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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Planning and Land Use Management Committee Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, July 14, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Online at <https://zoom.us/j/96771635218>

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- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
- II. INTRODUCTIONS**
 - a. Introductions and welcome (5 minutes)
- III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (10 minutes)**
 - a. Limited to non-agenda items – subjects related to planning and land use management issues (up to 2 minutes per speaker, time permitting)

IV. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- a. Committee member updates (10 minutes)
- b. Daniel Skolnick will provide a PLUM update from Councilmember Paul Koretz's office.
- c. Developer presentations (30 minutes)
 - Matthew Hayden will present the project at [10626 Venice](#).
- d. Motor Avenue Improvement update (3 minutes)
- e. DISCUSSION: Palms NC approved a CIS against Council File [12-0460-S4](#). Kay will provide current status. Find the CIS text after this agenda.
- f. MOTION: To approve a Community Impact Statement for Council File [21-0658](#). Find the text after this agenda.
- g. Review and update [Guidelines for Neighborhood Appropriate Development](#).
- h. DEEP DIVE AND POSSIBLE CIS OR LETTER.
 - None
- i. DECISION AND POSSIBLE CIS OR LETTER. Do we want to write a CIS for any of these motions this month or next? Which motion do we select for our next deep dive?
 - [AB-387](#) to authorize building social housing based on the model used in Vienna
 - [21-0002-S81](#) To require owning an apartment building for a minimum of 5 years before allowing Ellis Act evictions.

V. Adjournment:

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. on zoom.

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To: City Council and Committees
Oppose Unless Amended

The Palms Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles City Council postpone final consideration of Council File #12-0460-S4 (The Policies and Procedures Amendment to the City Charter) for a minimum of six months 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 only 7 days 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.

Council File 21-0658
To: City Council and Committees
Support

While there are a lot of development projects across the City, the amount of affordable and moderate housing is not keeping pace. In Palms, for example, we are losing moderate units and gaining small of affordable units along with many market rate units

The motion in this Council File lists prospective strategies for increasing the number of development projects that are 100% affordable. These strategies include:

- Increasing resources to provide City review in a shorter period of time
- Shortening appeal times
- Prioritizing projects that are 100% affordable
- Modifications to site plan thresholds
- Use of administrative review

The Palms Neighborhood Council is in favor of increasing the number of buildings that are 100% affordable. We would like to see affordability defined in this context as extremely low income through moderate income. Adding additional Personnel to expedite the review and approval of such projects would be a benefit to the City. We would expect that presentation of these projects to the responsible Neighborhood Councils will be maintained and that Neighborhood Councils will have time to agendize these projects and make their recommendations.