

Policy Motions Sept 8, 2020

13.1. [POLICY][T&I] Community Impact Statement Regarding Making Slow Streets Permanent - Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement regarding Council File CF 20-0838 (Ryu) which asks for a feasibility study on making Slow Streets Initiative permanent.
(<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0838>).

Motion approved without objection

13.2. [POLICY][WATKINS] Community Impact Statement Regarding Humane Policing and Equal Justice - Discussion and possible action regarding Community Impact Statement regarding support for H.R. 7120, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020 (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/housebill/7120/text?r=1>)

Motion approved (10Y/1N/3Abstentions/1Absent)

13.3. [POLICY][PLUM][RENTERS'] Renters' Subcommittee Mission Statement – Discussion and possible action regarding the mission statement for the Renters' Subcommittee.

Motion approved without objection

13.4. [POLICY][AMBRIZ/INOUE] Support for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Discussion and possible action regarding support for a statement regarding MVCC's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, reference CF 20-0990.

Motion approved (9Y/2N/3Abstentions/1Absent)

14.4. [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Extension of Time for Draft Concepts Document – Discussion and possible action regarding a COVID assessment and an extension of time for the draft concepts document.

Motion approved without objection

14.5. [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Calculation of Zoning and Dwelling Unit Capacity – Discussion and possible action regarding the calculation of zoning capacity, dwelling unit capacity, and the use of those calculations in the community plan update.

Motion approved without objection

14.6. [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Additional Items for Draft Concepts Document – Discussion and possible action regarding a list of additional items including – but not limited to – mobility, infrastructure, traffic, and open space that the Mar Vista Community Council requests be included in the draft concepts

Amended motion approved without objection

14.7. [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Request for an Additional Input Cycle for the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan– Discussion and possible action regarding a request for an additional community presentation and feedback cycle taking into consideration additional elements pertinent to the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan Update including, but not limited to, mobility; infrastructure; demographics; existing and proposed zoning of the entire Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan Area; the Dwelling Unit Capacity calculated for the existing and updated plans, including population estimates used; and average tenure of current renters and owners.

[Amended motion approved without objection](#)

14.8. [POLICY][PLUM] Opposition to the Development at 2512 Centinela Avenue – Discussion and possible action regarding PLUM’s recommendation to oppose the development at 2512 Centinela Avenue.

[Motion approved without objection](#)



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September 14, 2020

Dear Mr. Bertoni, Ms. Gardner and Mr. Janacua:

At its Sept 8, 2020 meeting the Mar Vista Community Council approved, by unanimous consent, the following motion:

The Mar Vista Community Council strongly supports and includes, for official input to the Los Angeles Dept. of City Planning in the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan Update, the following:

- 1) An appropriate assessment of how the Covid-19 pandemic, which is and will remain of unknown duration, even with potential future vaccines and/or treatments and impact current and future mobility, housing, environmental and health/safety concerns*
- 2) A 6-12 month delay in the Community Plan update, until such aforementioned needs and concerns can be appropriately and accurately addressed in the process*

Please consider this as you move forward in the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan Update process.

Sincerely,

Elliot Hanna, Chairman
Mar Vista Community Council



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Dear Mr. Bertoni, Ms. Gardner, and Mr. Janacua:

At its September 8, 2020 meeting the Mar Vista Community Council approved, by unanimous consent, the following:

WHEREAS, the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) is a requirement of State housing law and is a process that determines projected and existing housing needs for all jurisdictions (city and unincorporated) in California, and

WHEREAS, RHNA is required every eight (8) years And Whereas, it is not only logical, but necessary for both a “housing needs allocation” to be assigned by a council of governments (including SCAG) and an assessment of currently un-utilized zoning to be done before it can be known whether additional zoning for increased housing capacity is necessary.

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) requests written answers to the following questions from the City of Los Angeles’ Assessment of its existing Single-Family-owned housing Stock, its Single-Family-owned-condominium stock and its Rental housing stock, along with the City’s projected future housing needs in each of the following categories:

Single-Family-Owned Homes:

- *How many Single Family-owned home parcels (R1 Parcels) exist in the city of LA as of January 1, 2020?*
- *How many Single-Family-owned-homes exist on R1 parcels in the city of LA as of January 1, 2020?*
- *How many more Single-Family-owned homes does the city project to be needed by January 1, 2020?*
- *What are the assumptions upon which the above projection is based?*
- *How many R1 parcels in MVCC's area is the city currently planning to up-zone for Small Lot Subdivision?*
- *How many new R1 parcels will or could be created in MVCC's area by the above zoning?*
- *How many more Single-Family homes will be allowed by the upzoning?*

Single-Family-Owned Condominiums:

