

## Executive Office

In the City of Los Angeles, the Director is appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. As the Chief Executive, he oversees the policy agenda and program implementation for the entire Department.



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Welcome to the City Planning Website!

When I first started in February 2016, I spoke about demystifying the planning process and making the Department more readily accessible. In that short time, we've made some great improvements – including, launching a new website suitable for the modern needs of our diverse audiences.

On behalf of the Executive Team, we encourage you to explore the site and learn about some of the incredible initiatives underway. As a Department, we are advancing a long-term vision for the City, one which will inform and properly shape future decisions about planning and development.

Sincerely,



Vincent P. Bertoni, AICP  
Director of Planning

“Key changes are being made to foster a Department that is more closely tied to Los Angeles’ communities, increasingly transparent in how it operates, and innovative in its overall approach to planning for the needs of its citizens.”  
- Vince P. Bertoni, AICP

In addition to the Director, the Executive Team is comprised of an Executive Officer and three Deputy Directors, each of whom are responsible for overseeing a Bureau.

The Executive Officer manages the affairs of the Department across the various Bureaus, providing direct support to the Director and Deputy Directors. Together, they work in unison to advance their shared goals for the Department.

## Executive Officer



**Kevin J. Keller, AICP**  
Executive Officer

## Deputy Directors



Policy Planning Bureau  
**VACANT**  
**Deputy Director of Planning**



Project Planning Bureau  
Lisa M. Webber, AICP  
Deputy Director of Planning



Resource Management Bureau  
**VACANT**  
**Deputy Director of Planning**

## The Policy Planning Bureau

The Policy Planning Bureau develops citywide policies. Through a community-driven process, staff formulates policies and goals for the City as set by the Mayor and City Council.

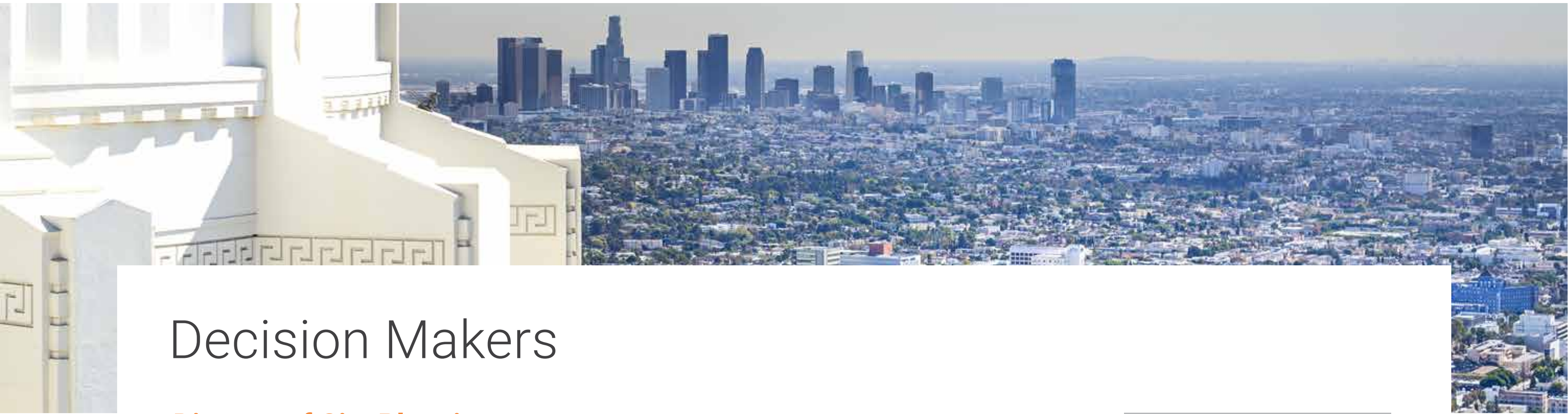
## Project Planning Bureau

The Project Planning Bureau enforces those policies through the approval process for development projects. Working alongside the Policy Planning Bureau, staff reviews projects to verify that they meet certain findings and support the overarching policies and goals of the City.

## Resource Management Bureau

The Resource Management Bureau provides the technical, administrative, financial and performance management services that are critical to the success and functioning of the entire department.





# Decision Makers

## Director of City Planning

The Los Angeles Charter defines the organization and functions of the City and provides specific powers and authorities to the Director of City Planning. Land use decisions in the City are not reserved exclusively to elected officials or the Director. Listed below are each of those actors, along with a brief description of their responsibilities.

## Zoning Administrators

Zoning Administrators perform quasi-judicial functions pertaining to the administration and enforcement of the City's Zoning Code. They investigate, conduct hearings and make determinations on a variety of land use considerations based on the project application.

