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#### **NEWS**

### **Process and Procedures Ordinance at PLUM**



#### From Los Angeles City Planning

On **June 1, 2021**, the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee of the Los Angeles City Council will consider the proposed Processes and Procedures Ordinance, which comprehensively updates the administrative provisions of the Zoning Code and was recommended for approval by the City Planning Commission at their March 25, 2021 meeting. A copy of the proposed Ordinance, as approved by the City Planning Commission, can be found <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jhen2015/jhen2015">here</a> (see page 388 of the PDF for the start of the proposed Chapter 1A).

The PLUM Committee meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. and be conducted via teleconference. The meeting agenda is available <a href="here">here</a> (Item 19), and includes instructions on how to attend virtually. Any public comments submitted prior to the meeting should be directed to the City Clerk's <a href="here">online</a> <a href="public comment portal">public comment portal</a>.

Further information can also be found on the <u>Code Amendments page</u> on City Planning's website. Simply scroll down the page until reaching the section titled "Processes and Procedures Ordinance". Should you have any questions, contact Bonnie Kim at <u>bonnie.kim@lacity.org</u> or 213-978-1330. For media inquiries, please contact <u>planning.media@lacity.org</u>.

Thank you for your continued interest.

# Wildlife Ordinance Online Workshop



#### From Los Angeles City Planning

City Planning recently released the <u>Draft Wildlife Ordinance</u> for public comment along with additional project information on the new Wildlife Pilot Study <u>webpage</u>. The Department would now like to invite you to a live, online workshop to hear additional feedback and clarify questions about the ordinance.

Wildlife Ordinance Online Workshop **Thursday, June 10, 2021**6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

#### **RSVP**

The Wildlife Pilot Study has informed the creation of a draft ordinance to support the City's sustainability goals to conserve and protect important habitats and the connections between them. The effort identifies areas of ecological value for wildlife in the City of Los Angeles and proposes regulations for new development that can be more compatible with the land, water, plants, and animals that make up our city's world class natural environment.

Los Angeles City Planning continues to value your input and participation. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, engagement continues online, expanded resources have been made available online and staff remain available to listen and discuss. You can learn more about the Wildlife Pilot Study Program and <a href="mailto:sign-up">sign-up</a> to get updates from the Wildlife team.. Please send comments or questions to Lena Mik at <a href="mailto:OurLA2040@lacity.org">OurLA2040@lacity.org</a>.

Thank you for your continued engagement with Los Angeles City Planning.

# **Ridgeline Protection Ordinance**



#### From Los Angeles City Planning

In response to an adopted City Council Motion (Council File # 11-1441-S1), Los Angeles City Planning has prepared and released the Ridgeline Protection Ordinance (CPC-2021-3001-CA), which establishes a new Ridgeline Protection Supplemental Use District (SUD) in the Los Angeles Municipal Code. The Ridgeline Protection SUD will contain development regulations to preserve and protect the natural crests of the mountains that surround and bisect the City of Los Angeles.

Application of the proposed Ridgeline Protection Ordinance will occur through a separate Zone Change Ordinance (CPC-2021-3059-ZC), which will apply the SUD to a Pilot Area in Bel Air - Beverly Crest, as well as a portion of Hollywood. City Planning is holding a combined virtual Staff Public Hearing for both the Ridgeline Protection Ordinance, which was released on April 19, 2021, and the related Zone Change Ordinance. Prior to the start of the Public Hearing, staff will provide an overview presentation of the proposed ordinance and its application in a pilot area. Attendees will then have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions to staff prior to the start of the actual Public Hearing, at which point attendees are encouraged to provide comments and testimony for the public record. The hearing notice includes all the details on how to access the public hearing, which is scheduled for June 17, 2021, starting at 1 p.m.

Members of the public may also submit written comments to Patrick Whalen at <a href="Patrick.Whalen@lacity.org">Patrick.Whalen@lacity.org</a>. For questions or comments specific to the Zone Change Ordinance and pilot area application, please contact Susan Wong at <a href="Susan.S.Wong@lacity.org">Susan.S.Wong@lacity.org</a>. To receive future updates on this proposed ordinance, including notification of the City Planning Commission hearing date, please sign up to join the Ridgeline Ordinance interested parties <a href="Iist">Iist</a>.

# **Hastain Trail Now Closed**



From Hillside Agains Hadid

May 27, 2021 @ 1:15 pm

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation Conservancy Authority sued to keep this trail open but lost at the Court of Appeal.

We are saddened to report that as of 1:15 p.m. today, Hadid closed Hastain Trail to begin bulldozing Franklin Canyon Park to make way for five more mega-mansions. Say goodbye to Franklin Canyon Park and Hastain Trail.

We have met several times with representatives of Councilmember Nithya Raman's office to push

a pending extension of the Hillside Construction Regulation ("HCR") through city council. As followers of this drama know, passage of the HCR extension would have hindered any further development inside Franklin Canyon Park and was a critical legislative initiative needed to save it from Hadid.

The legislation was spearheaded last year by former Councilman David Ryu but it has languished since Councilmember Nithya Raman took office. Even though we repeatedly warned her office this was coming, nothing has been done to move the ball forward since November 2020 and we see no excuse for Raman's failure to follow through.

