such as grocery stores.

**Little Tokyo**
Require that new buildings include space for small businesses, require special review for all projects through the community design overlay to ensure that new development respects the cultural legacy of Little Tokyo.

**Historic Core**
Require that new buildings have similar scale to existing historic buildings and use certain materials like brick or stone to respect the historic character of the neighborhood, encourage activation of Broadway theaters and encourage space for arts and entertainment.

**Chinatown**
Require that new buildings have similar scale to existing buildings, create new opportunities for affordable housing, and adopt new design best practice documents to ensure new development respects the cultural legacy of Chinatown.

**Fashion District**
Preserve space for fabrication, retail, and office and allow new housing to be built, apply zoning tools that support outdoor markets and vending.

**Arts District**
Encourage “maker” space for artists, manufacturers, and content creation, preserve historic buildings and facilitate access to the Los Angeles River.

**Financial District**
Improve walkability and transit access, encourage towers that will shape the city’s skyline.
LOCAL POLICY SHAPES OUR FUTURE

Rules and actions of government can shape our day-to-day experience and quality of life through the allocation of resources.

The Downtown Community Plan outlines new rules to ensure new buildings contribute amenities such as affordable housing and parks.

Your lived experience of downtown is valuable. You can advocate for policies that help create positive characteristics and discourage negatives ones in your neighborhood. The Plan Update Process offers many opportunities to engage.

Ways to provide feedback on the plan:

- Show public support in favor of a community planning policy or vision
- Write a letter in favor or against the plan
- Document issues that need to be addressed in future development
- Highlight issues that should be addressed
- Provide testimony at a public hearing
Miscellaneous Informational
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Community Plan Update Citywide Map

There are 16 Community Plans in the update process
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Live-work Q Conditions in the Elysian Valley

Section 2. Pursuant to Section 12.32-5 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, and any amendment thereto, the following limitations are hereby imposed upon the use of those properties described in Section 1 and are preceded by the "Q" in brackets ([Q]). The conditions and limitations imposed by the new "Q" Qualified Classification are set forth as follows:

1. Uses:
   a. Residential dwelling units are prohibited except for the following:
      i. Live/Work dwelling units are permissible at a ratio of one unit per 1,200 square feet of lot area and must comply with the following development standards:
         1. A minimum unit floor area of 750 square feet;
         2. A minimum work space of 150 square feet;
         3. Open floor plans at the ground floor (exclusive of restrooms/bathrooms, storage areas);
         4. Ground floors are comprised of a minimum floor-to-ceiling height of 12 feet (adaptive re-use projects exempt where not feasible within an existing structure);
         5. All Live/Work dwelling units shall be built in conformance with Section 419 of the Los Angeles Building Code and the provisions of this ordinance, subject to verification by the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety.
   b. Individual Food Service establishments are limited to 8,000 square feet.
   c. Individual Retail establishments are limited to 10,000 square feet.
   d. The following uses are prohibited:
      i. Any use involving the service, repair, storage, sales, or dismantling of new or used automobiles, trucks, trailers, or parts therein.
      ii. Any use involving the deposit, storage, transfer, or sorting of recyclable waste materials
      iii. Adult Entertainment
      iv. Bail Bond Broker
      v. Pawnshop
      vi. Public Storage Facility (Storage Building for Household Goods)
      vii. Open Storage Area
      viii. Drive-throughs of Any Kind
      ix. Shooting Gallery
      x. Tow Truck Dispatching
Policies

Development of a pre-qualification process that evaluates contractors on their record and commitment to high road wage and benefit standards and local hire training.
Lot 45 - Proposed Plan Potential Development Scenario (Affordable Housing Emphasis)

Lot 45 Development Scenario

Summary*: Mixed-income, residential project would result in 829 units with 138 restricted to extremely low income

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Proposed FAR Map

Example of 8.5:1 Building

*Assumes average unit size of 750 sf