

**Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding
Friday, December 8, 2023**

JOHN FERRARO COUNCIL CHAMBER ROOM 340, CITY HALL 200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 - 10:00 AM

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

(For further details see Official Council Files)

(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)

Special Agenda

Roll Call

Members Present: Blumenfield, de León, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (14); Absent: Harris-Dawson, (1)

An Opportunity for Public Comment will be Provided for All Items on the Agenda, Regardless of Whether a Public Hearing has been Previously Held

Items for which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - (10 Votes Required for Consideration)

(26) **23-1264-S1
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PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) and RELATED CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS; COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING COMMISSION and MAYOR; RESOLUTION relative to a General Plan Amendment to the North Hollywood – Valley Village Community Plan; ORDINANCES FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to a Vesting Zone Change and Height District Change to the District NoHo Specific Plan (DNSP) Zone, and to repeal Ordinance No. 86,752 for a Building Line Removal along Tujunga Avenue; and proposed Ordinances relative to a corresponding Code Amendment, and the establishment of the DNSP and District NoHo Sign District Plan, for the District NoHo Project (Project); for the properties located at 11163 – 11347 and 11264 – 11280 West Chandler Boulevard; 11204 – 11270 West Cumpston Street; 5300 – 5320 North Bakman Avenue; and 5311 – 5373 and 5356 – 5430 North Lankershim Boulevard (Project Site) in Council District 2.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL

OF THE MAYOR:

1. FIND, based on the independent judgment of the decision-maker, after consideration of the whole of the administrative record, the Project was assessed in the previously certified EIR, No. ENV-2019-7241-EIR, certified on August 22, 2023; and, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15162 and 15164, no subsequent EIR, negative declaration, or addendum is required for approval of the Project.
2. ADOPT the Amended FINDINGS of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPC) as the Findings of the City Council.
3. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION, pursuant to Charter Section 555, 556, and 558, for a General Plan Amendment to the North Hollywood – Valley Village Community Plan, as recommended by the Mayor and the LACPC, to add a Regional Center land use designation, change the land use designation for the Project Site to Regional Center, and to include the DNSP Zone as a corresponding zone of the Regional Center land use designation.
4. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated September 28, 2023, pursuant to Sections 12.32 F and Q of the LAMC, effectuating a Vesting Zone Change and Height District Change from C2-2D-CA, CM-1VL, C4-2D, C4-2D-CA and PF-1VL to the DNSP Zone.
5. APPROVE the proposed Ordinance, attached to the Council file, amending Sections 12.04 and adding LAMC 12.16.10 to add the DNSP Zone.
6. APPROVE the proposed Ordinance, attached to the Council file, establishing the DNSP pursuant to the provisions of Section 13B.1.2 of Chapter 1A of the LAMC, for a portion of the North Hollywood - Valley Village Community Plan area.
7. APPROVE the proposed Ordinance, attached to the Council file, establishing the District NoHo Sign District pursuant to the

provisions of LAMC Section 13.11.

8. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated September 28, 2023, repealing Ordinance No. 86,752 for a Building Line Removal along Tujunga Avenue, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.32 R.
9. REQUEST the City Council to further explore the feasibility of equal access to residential amenities between all buildings developed under the Specific Plan.
10. DIRECT the Department of City Planning to revise the LAMC and the North Hollywood – Valley Village Community Plan Map and update the appropriate zoning maps in accordance with the recommended action; for the proposed Project consisting of a multi-phased, mixed-use development, which will include up to 1,527 residential units (including 1,161 market-rate units and 366 affordable units), 105,125 square feet of retail/restaurant uses, and 580,374 square feet of office space, on a 16-acre site; the proposed uses would be located within several buildings ranging in height from one to 28 stories, with up to four subterranean parking levels; approximately two acres of publicly accessible open space in three plazas would be provided; overall, the Project would remove 49,111 sq. ft. of industrial/warehouses uses and construct 2,209,027 square feet of new floor area, resulting in a Floor Area Ratio of 3.16:1; a Sign District would be implemented to allow for a comprehensive signage program, and would include digital displays, supergraphics, and off-site advertising; for the properties located at 11163 – 11347 and 11264 – 11280 West Chandler Boulevard; 11204 – 11270 West Cumpston Street; 5300 – 5320 North Bakman Avenue; and 5311 – 5373 and 5356 – 5430 North Lankershim Boulevard.