## Commissioners

The City of Los Angeles has citizen commissions that weigh in on land use considerations. They are residents of the City who independently review development projects and policy proposals. They are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

### City Planning Commission

The City Planning Commission typically hears the more complex development projects citywide. These Commissioners are responsible for providing guidance on land use ordinances, in addition to approving Community Plan updates and development agreements prior to Council action.

### Area Planning Commission

There are also seven Area Planning Commissions: North Valley, South Valley, West Los Angeles, Central, East Los Angeles, South Los Angeles and Harbor. These Commissioners consider a number of discretionary actions within their assigned geographic areas, ranging from certain smaller-scale projects to appeals.

### Cultural Heritage Commission

The Cultural Heritage Commission considers cases involving the designation and protection of local landmarks as part of the City's Historic Preservation Overlay Zone program.



Learn More About the Planning Commissioners

## Deputy Advisory Agencies

The City has Deputy Advisory Agencies that review and act on cases involving the selling of lots or buildings on any parcel of land – typically for the construction of rental units or condominiums. These hearings are chaired by a representative from the City Planning Department, working under the advisement of other City Departments and Agencies.

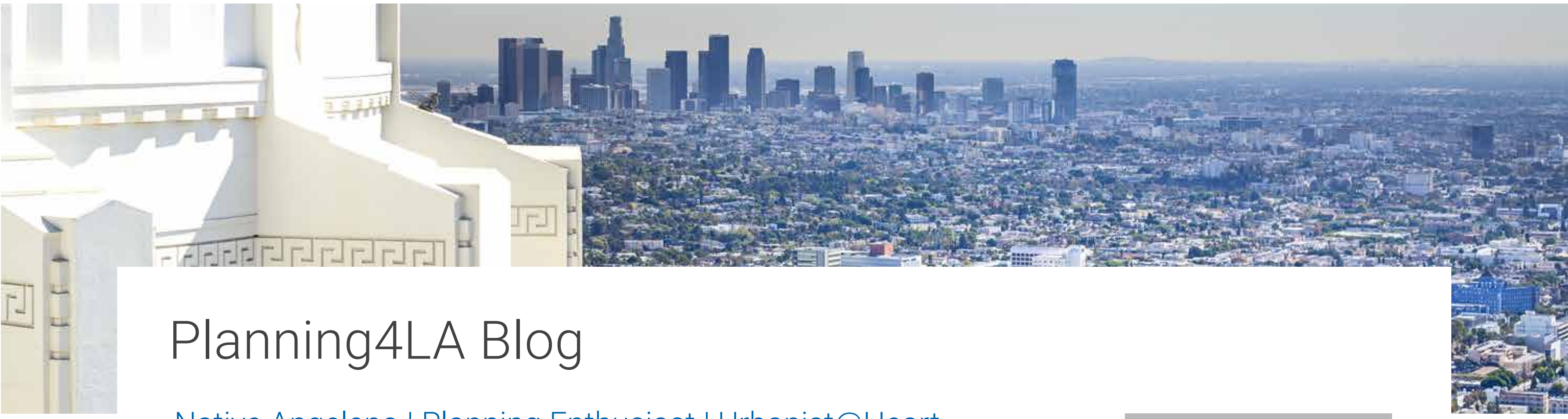
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# Planning4LA Blog

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In this fast-paced, digital-driven era, the Department recognizes the value in providing the community with up-to-date news and information about planning. Follow the Department on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) @Planning4LA to keep up with the latest in planning news.

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## The New Zoning Code Debuts in the Boyle Heights Community Plan

Director of Planning Vince Bertoni on Housing LA's Future Economy panel at the LABC Summit on Housing, Transportation & Jobs. [Read More...](#)



## 6 New Projects that will Create Close to 150 New Housing Units

In October, our Housing Services Unit completed Case Condition Clearance approval process for 6 projects. Combined, they will create close to 150 new housing units...



## Los Angeles Mixed Use Development

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## City Council Adopts San Pedro Community Plan

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# Department of City Planning

We create and implement plans, policies and programs that realize a vision of Los Angeles as a collection of healthy and sustainable neighborhoods, each with a distinct sense of place, based on a foundation of mobility, economic vitality and improved quality of life for all residents.

## MAP

How our City will Look in the Future

## PLAN

How People will Interact with their Built Environment

## PRESERVE

The Defining Characteristics of Our City

## PROMOTE

The Future Form and Shape of Development of Our City



## About Us

The City Planning Department reviews most project applications, processing entitlements and approvals to ensure that future decisions about development are aligned with the City’s land use policies and ordinances. The Department is also responsible for administering the Zoning Code, promoting urban design principles and managing the City’s historic resources. From overseeing the long range planning efforts to managing the environmental review of projects, the decisions of the Department have a lasting impact on the physical framework of our City.