Now is the time to let Councilmember Raman know your feelings. Below are important contacts for her office. You know what to do:

Councilmember Nithya Raman official website: <a href="https://councildistrict4.lacity.org/">https://councildistrict4.lacity.org/</a>
Mashael Majid - CD4 Planning Director responsible for HCR initiative: <a href="mashael.majid@lacity.org">mashael.majid@lacity.org</a>
Najeeba Syeed - Nithya Raman's Chief of Staf: <a href="majeeba.syeed@lacity.org">najeeba.syeed@lacity.org</a>
Meg Healy - CD4 Planning Manager: <a href="majeeba.syeed@lacity.org">meg.healy@lacity.org</a>
Rachel Fox - CD4 Field manager - Franklin Coldwater: <a href="majeeba.syeed@lacity.org">rachel.fox@lacity.org</a>
Nithya Raman - <a href="majeeba.syeed@lacity.org">contactCD4@lacity.org</a>
(213) 473-7004

**Hillsides Against Hadid** 

# The City of LA Wants to Shut You Out of the Planning Process



#### From City Watch

PLANNING HIJACKS-On March 30, the Department of City Planning released a memo signed by the Director of Planning, Vince Bertoni.

The purpose of the memo was to give "guidance" on the way the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan (MSPSP) would be implemented from now on. For many years, projects proposed for the hills below Mulholland Drive needed to be reviewed by the Mulholland Design Review Board. Bertoni has decided to change that. In his memo the Director asserts that the purpose of the MSPSP is to preserve views from Mulholland Drive, so from now on projects that won't be seen from Mulholland will no longer come before the Board.

#### Continue reading the article here

**REMINDER: The Hillside Federation Annual Dues** 



# Payment for the Hillside Federation 2021 Member Dues are now past due. The 2021 dues are \$150.00

Payment can be made online at <u>HillsideFederation.org</u> using the PAY NOW button under Annual Membership Dues or by making a check payable to the Hillside Federation and mailing it to:

Don Andres, HF Treasurer 7470 Franklin Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90046-2242

If you have any questions, please contact Don Andres: 323-333-7445 or treasurer@hillsidefederation.org

#### ABOUT THE HILLSIDE FEDERATION

The Hillside Federation is a public benefit non-profit 501(c)(3) organization *founded in 1952*. Our mission is to protect the property and the quality of life of the residents of the Santa Monica Mountains and other hillside areas of Los Angeles and its environs, and to encourage and promote those policies and programs which will best preserve the natural topography and wildlife of the mountains and hillsides for the benefit of all the people of Los Angeles.

## **Organizations**

Argyle Civic Association
Beachwood Canyon NA
Bel Air Association
Bel Air Hills Association
Bel Air Knolls Property Owners
Bel Air Skycrest POA
Benedict Canyon Association
Brentwood Hills HOA
Brentwood Residents Coalition
Cahuenga Pass POA

Lake Hollywood Homeowners
Laurel Canyon Association
Los Feliz Improvement Association
Mt. Olympus Property Owners
Mt. Washington Homeowners Alliance
Nichols Canyon NA
North Beverly Drive/Franklin Canyon
Oak Forest Canyon Homeowners
Oaks Homeowners
Outpost Estates Homeowners
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn

Canyon Back Alliance
Crests Neighborhood
Dixie Canyon Association
Doheny/Sunset Plaza NA
Franklin Hills Residents Association
Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Assn
Highlands Owners Assn
Hollywood Dell Civic Association
Hollywood Heights Association
Hollywoodland Homeowners
Holmby Hills HOA
Kagel Canyon Civic

Residents of Beverly Glen
Save Coldwater Canyon!
Save Our Canyon
Shadow Hills Property Owners
Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
Silver Lake Heritage Trust
Studio City Residents Association
Sunset Hills Homeowners
Tarzana Property Owners
Torreyson-Flynn Association
Upper Mandeville Canyon Association
Upper Nichols Canyon NA
Whitley Heights Civic Association

# Bring an Issue to the Federation

If your organization would like to bring an issue to the attention of the Federation, please complete a Request for Action form and send it to RFA@hillsidefederation.org along with supporting documents no later than 10 days prior to the meeting. This will help you organize your presentation while providing the necessary information to allow the Federation to consider your organization's request.

#### **SUPPORT US**

We're fighting to protect the Santa Monica Mountains, hillside areas of Los Angeles and its environs and we can't do it without you. In order to do the important work we do, we rely entirely on support from people like you!



#### **Jerry Daniel Memorial Fund**

In honor of his great achievements, the Hillside Federation has established the Jerry Daniel Memorial Fund to



#### **Stop the Hollywood Center Fund**

Organizations or individuals can make a donation to the Federation (designated to Stop the Hollywood Center).
These funds will be used for legal costs to

provide resources to help maintain and improve the Jerry Daniel Overlook on Mulholland Drive above the Hollywood Bowl, as well as resources for other environmentally sensitive efforts in his

memory.

fight the proposed project.

Please support the Hillside Federation's mission and DONATE today!



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