

Policy Motions Aug 11, 2020

- 10.3 [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Opposition to Upzoning of Single-Family Parcels**-Discussion and possible action regarding the upzoning of single-family Parcels in Mar Vista as presented in Los Angeles Dept of City Planning's July 2020 Draft Concepts Workshop.
[Motion approved \(7Y/3N/3Abstentions\)](#)
- 10.4 [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Objective Land Use Standards for Urban Heat Island Effect Reduction/Carbon Reduction/Stormwater Management** – Discussion and possible action requesting that the Department of City Planning create objective standards for Urban Heat Island Reduction, carbon reduction, and stormwater mitigation for each zone definition within the Mar Vista Boundaries.
[Motion approved \(9Y/0N/3Abstentions/1Absent\)](#)
- 13.1 [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Affordable Housing in Transit-Oriented Communities**– Discussion and possible action on a request to the Dept of City Planning to increase the required percent of affordable housing in Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Density Bonus projects in Mar Vista, to 60%, as permitted By the TOC Ordinance.
[Motion approved without objection](#)
- 13.2 [POLICY][T&I][GREAT STREETS] Venice Blvd. Placemaking Project** – Discussion and possible action regarding a request that money budgeted for the Venice Blvd. Placemaking Project be used to install the long-awaited Venice Blvd Gateway Sign, install the Great Streets Venice Blvd Mosaic Hopscotch at the Mar Vista Library and fix the Grand View Blvd/Pacific Ave pavement mural.
[Motion approved without objection](#)
- 13.3 [POLICY][T&I] Letter to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority**- Discussion and possible action regarding a letter to be sent to Metro (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) regarding a) Metro's Covid-19 load limit, b) a request to postpone the adoption of the Long Range Transportation Plan for at least a year, and c) the NextGen Bus Service Proposal.
- 13.4 [POLICY][T&I] Community Impact Statement Regarding Telecommuting** - Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement regarding Council Files CF 20-0584 (Ryu/Koretz) and 20-0498 (O'Farrell/Martinez), which both request feasibility studies for new initiatives regarding telecommuting.
[Motion approved \(10Y/1N/1Abstention/1Absent\)](#)



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

At its August 11, 2020 meeting the Mar Vista Community Council approved the following:

WHEREAS, per an October 2019 joint report from the Housing and Community Investment Department, the Department of City Planning and the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, in the 5th RHNA cycle, the City of Los Angeles' allocation vs. actual production was the following:

	RHNA Allocation (cycle 2013-2021)	Total Units to Date
Very Low Income	20,427	4,265
Low Income	12,435	2,588
Moderate Income	13,728	430

And WHEREAS, these numbers include units created via SB1818 and Measure JJJ density bonuses, and

WHEREAS, the 6th RHNA cycle allocations for the City of Los Angeles are:

	RHNA Allocation Cycle (2021-2029)
Very Low Income	115,989
Low Income	68,257
Moderate Income	74,067

And WHEREAS, the same October 2019 report indicated that the city has, as of 2018, still to produce 39,307 Affordable units by the end of the 5th RHNA cycle in 2021, and



WHEREAS, in a May 15, 2020 Press Release, the Department of City Planning announced that the TOC ordinance had produced 2900 Affordable Units in 2019, and was responsible for driving much of the housing production in Los Angeles, and

WHEREAS, there is no evidence that this rate of production will increase, and consequently the City will not achieve it's 5th Cycle RHNA Affordable unit target, and

WHEREAS, the 6th RHNA Cycle allocations are considerably higher than the 5th Cycle, and

WHEREAS, per SB 35, failure to provide for the assigned RHNA affordable housing goals could result in projects' qualifying for by-right streamlining, and thereby circumvent tailored local zoning and community participation, and

WHEREAS, L.A.M.C. Sec. 12.22.A.31.(d) allows for adjustment of the required percentages for On Site Restricted Affordable Units for an individual TOC Affordable Housing Incentive Area through a Community Plan Update,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council requests that the Department of City Planning, as part of the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan Update, increase the required percentage for On Site Restricted Affordable Units for projects requesting TOC Density Bonuses within the Mar Vista Neighborhood Council boundaries to 60%.

