

**EAST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023 AFTER 4:30 P.M.  
RAMONA HALL COMMUNITY CENTER  
4580 NORTH FIGUEROA STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90065**

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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.

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**YOU CAN ALSO VIEW THE MEETING ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT: <https://planning-lacity-org.zoom.us/j/83538580791> AND USE MEETING ID: 835 3858 0791 AND PASSCODE 949357.** Members of the public who wish to participate in the meeting and offer verbal public comment remotely 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. 835 3858 0791** and then press #. Press # again when prompted for participant ID. Please use **Meeting Passcode 949357**. For hybrid meeting participation information, please click [here](#).

Written submissions, which are optional, may be submitted prior to, or at, the meeting. These submissions are governed by the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Rules and Operating Procedures posted online at <https://planning.lacity.org>. However, please see submission guidelines below which have been modified to accommodate the hybrid meeting format.

**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 are to be emailed to [apceastla@lacity.org](mailto: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](mailto: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. Day of Hearing Submissions are to be submitted electronically to [apceastla@lacity.org](mailto:apceastla@lacity.org) and 12 hard copies must be submitted at the in-person meeting. 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 (818) 374-3384 or by email at [apceastla@lacity.org](mailto: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 described in this notice, 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.

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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 [apceastla@lacity.org](mailto:apceastla@lacity.org). Please include your contact information (email or mailing address) and the case number associated with the item.

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

- 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 [apceastla@lacity.org](mailto: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 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.

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 at the top of this agenda or call **(213) 338-8477** or **(669) 900-9128** and use **Meeting ID No. 835 3858 0791** and then press #. Press # again when prompted for participant ID. Please use **Meeting Passcode 949357**.

## **4. RECONSIDERATIONS**

- 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.

5. [ZA-2021-5204-ZAD-1A](#)  
CEQA: ENV-2021-5205-CE  
Plan Area: Northeast Los Angeles

Council District: 1 – Hernandez  
Last Day to Act: 05-12-23

**PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED**

**PROJECT SITE:** 2824 – 2830 North Prewett Street

**The Applicant requests that the matter be continued to a date certain of June 28, 2023.**

**PROPOSED PROJECT:**

Construction, use, and maintenance of a new two-story, 3,873-square-foot single-family dwelling, [and an attached 800-square-foot Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) under separate Administrative review], three retaining walls measuring 62 feet, 35-feet 6-inches, and 35-feet 3-inches long and up to six feet in height, on a 9,536-square-foot vacant lot that is within the Northeast Hillside Ordinance. The Project also proposes 745 cubic yards of grading and 645 cubic yards of exporting.

**APPEAL:**

An appeal of the January 17, 2023 Zoning Administrator’s Determination which:

1. Denied, based on the whole administrative record, that the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, Class 3, based on substantial evidence demonstrating that one or more 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 site, or historical resources applies;
2. Denied, 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 on a lot fronting on a Substandard Hillside Limited Street without providing a 20-foot wide adjacent minimum roadway adjacent to the property along Prewett Street as required by LAMC Section 12.21 C.1 0(i)(2);
3. Denied, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 X.28, a Zoning Administrator’s Determination to permit the construction, use and maintenance of a new single-family dwelling on a lot fronting on a Substandard Hillside Limited Street (Thomas Street) where a minimum 20-foot wide Continuous Paved Roadway is not provided from the driveway apron to the boundary of the Hillside Area, as required by LAMC Section 12.21 C.1 0(i)(3);
4. Denied, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 X.26, a Zoning Administrator’s Determination to permit the construction, use, and maintenance of three retaining walls in lieu of the otherwise two retaining walls permitted per LAMC Section 12.21 C.8(a); and
5. Adopted the Findings.

**Applicant:** Duc Truong  
Representative: Ricardo Moura

**Appellant:** Phillip Wilson  
Representative: Sheri Bonstelle, Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP

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6. [DIR-2022-3145-WDI-1A](#)  
CEQA: ENV-2021-3146-CE  
Plan Area: Boyle Heights

Council District: 14 - de Leon  
Last Day to Act: 05-12-23

**PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED**

**PROJECT SITE:** 2160 – 2830 East 7th Street; 731 – 751 South Mission Road

**PROPOSED PROJECT:**

A change of use and tenant improvement within an existing one-story warehouse building into a three-story sound stage/motion studio with offices and 19,599 square feet of additional floor area, with parking re-striping. The project includes a request for a Waiver of Dedication and Improvement Requirements as required under LAMC Section 12.37, including the construction of a new ADA-compliance sidewalk and curb along Mission Road.

**APPEAL:**

An appeal of the January 20, 2023 Planning Director Determination which:

1. Found the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(4) and 15270, as a project that is disapproved\*;
2. Denied, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.37 I.2, a Waiver of Improvements for the construction of a new ADA compliant sidewalk and curb along the west side of Mission Road; and
3. Adopted the Findings.

**Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061 (b)(4) and 15270, CEQA does not apply to projects which the public agency rejects or disapproves.**

\*If the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission elects to grant the appeal, either in whole or in part, the Commission may also consider a Categorical Exemption from CEQA as the environmental clearance for this approved project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15332, Class 32 (Infill Development), finding the project (1) is consistent with the general plan and all applicable plans, (2) occurs within city limits on a site no more than 5 acres surrounded by urban uses, (3) on a site that has no value for endangered, rare, or threatened species, (4) would not result in significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality, and (5) is adequacy served by all required utilities and public services, and may make a determination that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, applies.

**Applicant/** Jason Morrow, RREF III 7th Street LLC  
**Appellant:** Representative: Reuben Duarte, Somos Group, LLC

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The next regular meeting of the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission  
will be held on **Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.**

Ramona Hall Community Center  
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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 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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