

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Commissioner  
Supervisory District 4

## MINUTES

Meeting Place: In-Person: 320 W. Temple Street, Room 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012 Virtual (Online): <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/59deba50-ab3d-4873-bdc7-a9b1d9e-f6d98@07597248-ea38-451b-8abe-a638eddbac81> or call +1 323-776-6996, 577296386# United States, LA

Meeting Date: August 2, 2023 - Wednesday Time: 9:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Duarte-White, Louie, O'Connor (arrived at 9:30 a.m.), Moon, Hastings

Ex Officio Members:

Director of Public Works: Mr. Diego Rivera, Senior Civil Engineer

County Counsel: Ms. Elaine Lemke, Assistant County Counsel

Planning Director: Mr. Mitch Glaser, Assistant Administrator Current Planning Division

Forester and Fire Warden: Mr. Joseph Youman, Fire Prevention Engineer Assistant II

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

1. The Land Acknowledgment Statement was led by Commissioner Duarte-White representing the First Supervisory District.

The County of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants -- past, present, and emerging -- as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multigenerational trauma. This acknowledgment demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands. We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments, including (in no particular order) the: Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council, Gabrielino/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, San Fernando Band of Mission Indians. To learn more about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT (Cont.)

at Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission – government organization (lacounty.gov).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Moon representing the Fourth Supervisorial District.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/Duarte-White – That the agenda for August 2, 2023 be approved and modified to begin with Items 1 through 6, 8, 7, and 9 through 11.

At the direction of the Chair, the agenda was approved with Commissioners Moon, Duarte-White, Louie, Hastings in favor and Commissioner O'Connor being recorded as absent. (Arrived at 9:30 a.m.)

COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT

4. County Counsel stated for the record that while this is an online meeting, it is a public meeting the same as if it were held in person in the Commission's hearing room and rules that allow for an orderly meeting shall apply. As such, when speaking on an agenda item, comments should address the item on the agenda and no other issues.

Similarly, if speaking during public comment, comments should be limited to issues related to the business of the Regional Planning Commission.

If speakers do not remain on topic, they may be reminded by the Chair or myself to do so. Failure to discuss issues not related to the agenda item, may result in the loss of the right to speak on the item or other items, if directed by the Chair. In addition, speakers should refrain from conduct that is disruptive of the meeting. Doing so also could result in the loss of the right to speak on the agenda item or any other items.

Disruptive conduct can include, but is not limited to, threats made against other speakers, the Commission or its members, or any others participating in the meeting, profane comments not related to the agenda item, or disorderly or contemptuous behavior leading to a disruption of the orderly progression and holding of the meeting.

In such cases, the Chair will advise that the behavior is disruptive and direct that the speaker's microphone be disabled. That person may, however, continue to observe the meeting. Further, disruptive behavior communicated to the panelists of the meeting, which include the Commission and County staff, may result in the removal of that person from the meeting by disconnecting them from the online connection.

DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR

5. Mr. Glazer reported that staff is requesting that item 5(a) be postponed to August 23, 2023.

DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR (Cont.)

Housing Policy

- 5(a) Project No. PRJ2021-004165. Metro Area Plan. General Plan Amendment No. RPPL2021011925. Zone Change No. RPPL2021011985. Planner: Leon Freeman. Presentation on an overview of the major policies proposed by the Metro Area Plan.**

Item postponed to August 23, 2023.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

6. Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/Louie – That the minutes for June 21, 2023 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved with Commissioners Moon, Louie, Hastings, Duarte-White in favor and Commissioner O'Connor being recorded as absent. (Arrived at 9:30 a.m.)

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/Louie – That the minutes for July 12, 2023 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved with Commissioners Moon, Louie, Hastings, Duarte-White in favor and Commissioner O'Connor being recorded as absent. (Arrived at 9:30 a.m.)

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Staff announced if you are joining us via telephone and want to provide comment on any of the agenda items, please send an email to [comment@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:comment@planning.lacounty.gov) and provide the agenda item number, your first name, your last name, your email address, your phone number, and indicate if you are the applicant or not the applicant.

All participants' microphones will be muted during the meeting unless you have signed up to provide comment. If you have signed up to provide comment, your microphone will be unmuted when it is time for you to speak, and staff will call your name.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Metro Development Services

Project Denied

- 8. Project No. PRJ2021-002987-(1). Substantial Conformance Review No. RPPL2021008128. Planner: Ramon Cordova. Applicant: Joaquin & Erika Armenta.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Cont.)

**342 1/2 North Ford Boulevard. Metro Planning Area. To authorize a banquet hall within an existing commercial building in the CC (Cesar E Chavez Avenue) Transect Zone of the East Los Angeles Third Street Specific Plan. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County environmental guidelines do not apply to projects that are to be disapproved (CEQA Guidelines Section 15270)**

For further action and discussion visit:

[http://lactrp.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=1](http://lactrp.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=1)

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Duarte-White/Hastings – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and find that the project is statutorily exempt pursuant to state and local CEQA guidelines and deny substantial conformance review No. RPPL2021008128 subject to the findings.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed with Commissioners Duarte-White, Hastings, Louie in support for denial and Commissioner O'Connor and Moon being recorded as abstaining. The appeal period for this item ends on August 16, 2023.

Coastal Development ServicesProject Approved

7. **(Continued from 04/26/23 and 06/07/23). Project No. R2017-004054-(3). Major Coastal Developmental Permit No. RPPL2017006647. Planner: Tyler Montgomery. Applicant: Matt Gifani 25740 Mulholland Highway. Santa Monica Mountains Planning Area. To construct a new 5,390-square-foot single-family residence, 725-square-foot detached carport, and new onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) with 5,182 cubic yards of grading on a 9.9-acre lot. The project is located in the R-C-20 (Rural Coastal - 20 Acre Minimum Required Lot Area) Zone in the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone. The project is categorically exempt (Class 3 - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures and Class 4 - Minor Alterations to Land) pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

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[http://lactrp.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=1](http://lactrp.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=1)

Motion/seconded by Commissioners O'Connor/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and find that the project is categorically exempt pursuant to state and local CEQA guidelines and approve Major Coastal Development Permit No. RPPI2017006647 subject to the previously provided findings, conditions and modifications that the Biological Report be made available to interested parties and that the interested parties be apprised when the temporary fencing is in development.

At the direction of the Chair, the item was continued to Wednesday, August 16, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT

**9. Public comment pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code.**

There were no requests by members of the public to address the Commission.

CONTINUATION OF REPORTS

**10. Possible Call for Review of Decisions by Hearing Officer, pursuant to Section 22.240.010.B of the Los Angeles County Code.**

There were no items Called up for Review by the Commission.

**11. Commission/Counsel/Director Reports**

There were no reports given by Commission/Counsel/Director.

ADJOURNMENT

A recording of the testimony received and the discussions held at this meeting and a copy of all findings and resolutions acted upon by the Commission are on file in the Department of Regional Planning.

The Commission adjourned at 11:05 a.m. to Wednesday. August 9. 2023.



Elida Luna, Commission Secretary

ATTEST

APPROVE



Michael R. Hastings, Chair



Mitch Glaser, Assistant Administrator  
Current Planning Division