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WEST LOS ANGELES SAWTELLE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**REVISED AGENDA (addendum item) – Regular Board Meeting
Felicia Mahood Senior Center – 11338 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Los Angeles, Calif. 90025**

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 – 7:05 pm

Join online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82474769234>

Meeting ID: 824 7476 9234 (and press #) Join by telephone

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All items on the agenda are subject to discussion, possible action and filing of a Community Impact Statement to the Office of the City Clerk.

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: 15 members (9 for quorum).**
- II. **MINUTES:** Mar. 22 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/WLASNC-Board>
 - a. Link: <https://tinyurl.com/mr3jxh6h>
- III. **GOVERNMENT/ AGENCY PARTNER REPORTS.**
- IV. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction (minimum of 1 minute).
- V. **ADMINISTRATIVE**
- VI. **EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**
- VII. **OFFICERS REPORTS:** Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary. Treasurer:
- VIII. **NEW / OLD BUSINESS**
- IX. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - i. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (Monica Mejia-Lambert, Chair):
 - Motion: As the tsunami of development comes crashing down on Sawtelle, DEI wants to ensure that it benefits the most vulnerable, our elders by requesting that the City prioritize two Affordable Housing Overlays comprised of: (a) Incentives for Low-Income Senior housing and (b) an additional set of incentives for Low-Income Supportive Housing for the elderly and disabled.
 - Motion: A petition campaign to raise awareness and demonstrate stakeholder support of expediting and prioritizing affordable housing incentives for low-income senior, culturally-effective, supportive housing.
 - Housing Element, WLA Community Plan Update, Draft-GPLU Rezoning Motion: With regards to the Community Plan Update's draft GPLU that will fulfill the Housing Element by eliminating virtually all single-family home (SFH) zoning in Sawtelle, the DEI Committee motions the NC to propose, in addition to the PLUM Committee's recommended resolution, a back-up request to the City to preserve R1/R2 areas that have retained their SFH-character by redirecting that density to R1/R2 areas whose single-family-home character/use has already been harmed as a result of the negative impacts of rezoning and/or development (e.g. 2300 Wellesley PLUM decision, 2019).

Rationales
This approach:

 - allows the City to preserve as many SFH properties as possible, while still helping properties already harmed by rezoning;
 - instructs the City to engage in more efficient rezoning by first identifying and correcting inconsistencies, including in areas adjacent to the delineated CPU sub-areas, as a means of fulfilling the Housing Element's Fair Share as opposed to thoughtless over-zoning that would result in piecemeal development, which would impact all SFHs;
 - complies with "no-net loss" principles that enables the City to respond to the community's desire to maintain SFH housing in Sawtelle without requiring a redistribution of the area's Housing Element Fair

- Share to other parts of the City that would be equally resistant to such a change;
- accounts for the City's ill-disposition to foregoing higher potential tax revenue from commercially zoned sites;
 - acknowledges that the legal complexities the City would encounter in rezoning commercial properties for residential use, would reduce the likelihood of development so as to make no significant contribution to realistic zoning capacity, as per AB 1397;
 - provides the economies of scale necessary for incentivizing costlier community needs such as low-income, supportive housing for the elderly and disabled;
 - facilitates the viability of greater percentages of affordable housing per development thereby reducing the number of developments necessary to meet the City's Fair Share;
 - protects our community from the *complete* loss of single-family-home zoning by serving as a "back-stop, back-up" plan in case the City were to decline consideration of the NC's primary recommendation; and
 - ensures the stability of State and Federal funding for the City of Los Angeles by providing a recommendation that does not jeopardize the State's certification of the LA Housing Element.
- West LA Community Plan Update Motion – Sites of Japanese Cultural Significance: To identify sites of cultural significance to Japanese American history in Sawtelle, including Sawtelle Blvd. and adjacent areas, by consulting with families and organizations of the Japanese American Sawtelle community and take into consideration the impact the Update proposed draft would have on these sites.
 - Motion: that the NC approve \$5,500 to provide, either independently or via an NPG, for a micro-network of EPA-approved air quality sensors to be placed at the perimeter of the seniors at-risk of construction-related health hazards and injuries resulting from the Carmel Partners / Exposition developments.
 - Motion: that the NC request the City adopt a Meaningful Open Space Program that provides for density incentives in exchange for community parks with a conjunctive option that would incentivize adjacent sites to combine open spaces across lot lines resulting in larger, more meaningful common space.
 - Motion: that the NC request the City adopt a Green Roots Program that would incentivize the preservation and planting of canopy providing trees.

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