## Who We Are

We are 350+ employees strong. Together, we are the faces of your City Planning Department. Covering 470 square miles and representing four million residents, we shape and support the future development of our City and its neighborhoods through land use policies.

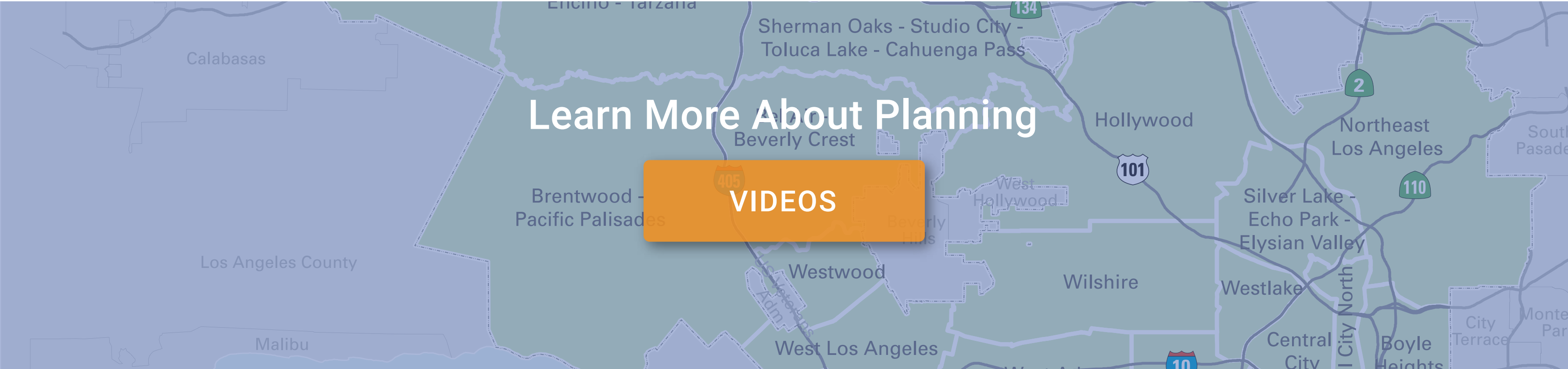
## What We Do

We implement the overarching vision that guides the physical development of our City. By reflecting the collective aspirations of our communities, we enhance and preserve our built environment through long-range planning.

## Our Mandate

We balance the diverse needs that are reflective of our geographically and culturally diverse City. We do so in order to build consensus and set a clear citywide vision.

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# Staff Directory

Nearly 450 employees strong, the City of Los Angeles is the largest Planning Department in the nation. Search below by name or assignment to find the staff member who can further assist you.

## Search Our Directories

Enter: Department, Employee Name, or Assignment

## Helpful Numbers

Executive Office	(213) 978-1271
Development Services Center (Metro)	(213) 482-7077
Development Services Center (Valley)	(818) 374-5050
Development Services Center (West LA)	(310) 231-2901
Automated Records	(213) 978-1259

## Department Directory

- Administrative Services
- Automated Records
- Citywide Planning
- Code Studies
- Commission Office
- Community Planning Division
- Condition Compliance Unit
- Demographics
- Document Imaging
- Executive Office
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- External Affairs
- Historic Resources
- Information Technologies
- Major Projects
- Performance Management Unit
- Project Planning
- Public Counters
- Urban Design Studio
- Zoning Administrators

