



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**

**PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA  
HYBRID MEETING/IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

City Administration Building, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
202 C Street, San Diego, California 92101

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The Planning Commission meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code section 54953(a), as amended by Assembly Bill 2249.

The Planning Commissioners will be in person, and the meeting will be open for in-person testimony. Additionally, we continue providing alternatives to in-person attendance for participating in Planning Commission meetings.

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Please fill out a speaker slip located at the entrance to the meeting. Indicate the item you wish to speak on as well as other requested information. Then, submit it to the Chairperson at the box indicated near the speaker's lectern at the front of the room.

**Via Virtual Platform for Agenda Items and Non-Agenda Public Comment:**

When the Chairperson introduces the item (or indicates it is time for Non-Agenda Public Comment), raise your hand by either tapping the "Raise Your Hand" button on your computer, tablet, or Smartphone, or by dialing \*9 on your phone. You will be taken in the order in which you raised your hand. You may only speak once on a particular item.

When the Chairperson indicates it is your turn to speak, unmute your phone by tapping the Unmute button on your computer, tablet or Smartphone, or dial \*6 on your phone.

**Please Note:** Members of the public who wish to provide virtual testimony must enter the virtual queue by raising their hand before the queue closes. The queue will close when the last virtual speaker finishes speaking or five minutes after in-person testimony ends, whichever happens first.

***Those participating virtually may NOT cede time to others participating in person or virtually.***

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Submit using the [webform](#) indicating the comment type and item number (if relevant). Comments received by 7:00 AM, the day of the meeting, will be distributed to the Planning Commission and posted online with the meeting materials. All webform comments are limited to 200 words but may include attachments. Comments received after the deadlines described above but before the item is called will be submitted into the written record for the relevant item. Please go to the Planning Commission [website](#) for further instructions.

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Administration Building in a binder labeled "Late-Arriving Materials." Late arriving materials received during the Planning Commission meeting are available for review by making a verbal request to Legislative staff.

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**Items Marked with Asterisks:**

Those items with an asterisk (\*) will include consideration and adoption/approval of the appropriate environmental document. For additional information please see California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Notices and Documents at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/ceqa>).

**Consent Agenda:**

The Commission may vote to approve one or more items identified as part of a Consent Agenda. If an item is approved in that manner, the action approved is as stated in the Staff's recommendation, which is normally set forth in the agenda and the Report to the Planning Commission, which Staff may modify prior to the vote by informing the Commission verbally or in writing.

The Consent Agenda may be voted on quickly; if you wish to be heard, please submit your [webform](#) 2 hours prior to the start of the meeting. Comments received by 7:00 a.m., the day of the meeting, will be distributed to the Planning Commission and posted online with the meeting materials. All webform comments are limited to 200 words but may include attachments. Comments received after the deadlines described above but before the item is called will be submitted into the written record for the relevant item.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Comments relating to items on today's docket are to be taken at the time the item is heard.

Comments may be submitted using the [webform](#) by checking the appropriate box. Comments received by 7:00 a.m., the day of the meeting, will be distributed to the Planning Commission and posted online with the meeting materials. All webform comments are limited to 200 words. Comments received after the start of the meeting but before the non-agenda comment is called will be submitted into the written record for the meeting. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Commission shall take no discussion or action other than a referral on any issue brought forth under Announcements/Public Comment.

**REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED AND/OR WITHDRAWN**

**REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL of the MINUTES**

- [March 7, 2024](#)
- [March 28, 2024](#)

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**COMMISSION COMMENT**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**ITEM 1: 2024 UPDATE TO THE SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE (2024 LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATE) AND LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM**

**Staff:** Liz Saidkhanian  
**City Council District:** Citywide  
**Plan Area:** All

This action proposes the adoption of the 2024 Update to the San Diego Municipal Code (2024 Land Development Code Update) and Local Coastal Program, which consists of two ordinances addressing Citywide regulations and Downtown regulations. The 2024 Land Development Code Update is part of the code monitoring work program created to help simplify the land development regulations, make the code more adaptable, eliminate redundancies, and increase predictability in the application of the land development regulations. The 2024 Land Development Code Update consists of proposed amendments which are separated into five categories: regulatory reforms, compliance with state law, corrections, clarifications, and amendments to align the code with the

City's climate, equity, and housing goals. The topics of the proposed amendments for the Citywide portion generally relate to the following issues: base zone regulations, Community Plan Implementation Overlay Zones, consolidating of processing, homes and housing incentive programs, landscape regulations, monitored perimeter security fence systems, residential care facilities, including behavioral health facilities, rules for calculations and measurements, specific plans, sports arenas and stadiums, tentative maps, visitor accommodations, urgent care facilities, and corresponding amendments to the Central Urbanized, La Jolla Shores, Mission Beach and Old Town Planned Districts. The topics of the proposed amendments for the Downtown portion generally relate to the following issues: permit requirements, rules for calculation and measurements, land use districts, base district use regulations, FAR regulations, development regulations, urban design regulations, parking standards, separately regulated uses, and the Centre City and Gaslamp Quarter Planned Districts.

The City Planning Department has reviewed the 2024 Land Development Code Update and conducted a consistency evaluation pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. Implementation of this project's actions would not result in new significant direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts over and above those disclosed in the following certified environmental documents: Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Land Development Code, Final Program EIR (PEIR) for the General Plan, Addendum to the General Plan PEIR for the Housing Element Update, Final PEIR for Complete Communities: Housing Solutions and Mobility Choices; Final EIR for the Downtown Community Plan, Final Supplemental EIR (SEIR) for the Downtown San Diego Mobility Plan, Final PEIR for the Climate Action Plan and Addenda to the Climate Action Plan PEIR and Notice of Exemption (NOE) for Spaces as Places.

[Report No. PC-24-012](#)

[Attachments 1-7](#)

#### **PROPOSED ACTION**

Process 5. Recommend to the City Council Approval or Denial

#### **DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend to the City Council Approval

### **ITEM 2: GENERAL PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT**

**Staff:** Paola Boylan

**City Council District:** Citywide

**Plan Area:** All

The action considers the adoption of the Environmental Justice Element, which is a new element added to the General Plan with the purpose of setting goals, policies, and implementation measures focused on advancing environmental justice in our City in compliance with Senate Bill 1000. The EJ Element includes the following topics: Inclusive Public Engagement in City Decisions, Pollution Exposure and Air Quality, Active Play, Promoting Healthy Food Access, Safe and Healthy Homes, Climate Change and Resilience, and Public Facilities and Infrastructure Prioritization. The City Planning Department has determined that the addition of an Environmental Justice Element to the General Plan

would not result in new significant impacts over and above those disclosed in the previously certified Final Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and addenda to the EIR for the 2008 General Plan (EIR No. 104495/SCH No. 2006091032) and the Final Program EIR and addenda for the City of San Diego Climate Action Plan (CAP) (EIR No. 416603/SCH No. 2015021053).

[Report No. PC-24-015](#)

[Attachment 1 City Planning Department CEQA Consistency Memo dated 4-10-24](#)

[Attachment 2 Environmental Justice Element](#)

[Attachment 3 Draft EJ Communities](#)

**PROPOSED ACTION**

Process 5. Recommend to the City Council Approval or Denial

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend the City Council approve proposed amendments to the General Plan to adopt the Environmental Justice Element.

**ADJOURNMENT**