Case No. CPC-2019-7239-GPAJ-VZCJ-HD-SP-SN-BL

Environmental No. ENV-2019-7241-EIR; State Clearinghouse No. 2020060573

Related Case Nos. CPC-2019-7240-DA; VTT-82868

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LACPC reports that there is no General Fund impact as administrative costs are recovered through fees.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

TIME LIMIT FILE - JANUARY 31, 2024

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - JANUARY 31, 2024)

(Planning and Land Use Management Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

**Adopted Amending Motion 26A (Krekorian – Lee), Amending Motion 26B (Krekorian – Lee), and Amending Motion 26C (Krekorian – Park) Forthwith
Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Rodriguez (3)**

**Adopted Communications from the Mayor and the Los Angeles City Planning Commission, Resolution, Ordinances as Amended by Motion 26A (Krekorian – Lee), Motion 26B (Krekorian – Lee), and Motion 26C (Krekorian – Park) Forthwith - SEE ATTACHED
Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Rodriguez (3)**

(27) **23-1275**

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (YAROSLAVSKY – RODRIGUEZ – ET AL.) relative to projected funding cuts for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. DIRECT the Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD), with requested support from the Domestic Violence Alliance and the Domestic Violence Council, to report to the Council in 60 days on the impacts of the projected VOCA funding cuts on victim and survivor services - including domestic and intimate partner violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, child abuse, and elder abuse - in the City of Los Angeles.

2. DIRECT the CIFD to report to the Council, subsequent to the release of the Governor's proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 budget, with a proposed contingency plan for preserving current funding levels for victim and survivor services operating within the City of Los Angeles.
3. DIRECT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to draft a Resolution opposing the proposed \$700 million cut to VOCA in the FY 2024-25 federal budget and a Resolution in support of the Governor and California State Legislature earmarking \$200 million in ongoing funding for victim and survivor services in the state FY 2024-2025 budget.
4. DIRECT the CLA to request that the City's lobbyists in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. actively engage lawmakers on the importance of preserving and expanding funding for victim and survivor services
5. DIRECT the CLA to formally request that the Los Angeles State Legislative Delegation make the securing of \$200 million in ongoing funding for victim and survivor services an official priority for the 2024 Legislative Session.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Civil Rights, Equity, Immigration, Aging and Disability Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Adopted Item Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Rodriguez (3)

(28) **23-1200-S155**

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the appointment of David Nash to the Cannabis Regulation Commission (CRC).

SUBMITS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION the recommendation of the Mayor:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's appointment of David Nash to the CRC for the term ending June 30, 2025, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. Appointee currently resides in Council District Two. David Nash will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Robert Ahn. (Current composition: M = 2; F = 2; Vacancy = 1)

Financial Disclosure Statement: Pending

Background Check: Completed

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

TIME LIMIT FILE - DECEMBER 14, 2023

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - DECEMBER 13, 2023)

**Adopted Motion (Krekorian – Hutt – Lee) Forthwith - SEE ATTACHED
Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Rodriguez (3)**

(29) **23-1200-S158**

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the appointment of David Marquez to the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission (ELAAPC).

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's appointment of David Marquez to the ELAAPC for the term ending June 30, 2024, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. Appointee currently resides in Council District One. David Marquez will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Denise Campos. (Current composition: M = 1; F = 2; Vacancy = 2)

Financial Disclosure Statement: Filed

Background Check: Completed

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

TIME LIMIT FILE - DECEMBER 25, 2023

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - DECEMBER 15, 2023)

Adopted Item Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Rodriguez (3)

(30) **23-1200-S162**

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the appointment of Lydia Avila-Hernandez to the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission (ELAAPC).