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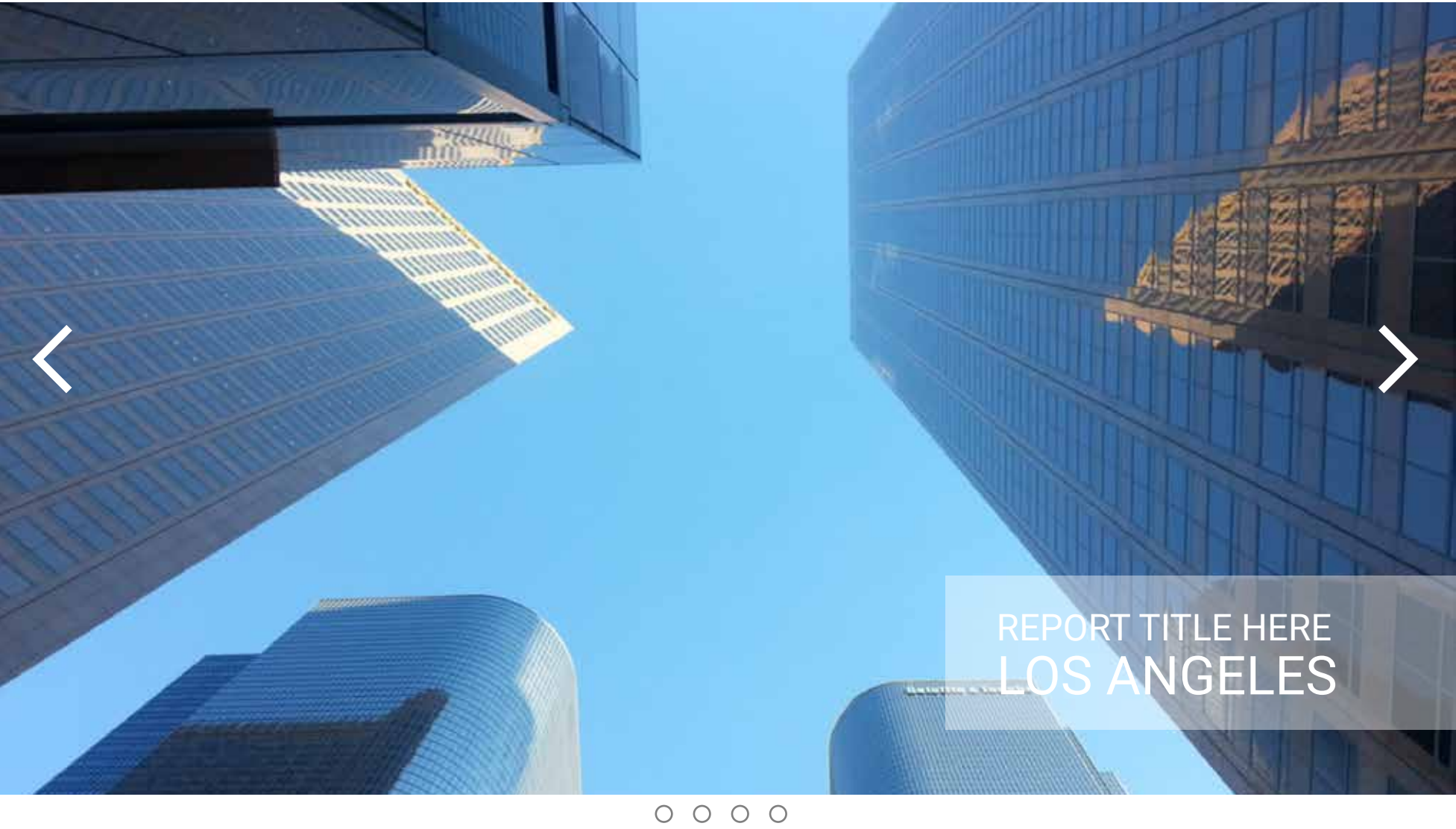
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# Publications


The Department issues publications to keep stakeholders updated on important milestones and further engage community members on neighborhood specific issues and policies.



Planning Quarterly  
Newsletter

Planning  
Annual Report

Historic Resources  
Newsletter

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Each year, the Department issues an Annual Report to celebrate its accomplishments and detail the major milestones in planning at the city level.



2016 Annual Report



2017 Annual Report

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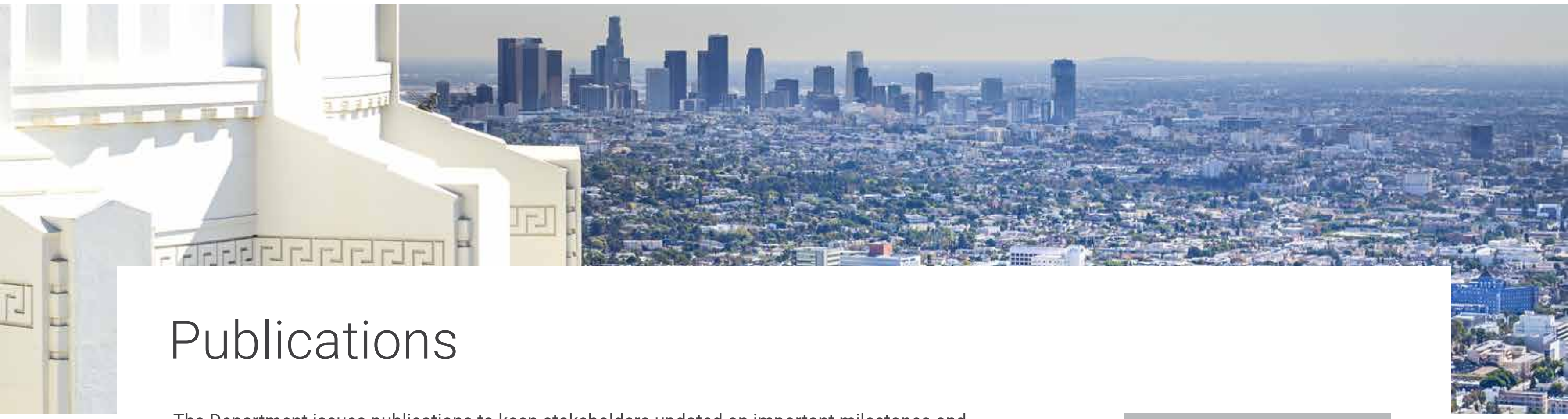
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[Planning Quarterly Newsletter](#)