- *How many Single-Family-owned condominium parcels (R2/R3 parcels) exist in the city of LA as of January 1, 2020*
- *How many Single-Family-owned Condominiums exist on R2/R3 parcels in the city of LA As of January 1, 2020?*
- *How many more Single-Family-owned condominiums does the city project to be needed by January 1, 2020?*
- *What are the assumptions upon which the above projection is based?*
- *How many R1 parcels in MVCC's area is the city planning to up-zone for condominium Development?*
- *How many new condominiums can be built on such planned zoning?*

Rental Dwelling Units:

- *How many Rental Dwelling units exist in the city of L.A. as of January 1, 2020? How many more Rental Dwelling units are projected to be needed by January 1, 2020 for:*
 - *-Medium Income Families?*
 - *-Low Income Families?*
 - *-Very Low Income Families?*
- *What are the assumptions upon which the above projections are based?*
- *How many of the Rental Dwelling units allowed by the 1997 Community Plan Zoning remain unbuilt?*
- *How many of the 2 additional rent-able dwelling units per R1 parcel allowed by State Law since 1997 as rent-able Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) remain un-built?*

And

WHEREAS, every jurisdiction must plan for its RHNA allocation in its housing element of its General Plan by ensuring there are enough sites and zoning to accommodate their RHNA allocation (Note: state law does not require cities to provide additional zoning capacity to meet its allocation)

THEREFORE, the MVCC requests information on how much of the city's current RHNA Allocation can be satisfied by the above currently un-utilized zoning capacity. And

WHEREAS, upzoning is normally used to rejuvenate undervalued, dying neighborhoods, Therefore, the MVCC requests information on why the city is planning to up-zone MVCC R1 areas. And

WHEREAS, upzoning of existing residential properties results in the displacement of existing residents if and when existing residences are removed for the construction permitted by upzoning.

THEREFORE, the MVCC requests information on why all new housing isn't being accommodated by converting commercial zones on transportation arterials to Mixed Use zones as this displaces no residents.

Please provide a response as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Elliot Hanna
Chairman, Mar Vista Community Council



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Dear Mr. Bertoni, Ms. Gardner and Mr. Janacua,

At its September 8, 2020 meeting the Mar Vista Community Council approved, by unanimous consent, the following:

The Mar Vista Community Council strongly supports, and includes, as official input to the Los Angeles Department of City planning, in the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan Update:

- 1) *Inclusion of whether the city has sufficient electrical power supply to its Westside Grid, and if all westside electric substations have reached their maximal capacity.*
- 2) *Inclusion of whether the reduction of Exposition light rail trains, and coordinating Bus and Microtransit services (such as LAnow and DASH) affect the Transit Oriented and affordable housing capacity in the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey region.*
- 3) *Inclusion of whether the water supply and sewer system currently available to the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey region is sufficient, including for the additional ADUs and Junior ADUs already built, and if future densification will be sufficiently matched by increased water supply and water and sewer-carrying system infrastructure.*

- 4) *If the natural gas supply is currently sufficient and how new developments will affect the natural gas infrastructure. For Bullet Points 5-8 below, it is emphasized that:*
 - a) *In the 2017 SCAG-sponsored UCLA/ITS Transit Ridership Study found that automobile use has steadily increased in Los Angeles County over the past 15-20 years, and*
 - b) *The same study concluded that the single most important factor in transit use is NOT proximity to transit, but access to an automobile.*

- 5) *Inclusion of whether mobility will be significantly and negatively impacted, given that the overwhelming majority of new residential housing will be car-oriented, and not transit-oriented, and will be market-priced, and not affordable housing, regarding which the community has stressed that:*
 - a) *To date, the city of Los Angeles has allowed significant construction of developments that have NOT proven to be transit-oriented, sufficiently pedestrian-friendly or encouraged creation of affordable housing.*
 - b) *There is currently no proper outcomes-based metric to best ensure that Transit-Oriented Development is anything more than “transit-adjacent” and there is no outcomes-based metric that will ensure that such Transit- Adjacent Developments will not worsen congestion and reduce easy access to walkable streets and bus/rail transit.*
 - c) *There be inclusion of existing and new bicycle-enhanced and neighborhood-enhanced networks and the effects that these will have on mobility.*
 - d) *The need for analysis of how the implementation of the Livable Boulevards Streetscape Plans and addition of bus rapid transit lines will affect traffic and mobility in the area.*

- 6) *Inclusion of whether the increased congestion caused by both densification and road diets will create significant levels of pollution with respect to air quality, light pollution, water pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions. To date, the City of Los Angeles has allowed higher levels of pollution than normally accepted by state and federal agencies under the reasoning of “appropriate mitigation.” This has NOT regularly held up when challenged in court. A consistent and appropriate level measurement of water, air, and soil contamination must be applied so that the health of residents and neighbors is not subverted or ignored under the reasoning of “overriding considerations.”*