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's appointment of Lydia Avila-Hernandez to the ELAAPC for the term ending June 30, 2025, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. Appointee currently resides in Council District 14. Lydia Avila-Hernandez will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Sarah Rascon. (Current composition: M = 2; F = 2; Vacancy = 1)

Financial Disclosure Statement: Pending

Background Check: Pending

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

TIME LIMIT FILE - JANUARY 1, 2024

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - DECEMBER 15, 2023)

Adopted Item Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Rodriguez (3)

Closed Session

(31) **23-1340**

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled James Sharlein v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case Nos. 18STCV08528 and 22STCV25650. (This matter arises from two employment matters involving the Los Angeles Fire Department.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter in Closed Session on December 4, 2023)

Adopted Motion (Blumenfield – Harris-Dawson) in Open Session Forthwith - SEE ATTACHED

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Rodriguez (3)

Items Called Special

Motions have been Referred and will be Posted on the City Clerk's Website shortly after the Council Meeting

Council Adjournment

ENDING ROLL CALL

Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Rodriguez (3)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of Previously certified Environmental Impact Report and related California Environmental Quality Act findings; Communications from the City Planning Commission and Mayor; Resolution relative to a proposed General Plan Amendment, Ordinances relative to a Vesting Zone Change and Height District Change to the District NoHo Specific Plan (DNSP) Zone, and to repeal Ordinance No.86752 for a Building Line Removal along Tujunga Avenue; and proposed ordinances relative to a corresponding Code Amendment, and establishment of the DNSP and District NoHo Sign District Plan, for the District NoHo mixed-use development project; for the properties located at 11163-11347 and 11264-11280 W. Chandler Boulevard; 11204-11270 W. Cumpston Street; 5300-5320 N. Bakman Avenue; and 5311-5373 and 5356-5430 N. Lankershim Boulevard, **Item 26** (CF 23-1264-S1) on today's Council Agenda, **BE AMENDED** to **ADOPT** the following **ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION**:

11. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present **three draft ordinances**, as follows:

(a) An ordinance to establish the District NoHo Specific Plan to regulate development within the project site.

(b) An ordinance to establish the District NoHo Sign District Plan to regulate signage with the project site.

(c) An ordinance to amend the Municipal Code to add the District NoHo Specific Plan Zone to Municipal Code Section 12.04; and to add a *new* Municipal Code Section, 12.16.10.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Krekorian
PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY: J.S.L.

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December 8, 2023
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MOTION

I MOVE that Section 8 of the Proposed District Noho Sign District Ordinance for the matter of the District Noho Project (CF: 23-1264-S1) be AMENDED to include the following:

a. Removal of Off-Site Signage

The Applicant shall remove existing advertising signs at a 2:1 takedown ratio for the installation of new static signage and a 4:1 takedown ratio for the installation of new digital signage within the boundaries of Council District 2, as defined in 2023. A fee shall be allowed in lieu of a sign reduction, provided that sufficient signage has been taken down such that, prior to the issuance of the last signage permit, the Applicant shall have accomplished a minimum 1:1 takedown for the total sign area installed within the Sign District. No signage permit shall be issued unless the Applicant has either paid an in-lieu fee or demonstrated the legal right to effectuate the required signage takedown or a combination of the two. The applicant may elect to pay the following amounts in community benefit funds to the Council District 2 Real Property Trust Fund to be dedicated to improving the visual environment, use of open public spaces, and benefiting the realm in Council District 2 as follows:

The Applicant shall contribute funds pursuant to the following schedule:

- \$260 per square foot for each Digital Display, up to \$2,179,580 for up to 8,383 square feet of Digital Displays; and
- \$130 per square foot for each Supergraphic Sign, up to \$266,370 for up to 2,049 square feet of Supergraphic Signs.
 - These dollar amounts are the baseline year 2023 and the future value of payments as adjusted by the Consumer Price Index at the time of payment.
- Calculation of the applicable signage fees shall be net of any fees paid through the In-lieu Fee Deposit as described in section c. below, as applied at the Applicant's election at the time of payment of signage permit fees.

b. Purpose

The funds shall be used to improve the visual environment or provide services to disadvantaged youth, including, but not limited to the following projects in consultation with the community and under the direction of the Council Office:

- improvements to existing parks and pocket parks located in this area;
- landscaping of sidewalks, parkways, and medians in the area;
- community beautification projects;
- community cleanups;
- street and parkway tree planting,
- youth programming for disadvantaged youth in Council District 2.

C. In-lieu Fee Deposit

The In-Lieu Fee option shall only be available if, within 120 days after the Metro Board final approval of the Joint Development and Option Agreement, the Applicant has paid \$815,317 in applicable in-lieu fees to the Council District 2 Real Property Trust Fund.