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Sincerely,



Elliot Hanna, Chairman
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At its August 11, 2020 meeting the Mar Vista Community Council approved the following:

WHEREAS, the Mayor Issued the first Sustainable City Plan in 2015, and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles announced an expanded vision of the plan as L.A.'s Green New Deal in 2019, and

WHEREAS, a 2019 study by Crowther Lab (Switzerland) reports that global tree restoration is the most effective climate change solution to date, and

WHEREAS, California is the 12th largest emitter of carbon in the world, among all states and nations, and

WHEREAS, the state has enacted a body of legislation [Executive Order S-3-05 (2005), AB32 (2006) and SB32 (2016)] designed to reduce its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and these mandated specific GHG sources for reductions, GHG reductions can also be achieved via non-mandated algorithms, and

WHEREAS, the California Climate Action Registry has established the Urban Forest Protocol (2008, revised 2019), which permits municipalities to offset carbon dioxide emissions by participating in forestry projects in which tree planting beyond normal replacements is planned and undertaken for the purpose of sequestering carbon dioxide, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Water Act and the Dept of Water and Power Water Quality Compliance Master Plan (which includes Land Use via Community Plan Updates) mandate stormwater mitigation by municipalities, and

WHEREAS, trees sequester carbon dioxide directly via photosynthesis, and

WHEREAS, trees reduce carbon emissions indirectly via reduction in energy consumption resulting from their reduction of the Urban Heat Island Effect via shading (per L.A.M.C. 12.42.A), and

WHEREAS, reforestation (via planting trees in the ground as opposed to in pots) also increases the carbon sequestering ability of soil, which is considered permanent sequestration

WHEREAS, trees filter stormwater, thereby reducing the discharge of pollutants into US waters (per L.A.M.C. 12.42.c), and

WHEREAS, a 2017 study by the USC Spatial Sciences institute, reported Urban Green Cover in the County of Los Angeles decreased between 14 and 55% from 2000 to 2009 and In CD11 it has decreased between 19 and 25%, all of which is attributed, in the study, directly to a corresponding increase in hardscape, and

WHEREAS, 90% of the Urban Canopy in the City of Los Angeles is on private land.

WHEREAS, the Mar Vista Community Council requests that the Dept Of City Planning, in its update of the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan, in conjunction with Climate Action Reserve, the Dept of Water and Power and local academic institutions, create objective standards for Urban Heat Island Reduction, for Carbon Reduction and Stormwater Mitigation for each zone definition*within the Mar Vista Boundaries. These would parallel those in the Climate Action Reserve's Urban Forest Management Project Protocol, and would mandate set requirements, per square foot (or acre) of lot, for urban heat island effect reduction carbon reduction, and stormwater mitigation through increasing the urban canopy for each project submitted on said lots to be effective after approval of the updated Community Plan.

Funding for such a project would be allocated from the City of Los Angeles' Green New Deal/Sustainable City pLAN and One Water LA 2040 Plan budgets

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At its August 11, 2020 meeting the Mar Vista Community Council approved the following:

WHEREAS, a diverse group of Mar Vista stakeholders, representing renters, owners, and workers across many socioeconomic, racial/ethnic, and age groups, have reviewed the presentations of proposed zoning in the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan Draft Concepts presented in July 2020 by Los Angeles City Planning (DCP) and provided input to the Mar Vista Community Council's Community Plan Subcommittee, and

WHEREAS, the proposals presented, in many areas, up-zone single-family home parcels to duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and denser multifamily housing, and

WHEREAS, duplexes would additionally each be permitted 1-2 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), effectively allowing 4 housing units on those parcels, and

WHEREAS, the Draft Concepts do not present any zoning definition for "single-family home", "major corridor", and "transit corridor", and

WHEREAS, DCP had previously indicated to the community that density would be located along major corridors, and many of the upzoned parcels do not fall within that category, and

WHEREAS, the MVCC Community Plan Subcommittee has submitted to DCP currently calculated Dwelling Unit Capacity for Mar Vista which establishes that existing zoning in Mar Vista can accommodate and exceed projected housing needs (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ISvotqInd-YFGiLZZWiJdXfUIVRNus9m/view>), and

WHEREAS, merely increasing total housing supply in areas of high demand does not and cannot reduce the cost of housing or provide housing equitably in areas of high demand as demonstrated in a 2017 report by UCLA Anderson School of Management economist Jerry Nickelsburg (https://drive.google.com/file/d/18p_xDOAxp7-Kdr-GHqjw8Z7LBRtshTze/view) and presented by economic geographer, Michael Storper, Director of Global Public Affairs at UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zfQF0hXTSRZfoGisLwsQpAU6ICxo0Gq/view>), and



WHEREAS, by its own Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) reports, DCP confirms that current housing algorithms (including but not limited to SB 1818, Measure JJJ, and the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance) have failed to produce the requisite amount of affordable housing (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_K6H99HEq-9ZYn2u7Oqf3rlvrkA6ll1q/view), and Whereas, preserving older single-family homes and apartment buildings not only provides options for aging in place but also starter homes for young families,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council requests that Los Angeles City Planning remove the proposed increased density from single-family parcels in the attached document and work with the Mar Vista community through the MVCC to preserve existing affordable housing, including existing single-family homes and older apartment buildings, and explore novel ideas for providing future housing for all Mar Vista residents. These can include, but are not limited to, Targeted Affordable Housing, increasing required affordable percentages in Transit Oriented Community projects receiving density bonuses as well as the promotion of tiny, manufactured, and modular homes.

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