

**EAST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022 AFTER 4:30 P.M.
(via TELECONFERENCE)**

Meeting presentations will be made available (<https://tinyurl.com/EastAPC12-14-22>) by December 12, 2022. Compliant Day of Submissions will be added to this drive as they are received.

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POLICY FOR DESIGNATED PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

In accordance with Government Code Section 54953, subsections (e)(1) and (e)(3), and in light of the State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020 relating to COVID-19 and ongoing concerns that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees and/or that the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person, the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission's December 14, 2022 meeting will be conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

EAST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS CAN BE LISTENED TO BY DIALING (213) 621-2489 OR (818) 904-9450. YOU CAN ALSO VIEW THE MEETING ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT: <https://planning-lacity-org.zoom.us/j/86979820492> AND USE MEETING ID: 869 7982 0492 AND PASSCODE 209924.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the meeting and offer public comment to the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission can either access the link located above or call (213) 338-8477 or (669) 900-9128 and use **Meeting ID No. 869 7982 0492** and then press #. Press # again when prompted for participant ID. Please use **Meeting Passcode 209924**. For virtual meeting participation information, please click [here](#).

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.

Written submissions are governed by Rule 4.3 of the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Rules and Operating Procedures which are posted online at <https://planning.lacity.org>, by selecting "About," "Commissioners," "Area Planning Commissions," "East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission," and "Operating Procedures." However, please see revised submission guidelines below which have been modified in order to accommodate the conduct of the meeting telephonically.

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. Materials must be emailed to apceastla@lacity.org. **Secondary Submissions** in response to a Staff Recommendation Report or additional comments must be received electronically no later than 48-hours before the Commission meeting. Submissions shall not exceed ten (10) pages, including exhibits, and must be submitted electronically to apceastla@lacity.org. Photographs do not count toward the page limitation. **Day of Hearing Submissions** within 24 hours of the meeting, up to and including the day of the meeting are limited to 2 pages plus accompanying photographs and must be submitted electronically to apceastla@lacity.org. 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) 978-1360 or by email at apceastla@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.

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 agendized here, or in written correspondence on these matters delivered to this agency at or prior to the public hearing.

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.

Agendas and Adopted Minutes are available online at <http://planning.lacity.org>, by selecting "About," "Commissions, Boards & Hearings," filter by "East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission." For additional information regarding the format of this telephonic public meeting, please visit our website at <http://planning.lacity.org>.

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

Información en español acerca de esta junta puede ser obtenida llamando al (213) 978-1300. Servicios de traducción al español están disponibles, de ser solicitados con un mínimo de 72 horas de anticipación, en todas las juntas de la comisión.

1. **DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Motion Required. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54953(e)(1)(B)-(C), (e)(3)(A), and (e)(3)(B)(i), a determination that the COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person and possible Commission Action.

2. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- Items of Interest
- Advance Calendar
- Commission Requests

3. **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 apceastla@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 is taken for consideration.

4. **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.

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5. 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 9.3, 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.

6. [ZA-2020-1180-ZAD-ZAA-1A](#)
CEQA: ENV-2021-81251-CE
Plan Area: Northeast Los Angeles

Council District: 14 – de León
**Last Day to Act: 10-24-22

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 1480 North Avenue 57

PROPOSED PROJECT:

Construction, use, and maintenance of a new three-story, 1,967-square-foot single-family dwelling, with an attached two car garage, and a pool [and a new 678-square-foot attached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) under separate Administrative review] with a maximum six-foot tall and 59-foot eight-inch long retaining wall on the Project site and a maximum 13-foot 11-inch tall and approximately 75-foot long retaining wall in the public right-of-way at the edge of the sidewalk, grading of up to 683 cubic yards of earth and importing approximately 153 cubic yards of earth.

APPEAL:

An appeal of the July 25, 2022, Zoning Administrator’s Determination which:

- 1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, the Project is exempt from CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, Class 3, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that any exceptions contained in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines regarding location, cumulative impacts, significant effects or unusual circumstances, scenic highways, or hazardous waste sites, or historical resources applies;
- 2. Approved, pursuant to Section 12.24 X.28 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a Zoning Administrator’s Determination to permit the construction, use, and maintenance of a new single-family dwelling with an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) on a lot fronting on Substandard Hillside Limited Streets without providing a 20-foot-wide Adjacent Minimum Roadway at one of the property’s frontages along Highgate Avenue as required by LAMC Section 12.21C.10(i)(2);
- 3. Dismissed, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 X.28, a Zoning Administrator’s Determination to permit a portion of the proposed structure to exceed the maximum 36-foot Envelope Height pursuant to LAMC Section 12.21 C.10(d)(2) as the applicant has submitted a revised application to withdraw the subject height request;
- 4. Approved, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.28, a Zoning Administrator’s Adjustment to permit a 27-foot-wide driveway bridge and pedestrian access stairway with support retaining wall and hand/guardrails (at a maximum combined height of eight-foot eight-inches as measured from the base of the wall; see sheet A102), located within the public right-of-way and within the front yard setback below street level, in lieu of the requirement permitted by LAMC Section 12.21 C.1(g); and
- 5. Adopted the Conditions of Approval and Findings.