I FURTHER MOVE that the matter of the District Noho Project (CF:23-1264-S1) be AMENDED to include the following:

Concurrent with the submission of administrative clearances for the first mixed-income housing phase, the Applicant will submit a written implementation plan for the fair access to amenities within the Specific Plan area for all residents; regardless of unit affordability status.

PRESENTED BY: 

PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY: 

JOHN S. LEE
Councilmember 12th District

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AMENDING MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE TO AMEND, the matter of PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) and RELATED CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS; COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING COMMISSION and MAYOR; RESOLUTION relative to a General Plan Amendment to the North Hollywood – Valley Village Community Plan; ORDINANCES FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to a Vesting Zone Change and Height District Change to the District NoHo Specific Plan (DNSP) Zone and to repeal Ordinance No. 86,752 for a Building Line Removal along Tujunga Avenue; and proposed Ordinances relative to a corresponding Code Amendment, and the establishment of the DNSP and District NoHo Sign District Plan, for the District NoHo Project (Project); for the properties located at 11163 – 11347 and 11264 – 11280 West Chandler Boulevard; 11204 – 11270 West Cumpston Street; 5300 – 5320 North Bakman Avenue; and 5311 – 5373 and 5356 – 5430 North Lankershim Boulevard, to:

ADOPT the attached recommendations of the Department of City Planning letter dated December 8, 2023.

PRESENTED BY _____
PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY _____
TRACI PARK
Councilmember, 11th District

December 8, 2023

CF 23-1264-S1

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December 8, 2023

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Honorable Members:

CLARIFICATIONS TO DISTRICT NOHO SPECIFIC PLAN ORDINANCE; CF 23-1264-S1

The Department of City Planning recommends that clarifying language be included for the District NoHo Specific Plan ordinance, with deletions show in **strikethrough** and new language in **bold underline**.

Amend the definition of Floor Area under Section 3, Definitions, of the Specific Plan:

Floor Area. Floor Area shall be as defined in Section 12.03 of the LAMC, ~~[NOTE: This definition is to be further revised to incorporate proposed clarifications and amendments related to Outdoor Dining (CPC-2022-8179-CA) and Outdoor Amenity Areas (CPC-2022-4856-CA)]~~ **except that common or private open space that meets the requirements of Section 6.2 Open Space of this Specific Plan shall not count as Floor Area.**

Add new language under Section 6.2, Open Space, as a new Section 6.2.A.5, of the Specific Plan:

Section 6.2 Open Space.

A. Residential open space shall comply with requirements of Code 12.21 G, except as modified by the following standards:

1. A minimum of 75 square feet of usable open space shall be provided for each residential dwelling unit.
2. Open space may be provided in any combination of common or private residential open space.

3. Common open space shall have a minimum area of 400 square feet, with no horizontal dimension less than 15 feet when measured perpendicular from any point on each of the boundaries of the open space area.
4. Recreation rooms at least 400 square feet in area may qualify for up to 25 percent (or 35 percent for Subarea 7 provided Subarea 7 consists of 100% income restricted units) of the total required usable open space.
5. **Common or private open space may be covered and enclosed by up to three walls or 66.6% of the perimeter of the space at any level.**

Sincerely,

VINCENT P. BERTONI, AICP
Director of Planning



Milena Zasadzien
Principal City Planner

VPB:mz

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled James Sharlein v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case Nos. 18STCV08528 and 22STCV25650. (This matter arises from two employment matters involving the Los Angeles Fire Department.), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:**

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney’s Office and the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to expend up to **\$3,100,000** in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller’s Office to transfer **\$3,054,000** from the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798, Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, to Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009790, Fire Liability Payouts.
3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009790, Fire Liability Payouts, made payable as follows: Law Office of Michael F. Sisson’s Client Trust Account in the amount of **\$3,054,000**.
4. AUTHORIZE LAFD to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/38, Account No. 001012, Sworn Salaries payable, to James Sharlein in the amount of \$46,000, as gross wages subject to all payroll withholdings.
5. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

This matter was recommended for approval by the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee (Blumenfield – Harris-Dawson – McOsker – Rodriguez: “Yes”) at its meeting held on December 4, 2023, in Closed Session as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

PRESENTED BY _____

BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY _____

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District

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