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# LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Angelenos,

At a time where our diverse society's core values are being challenged, Los Angeles City Planning remains committed to serving Angelenos with respect and human dignity, irrespective of citizenship status. In coordination with the Mayor's office, City Planning continues to strengthen a thriving Los Angeles by expediting fire rebuild and recovery efforts, ensuring all communities have access to affordable housing options and supporting initiatives that help neighborhood businesses prosper, all as we prepare for this upcoming Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

The Mayor approved the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 on June 6, 2025. City Planning will maintain the ability to provide critical services, recognizing that there will also be impacts to many important work programs. We are very grateful that the majority of City Planning filled positions were retained and we will likely be able to avert layoffs through internal transfers. This adopted budget restored more than 100 City Planning filled positions that had been identified for deletion. However, the adopted budget eliminated funding for the Department's Health and Environmental Justice Element work program, the Office of Racial Justice, Equity and Transformative Planning, and the work program for the Wildlife District Ordinance and expansion to the Rim of the Valley. Despite this setback, City Planning remains committed to advancing equity and environmental justice in a manner that brings about transformative change and looks forward to engaging in these important efforts via current related programs or as resources are restored in the future.

City Planning and the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) will consolidate zoning functions through the transfer of 42 employees to City Planning's Zoning Review Program. This change will benefit Angelenos with a streamlined process when addressing zoning. Also of note, the Office of Forest Management, comprising two employees, from the Board of Public Works will transfer to City Planning, building upon the Department's existing role in promoting a sustainable and green city.

We're about solutions. We are planning for people: together, we are #Planning4LA.

Sincerely,

Vince Bertoni,  
Director of Planning