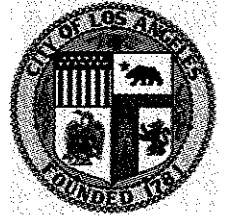


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TO: All Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Hollywood Community Plan

The Department of City Planning has received numerous inquiries in recent days regarding the current status of the Hollywood Community Plan Update. The Office of the City Attorney is continuing to analyze the tentative statement of decision from Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Allan J. Goodman, including the tentative decision's implications for previously approved entitlements as well as pending and future entitlement applications.

The statement of decision is currently only tentative and a final statement of decision is not likely to be issued by the court until early- to mid-January. A final statement of decision in and of itself is not enforcement. Enforcement will require further court action and it is unclear when the court will act. Once the court acts, the City will have the option of appealing this decision to the Court of Appeal -- a process that could take more than a year to complete. While the Hollywood Community Plan Update remains in effect today, the judge's tentative statement of decision would, among other things, order the City to rescind the Update and "all related approvals issued in furtherance" of the Update, and to refrain from granting "any authority, permits or entitlements which derive from" the Update.

The Department remains committed to the important principles of the Hollywood Community Plan, developed through an inclusive community-based process, involving numerous meetings with Hollywood stakeholders over many years. The plan:

- Directs new growth around transit, away from Hollywood's hillsides and low-density neighborhoods
- Establishes new lower height limits around historic districts and links all development incentives to historic preservation protections
- Protects hillside areas from over-development and expands the implementation of "slope density" provisions in the Hollywood Hills
- Provides new mobility choices and less dependence on automobiles
- Supports the Hollywood Central Park over the 101 Freeway and expands park acreage
- Promotes quality urban design and pedestrian-friendly development along Hollywood's major boulevards

The Department of City Planning will convey any additional information to project applicants as the legal situation becomes clearer.