

**CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026 AFTER 4:30 P.M.**  
**LOS ANGELES CITY HALL**  
**200 NORTH SPRING STREET, 10TH FLOOR, ROOM 1010**  
**LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

Meeting presentations will be made available here (<https://tinyurl.com/CentralAPC8-25-26>) by Monday, August 24, 2026.  
Compliant Day of Submissions will be added to this drive.

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**POLICY FOR DESIGNATED PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:**

Pursuant to the Commission's general operating procedures, the Commission at times must necessarily limit the speaking times of those presenting testimony on either side of an issue that is designated as a public hearing item. In all instances, however, equal time is allowed for presentation of pros and cons of matters to be acted upon. Every person wishing to address the commission in person must complete a speaker's request form and submit it to the Commission staff.

**YOU CAN ACCESS THE MEETING VIA ZOOM AT: <https://planning-lacity-org.zoom.us/j/82976758966> OR BY CALLING (213) 338-8477 OR (669) 900-9128. USE MEETING ID 829 7675 8966 AND PASSCODE 601492.** For hybrid meeting participation information, please click [here](#). The ability to provide public comment remotely, an optional participation feature, cannot be guaranteed. If staff is unable to establish a strong remote connection the in-person meeting shall continue to be conducted. **Applicants, Appellants, and/or Representatives are required to attend the meeting in person.**

Written submissions, which are optional, may be submitted prior to, or at, the meeting. These submissions are governed by the Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Rules and Operating Procedures posted online at <https://planning.lacity.gov/about/commissioners>. **Initial Submissions**, not limited as to volume, must be received by the Commission Executive Assistant no later than by 4:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the week of the Commission meeting. **Secondary Submissions**, limited to ten (10) pages, must be received electronically no later than 3:00 p.m., Thursday of the week prior to the Commission meeting. **Day of Hearing Submissions**, limited to two (2) pages, include all submissions received after 3:00 p.m. on Thursday before the commission meeting. If the submission is made on the same day as the meeting, it is recommended that ten (10) hard copies of the submissions be brought to the meeting for distribution to Commissioners. All submissions should be made electronically to [apccentral@lacity.org](mailto:apccentral@lacity.org). Photographs do not count toward page limits. Submissions that do not comply with these rules will be stamped "**File Copy. Non-Complying Submission.**" Non-complying submissions will be placed into the official case file, but they will not be delivered to or considered by the Commission, and will not be included in the official administrative record for the item at issue.

The Commission may RECONSIDER and alter its action taken on items listed herein at any time during this meeting or during the next regular meeting, in accordance with the Commission Rules and Operating Procedures and provided that the Commission retains jurisdiction over the case.

If a Commission meeting is canceled or adjourned due to lack of quorum, all remaining agenda items shall be continued to the next regular meeting or beyond as long as the continuance is within the legal time limits of the case or cases.

**Requests for reasonable modification or accommodation from individuals with disabilities**, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act can be made by contacting the Commission Executive Assistant at (213) 978-1389 or by email at [apccentral@lacity.org](mailto:apccentral@lacity.org) no later than three working days (72 hours) prior to the meeting. For Telecommunication Relay Services for the hearing impaired, please see the information located on the last page of this agenda.

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If you challenge these agenda items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence on these matters delivered to this agency at or prior to the public hearing.

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If you seek judicial review of any decision of the City pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5, the petition for writ of mandate pursuant to that section must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the City's decision became final pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. There may be other time limits which also affect your ability to seek judicial review.

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If you would like to receive a determination letter for any item on today's agenda, please email your request to [apccentral@lacity.org](mailto:apccentral@lacity.org). Please include your contact information (email or mailing address) and the case number associated with the item.

## **1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- Election of Officers
- Legal actions and issues update
- Items of Interest
- Advance Calendar
- Commission Requests

## **2. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL POSITION STATEMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Presentations by Neighborhood Council representatives on any Neighborhood Council resolution, or community impact statement filed with the City Clerk, which relates to any agenda item listed or being considered on this agenda. The Neighborhood Council representative shall provide the Board or Commission with a copy of the Neighborhood Council's resolution or community impact statement by email to [apccentral@lacity.org](mailto:apccentral@lacity.org). At the Chair's discretion, presentations of Neighborhood Councils on any matter listed on the agenda for this Commission meeting may be taken at the time the agenda item is taken for consideration.

## **3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Commission shall provide an opportunity in open meetings for the public to address it **on non-agenda items**, for a cumulative total of up to thirty (30) minutes, on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.

## **4. RECONSIDERATIONS**

- a. MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER** – The Commission may make a motion to reconsider a Commission Action on any agenda items from its previous meeting, consistently with the Commission Rule 7.3, provided the Commission retains jurisdiction over the matter.

**b. MERITS OF ANY ITEM THE COMMISSION HAS VOTED TO RECONSIDER** – If a majority of the Commission has approved a motion to reconsider a Commission Action, the Commission may address the merits of the original Commission Action.

**5. ZA-2024-6488-CU2-1A**

CEQA: ENV-2024-6489-CE

Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 5 – Yaroslavsky

Last Day to Act: 08-25-26

Continued from: 06-23-26

**PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED**

**PROJECT SITE:** 200 and 202 South Orange Drive; 5566 West 2nd Street

**PROPOSED PROJECT:**

Legalize the conversion of an existing main building (duplex) and the first level of an existing detached accessory building (garage) into a house of worship (synagogue) use. The first floor of the main building is used for assembly; the second level is a residence for caretakers of the property. The first level of the accessory building is for caretaking of children under the age of eight years while their parents attend religious services; the second level of the accessory building is a residence and not a part of the applicant's request.

**APPEAL:**

An appeal of the April 9, 2026 Zoning Administrator's Determination which:

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301, Class 1 (existing facilities) and Section 15303, Class 3 (new construction or conversion of small structures), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that any exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Chapter 1 Section 12.24 W.9 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, a Class 2 conditional use permit to allow the use and maintenance of a house of worship (synagogue) in an existing main building and existing detached accessory building in the R2-1 Zone; and
3. Adopted the Conditions of Approval and Findings.

**Applicant:** Yekusiel Kalmenson  
Representative: Jacob Israel, Beth Palmer

**Appellants:** 1. Leslie Maisel  
  
2. John Perfitt  
Representative: Perfitt John  
  
3. Citrus Square Neighbors Association (Barbara, Jebejian, President)  
Representative: Kristina Kropp, The Kropp Law Firm  
  
4. Jeffry Carpenter

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Phyllis Nathanson, Associate Zoning Administrator

The next regular meeting of the Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission  
will be held on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026 after 4:30 p.m.**

Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Spring Street, Room 1010  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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What forms of TRS are available? There are several forms of TRS, depending on the particular needs of the user and the equipment available: TRS includes: Text to Voice TTY-Based TRS; Speech-to-Speech Relay Service; Shared Non-English Language Relay Service; Captioned Telephone Relay Service; Internet Protocol Relay Service; and Video Relay Service. Please visit this site for detailed descriptions, <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

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