Applicant: Don Caverhill, Rampant Resources, LLC
Representative: Jeffrey T. Harlan, Venable LLP.

Appellant: Neighbors of N. Avenue 57
Representative: Jamie T. Hall, Channel Law Group, LLP

Staff: Adrineh Melkonian, City Planner
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Jack Chiang, Associate Zoning Administrator

7. [ZA-2021-8124-ZAD-1A](#)
CEQA: ENV-2020-1181-CE
Plan Area: Northeast Los Angeles

Council District: 14 – de León
**Last Day to Act: 12-28-22

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 1431 North Avenue 57

PROPOSED PROJECT:

Exterior renovation or alteration and additions to an existing three-story single-family dwelling with an attached two car garage on an 8,655-square-foot lot. The proposed work includes removal of an existing 16-foot, eight-inch by four-foot, five-inch damaged deck and addition of 544 square feet for a new 616-square-foot deck with a cable railing system on a new caisson foundation on the street level, repair and replace an existing damaged 19-foot, eight-inch by 12-foot deck framing and foundation as needed for a new/repared 236-square-foot deck in place of a 248-square-foot deck on the intermediate level, and removal an existing 16-foot, eight-inch by four-foot, five-inch damaged deck and add a new 200-square-foot deck with a cable railing system on a new caisson foundation at the lower Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) level.

APPEAL:

An appeal of the September 28, 2022, Zoning Administrator’s Determination which:

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, the Project is exempt from CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, Class 3, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that any exceptions contained in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines regarding location, cumulative impacts, significant effects or unusual circumstances, scenic highways, or hazardous waste sites, or historical resources applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Sections 12.24-X.28(a)(7)(i) and (ii) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a Zoning Administrator’s Determination to permit the construction, use, and maintenance of 3 new deck/patios on an existing three-story residence including an attached Accessory Dwelling Unit on a Substandard Hillside Limited Street improved to a roadway width of less than 20 feet adjacent to the residence and on a Substandard Hillside Street that does not have vehicular access from streets improved with a minimum 20-foot wide continuous paved roadway from the driveway apron that provides access to the main residence to the boundary of the Hillside Area as follows:
 - a. Demolition of an existing patio on the entry level of the house and its replacement by a 468-square-foot patio and cable rail system on caisson support foundation. The dimensions of the new patio shall be 31.2 feet by 15 feet which shall be accomplished by removing the 11-foot length of the patio adjacent to the garage;
 - b. Demolition of an existing 248-square-foot deck on the second floor and its replacement by a 236-square-foot deck and cable railing; and
 - c. Demolition of an existing approximately 74-square-foot deck on the lower ADU level and its replacement by a 200-square foot deck with cable railing;
3. Approved, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 X.28, a Zoning Administrator’s Determination to deviate from the encroachment plane requirement as required by LAMC Section 12.21 C.10(e)(1)(ii); and
4. Adopted the Conditions of Approval and Findings.

Applicant: Scott Gaudes

Representative: Jim Bourgault; Matt Jewett, Keystone Strategic Planning

Appellant: Michael Dailey and Clayton Early

Staff: Charles J. Rausch, Associate Zoning Administrator

The next regular meeting of the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission will be held on **Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.**

****Pursuant to Mayor Garcetti's Emergency Order issued on March 21, 2020, which was subsequently extended on April 17, 2020, the time to act on this item has been tolled for the duration of the local emergency period. Please note that other State law provisions may also apply.**

Notice to Paid Representatives:

If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.01 et seq. More information is available at ethics.lacity.org/lobbying. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or ethics.commission@lacity.org.

Reasonable Accommodations Consistent with Federal and State Law

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or other services must be requested **72 hours prior to the meeting** by calling the Commission Executive Assistant at (213) 978-1360 or by email at apceastla@lacity.org.

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Telecommunications Relay Service is a telephone service that allows persons with hearing or speech disabilities to place and receive telephone calls. TRS is available in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. territories for local and/or long distance calls. TRS providers - generally telephone companies - are compensated for the costs of providing TRS from either a state or a federal fund. There is no cost to the TRS user.

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 TIY-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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