- 7) *Inclusion of whether all City Council Districts and Community Plan Updates are equally coordinated amongst all Westside communities with respect to increased development and densification, including the outlying regions of Los Angeles that have more space and opportunities for increased residential housing, as well as commercial and industrial space:*

- a) *There is no proper mention of an objective, accurate, and relevant cumulative effect for each Plan area, so that any “spot zoning” allowed for “overriding considerations” will be properly considered with all other developments and transportation/infrastructure to best determine the safest and most scientifically and environmentally viable capacity for the next 25 years in any plan update.*
 - b) *There is inadequate identification of, inadequate funding sources for, and inadequate Neighborhood Council participation and access to Neighborhood Protection Plans and West Los Angeles Transportation Improvement And Mitigation Plan (WLATIMP) funds. This must be addressed in any effective and appropriate Community Plan update.*
- 8) *Inclusion of whether sufficient local commercial and industrial-zoned land will exist to create middle class jobs, encourage domestic/local manufacturing self-sufficiency and minimize commuting distance.*
- 9) *Inclusion of whether electrical, WIFI, cell tower, and affordable IT infrastructure will exist to support current and future telecommuting.*
- 10) *Inclusion of whether sufficient open space exists - at this time - for individuals, families and children for health and quality of life, as is provided for by the Public Recreation Plan, Section 1 of the Service Systems of the General Plan.*
- a) *Inclusion of potential partnerships, city-rental and/or purchase of LAUSD property such as schools for increased parcels that create sufficient open space and possibly residential housing, specifically, affordable housing.*
 - b) *Inclusion of the open space and bikeways/walkways adjacent to local Los Angeles Rivers and flood control channels to create new, safe avenues for both recreational purposes and multimodal transportation options, including designs for closure, privacy for adjacent land owners and to preclude the space from being used for other uses.*
 - c) *Inclusion of unused rail rights-of-way to create new bikeways/walkways facilitating Safe avenues for both recreational and multimodal options.*
- 11) *Inclusion of whether SCAG data projections, measured with and/or against city data and projections, support the densification that threatens middle class neighborhoods from being under-provided for, and encourages developments that are of too great a height to promote environmental safety and quality of life.*

Please consider this as you move forward with future decisions in the matter,

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Bertoni, Ms. Gardner, and Mr. Janacua:

At its Sept 8, 2020 meeting, the Mar Vista Community Council approved, by unanimous consent, the following:

Whereas, the public feedback period for the Westside Community Plan update is scheduled to close on October 15, 2020, AND

Whereas, “L. A. City Planning is committed to charting [a] course for a more fair, just, and equitable Los Angeles”:
(<https://planning.lacity.org/resources/message-city-planning>), AND

Whereas, other Community Plan Updates have included mobility elements, demographic trends, and Dwelling Unit Capacity calculated for the updated Community Plan, including population estimates used, such as the San Pedro Community Plan:
(https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/ee5aaccb-fce7-4dc2-9f91-2df177a48417/San_Pedro_Community_Plan.pdf),

West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan (https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/78984e0b-a63d-4533-ba57-4f84b8fd7696/West_Adams-Baldwin_Hills-Leimert_Community_Plan.pdf), and South Los Angeles Community Plan: (https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/b909e749-754e-4caa-af7f-14c82adaa2b7/South_Los_Angeles_Community_Plan.pdf), AND

Whereas, Mar Vista stakeholders have voiced-and continue to voice-resounding disapproval at the Draft concepts presented by L.A. City Planning’s proposed Westside Community Plan Update, Communicated by stakeholders of the Mar Vista Community Council area, AND

WHEREAS, the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors has passed policy motions stating its concerns regarding the current concepts for the Westside Community Plan update as communicated by stakeholders of the Mar Vista Community Council area.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors requests Los Angeles City Planning commit to a second public presentation of draft plans and period of Public feedback for the Westside Community Plan update, AND

THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors requests this second presentation of draft plans include, but not be limited to, elements pertaining to mobility, infrastructure, demographics, existing and proposed zoning of the entire Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan area in an accessible format for comparison, the Dwelling Unit capacity calculated for the updated Community Plan, including population estimates used and average tenure of current renters and owners, AND

THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors requests this second period of presentation and public feedback take place no later than January, 2021.

Please consider this in your decisions as you move forward in the process,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elliot Hanna", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elliot Hanna, Chairman
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Re: DIR-2020-1824-TOC-HCA

September 14, 2020

Dear Mr. Sittig:

At its September 8, 2020 meeting, the Mar Vista Community Council approved, by unanimous consent, a motion in opposition to the above-referenced proposed development at 2512 S. Centinela Avenue.

Please consider this in your decisions moving forward.

Sincerely,

Elliot Hanna
Chairman, Mar Vista Community Council