

City Planning Commission

Equity Day January 21, 2021 9 am - 2 pm

One Pager and Agenda

“Our city is in pain, and we are hungry for change. The demonstrations for racial justice in recent weeks have not exposed something new -- they've laid bare the urgent and overdue demand to end structural racism.”

Mayor Eric Garcetti
Executive Order 27
June 19, 2020

In recognition of the [Mayor's Executive Directive 27](#) focused on achieving racial equity in city government, the City Planning Commission (CPC) is hosting a special meeting on January 21, 2021 from 9 am - 2 pm to listen to the citizens of Los Angeles and learn firsthand about the gaps in equity that bias the City's planning and land use process. The CPC believes that equity is not only giving everyone what they need to be successful, but also recognizing that the varying degrees of support provided should depend upon the need to achieve greater fairness of outcomes. The desire is to hear from residents from all parts of the city, and in particular, those whose voices have been muted due to exclusionary practices in the past. The focus is on discovering the challenges, as well as the opportunities, to refine an approach as a decision-making body that contributes to the achievement of more equitable outcomes centering on these values:

- **Community voices.** Emphasize listening to those who have traditionally had their voices ignored.
- **Break from the past.** Take radical action to change the system to accomplish the goals we are striving for.
- **Knowledge of planning staff and the rest of the city family.** We see our Planning and City colleagues as partners in this process.
- **Actionable outcomes.** Create policies from this process that can move forward with few barriers.
- **Creativity.** Open our hearts and minds to the creativity required to achieve the justice that is our aim.

The City Planning Commission wields significant influence over the ways that the built environment is developed across the city. It is from this vantage point that the central question and goals arise: how do we advance equitable outcomes for the people of Los Angeles? On this day, we aim to:

- **Understand how structural racism has been built into our existing policies;**
- **Amplify the voices of people most impacted by racist policies; and,**
- **Develop the City Planning Commission's anti-racist and equity framework to guide decision making on projects and policy.**

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The First Step: Listening to the Community

The City Planning Commission (CPC) believes that the most salient source of information and guidance in our efforts to advance equity are the people who have been most impacted by discriminatory policies. The examples from their lives and communities provide the strongest evidence for the failures of our system. In addition, by deepening understanding of what is not working directly from the intended beneficiaries, important insights will be uncovered regarding the possible solutions. CPC seeks in this process, to couple anecdotal information with thoughtful data points to fully reflect the causes of inequity, the results and possible remedies.

Introduction (9 - 9:15 am)

How Structural Racism Impacts the Land Use and Planning Process (9:15 - 10 am)

A Great Divide; LA Equity Index
Ron Galperin, LA City Controller

Drivers of Disparity

Laura Muraida, SCOPE/Building Healthy Communities South LA

Inequitable Planning and Land Use Outcomes

Faisal Roble, LA City Planning

Public Comment (10 - 11 am)

Members of the public will have 1 minute to speak to maximize the number of comments. Community members are also invited to provide comments via this survey in English, Spanish, Tagalog, Korean, Chinese, and Armenian.

Informing City Planning Commission's Anti-Racist and Equity Framework (11 am - 12 pm)

Community Planning with Equity in Mind: The People's Plan – UNIDAD Coalition

Land Use That Supports the Working Poor – UNITE HERE

Advocating for Equity Through the Development Process – Little Tokyo Community Council

Community Ownership Strategies – LA Tenants Union

Public Comment (12 - 1:30 pm)

Wrap up + Feedback (1:30 - 2 pm)

This event will include interpretation in the following languages: Spanish, Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, and Chinese. Upon request, CPC can facilitate having sign language interpreters and interpretation between English and other languages not listed available to the public. All requests must be made at least three working days or 72 hours in advance of the event or meeting date. To request accommodations or interpretation services, or for other questions, please contact cpc@lacity.org. Please note that this schedule is subject to change.