

WNC LUC Report and Motions

June 10, 2021

f. Planning Committee, Barbara Broide and Kim Christensen

- Update on Planning issues- Local updates and updates on statewide measures including SB 9, and SB 10.
- Update on WLA Community Planning process
- **CF 17-1432-S1**, (Bonin-Koretz) –Interim Motel conversion ordinance to extend to commercial properties for supportive and transitional housing.

MOTION: Westside NC supports the Council motion requesting staff reporting on the feasibility of and recommendations for expanding the provisions of the existing Interim Motel Conversion Ordinance to existing commercial office buildings; and, requesting the City Attorney to prepare draft changes to the Motel Conversion Ordinance that would allow the repurposing or adaptation of commercial office buildings into supportive and transitional housing with supportive services.

[17-1432-S1_mot_03-24-21.pdf \(lacity.org\)](#)

- **CF 12-0460-S4** -Processes and Procedures Amendment

MOTION:

Westside Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles City Council postpone consideration of Council File #12-0460-S4 (The Policies and Procedures Amendment to the City Charter) for a minimum of six months in order to enable further community presentations and feedback. The document in this file, including technical amendments and attachments, are over 900 pages. To date there have been approximately 3 meetings of 1.5 hours each for the Department of Planning to summarize this extensive document and receive limited feedback. Further, “technical amendments” were made prior to the PLUM committee’s June 1 consideration which incorporated more than just technical changes and that need review and feedback.

The language supporting the Neighborhood Councils’ charter-given authority to hold public hearings and provide public comment and feedback concerning matters of land use must be restored to the Processes and Procedures amendment sections to ensure it complies with the Los Angeles City Charter and the specific authority it grants to Neighborhood Councils. The community engagement has been insufficient to conduct a full review of the substantial changes involving land use authority and procedures.

Further we encourage that the Los Angeles City Council obtain cumis council (independent council) to review the document in its entirety to ensure that no transfer of City Council authority occurs as a result of this document and that final decision regarding land use matters remains with the City Council pursuant

to the City Charter. There are numerous instances where authority appears to be vested in the Director of Planning, an unelected official, which may be in violation of the City Charter.

- **CF 21-0407 – Standardization of Neighborhood Council Election System**
MOTION: The Westside Neighborhood Council opposes CF 21-0407. We view it as an attack on the independence of neighborhood councils and their ability to self-govern as defined in the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils (PLAN) which states that " Certified Neighborhood Councils shall be as independent, self-governing, and self-directed as possible."

It is ill-conceived to attempt to standardize neighborhood councils in a city as diverse as Los Angeles. It is offensive to suggest that verification of stakeholder status is voter suppression. Neighborhood Councils have a duty to ensure that those voting are stakeholders so that Councils are not co-opted by outside special interest groups.

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- **Specific Plans and Spot Zoning**
MOTION: The Westside Neighborhood Council opposes the City's use of Specific Plans that would result in upzoning open space and/or low-density residential neighborhoods. The use of specific plans in this manner creates significant negative impacts for all residential communities, the environment and natural resources. We urge our City Councilmembers to reject land use applications for individual development projects; such applications represent a misuse of Specific Plans. We ask that the City Council inform planning not to process these types of requests.
- **Pending projects in WNC area (that WNC has received notification of)**