[Planning Annual Report](#)

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The Department prepares a Quarterly Newsletter for neighborhood and community groups. Designed to provide a comprehensive overview across various divisions, it is the Department’s primary publication for current news and information.



2017 Fall Newsletter



2017 Summer Newsletter



2017 Spring Newsletter



2016 Winter Newsletter

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# Commissions

In addition to the legislative oversight of the Mayor and City Council, the City of Los Angeles has citizen commissions that inform land use decisions. These commissions serve as a crucial bridge between the City and the residents of Los Angeles. There are three groups of Commissions that are responsible for hearing planning related matters: City Planning Commission, Cultural Heritage Commission and Area Planning Commissions.

Commission Meetings Schedule

Area Planning Commissioners

City Planning Commissioners

Cultural Heritage Commissioners



David Ambroz

President



Commission President Ambroz is a UCLA School of Law graduate, was formerly homeless, and is currently the Executive Director of Corporate Social Responsibility & Internal Communications at Disney | ABC Television Group (DTAG). He has been a member of the City Planning Commission since 2013.

Procedures, Policies, & Notices



Renee Dake Wilson

Vice-President



Commissioner Dake Wilson is an architect and leader creating homes, institutional buildings and communities throughout Southern California neighborhoods, where she has practiced since 1998. As a LEED-accredited professional, she is committed to the seamless incorporation of environmentally-responsible design and construction techniques in every project. Ms. Dake Wilson is an active member of numerous professional and civic organizations focusing on equality and the environment. She is a frequent guest critic at LA's colleges and universities. Ms. Dake Wilson received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Cornell University, and is a licensed architect in California and Colorado.

Procedures, Policies, & Notices



Veronica Padilla

Member



Commissioner Padilla-Campos is the Executive Director of Pacoima Beautiful and is responsible for fundraising and the overall operations of the organization. She served as the President of the Pacoima Neighborhood Council and as a Commissioner in the North Valley Area Planning Commission. Currently, she also serves as a Board Member for the Pacoima Federal Credit Union. She received her Master Degree in Urban Planning from UCLA. She has been a member of the City Planning Commission since 2015.

Procedures, Policies, & Notices



Dana M. Perlman

Member



Commissioner Perlman is a native Angeleno who attended both UCLA and USC. Mr. Perlman has his own law firm and specializes in business and real estate litigation and transactions. He was appointed to the Commission in 2012 by then-Mayor Villaraigosa and reappointed by Mayor Garcetti in 2017. Mr. Perlman was also appointed to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council by President Obama and is a member of the Emeritus Council of the Human Rights Campaign. Previously, Mr. Perlman served as a member of the Los Angeles Board of Transportation Commissioners.

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# Community Calendar

In addition to Commission meetings, the Department holds public hearings for cases before the Zoning Administrator and Deputy Advisory Agencies. The Department also facilitates community events for projects and policies to afford neighborhoods with the opportunity to provide feedback prior to legislative action.

- Community Events
- Zoning Administrator Hearing
- Deputy Advisory Agency Hearings
- City Planning Commissions
- Cultural Heritage Commission
- Area Planning Commissions


December 2017

By Month

By Week

Today

< November		December 2017					January >	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
26	27	28	29	30	1	2		
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10	11	12 <div>09:00am Lorem Ipsum Title of Event...</div>	13 <div>05:30pm Hearing: Zoning Administration- Central ...</div>	14	15 <div>05:00pm Hearing: Zoning Administration- West Los Angeles ...</div>	16		
17	18 <div>09:00am Hearing: Zoning Administration- North Valley ...</div>	19	20	21 <div>09:00am Lorem Ipsum Title of Event...</div>	22	23		
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