



LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

## Informational Meeting

about Proposed Citywide Design Guidelines  
and Community Design Overlay Processing Changes

### Dates & Locations

#### VALLEY

August 30, 6-8 pm

Marvin Braude Center  
6262 Van Nuys Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 91401  
*(1st floor meeting room)*

#### DOWNTOWN

August 31, 9:30-11:30 am

City Hall  
200 N. Spring St.  
Los Angeles 90012  
*(Room 1010)*

#### WESTSIDE

August 31, 5-8 pm

Henry Medina Parking  
Enforcement Facility  
11214 W. Exposition Bl.  
Los Angeles 90064  
*(2nd Floor)*





## What are the Citywide Design Guidelines?

The City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning invites you to a public meeting concerning Citywide Design Guidelines, which are described below. At the meeting, Design Guidelines for Residential, Commercial and Industrial projects will be introduced and explained and there will be an opportunity for questions, answers and feedback.

The new Citywide Design Guidelines under consideration will establish, for the first time, basic Citywide design considerations with respect to the entire building envelope and project site. The Design Guidelines will address overarching design themes found in the City's Framework Element and 35 Community Plans. The Design Guidelines are rooted in the **10 Urban Design Principles** in the Framework (pending adoption by City Council) with a focus on creating high-quality built form and integrating sustainability. The Guidelines cover a range of topics such as Site Planning, Open Space and Landscaping, Building Design and Articulation, Signage and Lighting.

The Citywide Design Guidelines will be implemented on discretionary projects subject to review by the Department of City Planning. There is no proposal to implement the Guidelines in a specific location at this time; this meeting is intended only to provide an overview of the content of the Design Guidelines themselves. The goal of the meeting is to share ideas, explain the background and need for this new tool, and to receive input from a wide range of stakeholders.

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## This Event has Dual Purpose! 2 Meetings Concurrently!

### THE 10 PRINCIPLES OF URBAN DESIGN

1. Develop inviting and accessible transit areas.
2. Reinforce walkability, bikeability and well-being.
3. Nurture neighborhood character.
4. Bridge the past and the future.
5. Produce great green streets.
6. Generate public open space.
7. Stimulate sustainability and innovation in our city.
8. Improve equity and opportunity.
9. Emphasize early integration, simple processes and maintainable solutions.
10. Ensure connections.

### Le Invita a un Taller Publico

Le invita a un taller público sobre dos temas relacionados a regulaciones del diseño de edificios en la Ciudad de Los Angeles: 1) un cambio al proceso administrativa para proyectos localizados entre Distritos del Diseño del la Comunidad (CDOs); 2) la creación de Guías de Diseño para proyectos Residenciales, Comerciales y Industriales en toda la ciudad. Las guías cubren la arquitectura, planificación de sitios, espacios abiertos y ajardinados, letreros e iluminación. En el taller, estos temas serán presentados y habrá oportunidades para preguntas y respuestas. Si Ud. desea información en español o si asistirá al taller y desea traducción, llame a Conni Pallini-Tipton, 213.978.1196.



## What are the CDO Processing Changes?

The City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning invites you to a public meeting to discuss a proposed amendment to the Los Angeles Municipal Code to create an Administrative Clearance process for Community Design Overlay (CDO) projects. At the event, the proposed process will be explained and there will be an opportunity for discussion.

CDOs are planning tools that enhance the visual and aesthetic qualities of neighborhoods by imposing design guidelines and standards on projects in their boundary areas. Currently, there are 18 successful CDOs in the City of Los Angeles. While they are helping to create a higher quality built environment, the review process for each project takes a significant amount of staff time and this delay is burdensome for applicants. As part of the Department's larger streamlining efforts to prioritize our limited resources and provide the best service to Los Angelenos, a simplified review and approval process is proposed only when projects are in full compliance with the CDO standards. We propose no substantive changes to policy or existing rules—the guidelines and standards of the CDOs remain in full effect.

The goal of the meeting is to share ideas, explain the streamlined review process, and to receive input from a wide range of stakeholders.

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