LAND USE, CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING COUNCIL
May 22, 2019 | 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

1. Welcome

2. Los Angeles City Planning Updates
   - Deputy Director of Citywide Planning Bureau, Arthi Varma
   - Los Angeles City Planning Deputy Director of the Resources Management Bureau, Tricia Keane

3. Legislative Updates and Access Sacramento Recap

4. Open Topic
   - Recap of April 2019 Working Session call

5. Announcements

Next Land Use, Construction, and Housing Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 24, 2019 | 9AM
Contact Olivia Lee at olee@lachamber.com for more information
Arthi Varma
Deputy Director, Citywide Planning Bureau
City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning

Arthi Varma, AICP, is the Deputy Director for the Citywide Planning Bureau with the Los Angeles Department of City Planning. In this role, Arthi oversees citywide planning that includes Code Studies, the Office of Historic Resources, and portions of major projects of citywide significance.

With a keen interest in shaping the built environment from the lens of equity and complete communities, Arthi began her professional career in the non-profit sector, focused on affordable housing and community economic development issues in low-income communities and communities of color. She has spent the last 14 years in the public sector, at both the City of Pasadena and the City of Los Angeles. Arthi’s work experience includes long-range planning policies, various housing initiatives, and sustainability efforts. She also has worked on several master plans for a number of institutional uses across the region with a focus on transit-oriented development.

A planning professional for nearly 18 years, Arthi holds a master’s degree in Urban Planning from the University of California, Los Angeles and an undergraduate degree in Earth Systems from Stanford University.

Tricia Keane
Deputy Director, Resources Management Bureau
City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning

Tricia Keane is Deputy Director of the Los Angeles City Planning Department overseeing the Resource Management Bureau. In that role, Tricia oversees a variety of Department functions ranging from External Affairs, Communications, and the Department’s Performance Management Unit, to Planning’s Information Technology team. She manages the strategic allocation of resources as well as oversees the nuts and bolts that keep things running from personnel and administration to the Department’s budget and facilities.

Tricia graduated from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, with a double major in English and German and a minor in Political Science. She graduated Order of the Coif from UCLA School of Law in 2001 and was Editor-in-Chief of the UCLA Law Review (Vol. 48). Prior to joining the Planning Department, she was Deputy Chief of Staff for Councilmember Mike Bonin, guiding the office’s policy teams on matters ranging from planning and land use to housing, homelessness, and transportation. Before that, she was Senior Deputy County Counsel for LA County where she advised the Regional Planning Department, Regional Planning Commission, and Board of Supervisors on wide-ranging land use and planning matters, including advising the Commission and Board at public hearings. Before joining the County Counsel’s office in 2007, Tricia clerked for Judge James Gwin, in the U.S. District Court, and then spent several years in private practice at the law firm of Latham & Watkins LLP, advising clients regarding environmental and land use regulations related to private and institutional development projects.
Sacramento Legislative Update

SB 50 (Wiener) – More HOMES Act of 2019: Housing, Opportunity, Mobility, Equity, and Stability
This bill waves apartment bans near high-quality transit and in job-rich areas to ensure the benefits of public investments in transportation are broadly accessible to Californians of all incomes. This bill also has specific requirements to provide low-income housing in new development to ensure that market-rate construction is coupled with affordable units. – Held in Appropriations (ASAC 2019)

SCA 1 (Allen, Wiener) – This bill would eliminate Article 34 of the State Constitution, which requires a citywide public vote before new low-income housing are built. – Hearing set for June 4 (ASAC 2019)

AB 10 (Chiu, Bonta, Maienschein, Reyes, and Wicks) – This bill increases state allocation of low-income housing tax credits by $500 million. – Read second time, ordered to third reading

AB 11 (Chiu, Aguiar-Curry, Bloom, Bonta, Daly, Eduardo Garcia, Gloria, Holden, Irwin, Mullin, Santiago, Ting, and Wicks): Community Redevelopment Law of 2019 – This bill would bring back redevelopment. – In Appropriations, will become 2-year bill (ASAC 2019)

AB 1482 (Chiu) – This bill, also known as the anti-rent gouging bill, would prohibit landowners from increasing the rent by more than 8-10%, with adjustments to inflation. – In Senate

SB 4 (Beall) – Enabling Inclusive Workforce Affordable Housing – This bill looks to create more workforce affordable housing through streamlined ministerial review to eligible projects within ½ mile of fixed rail or ferry terminals and would only apply to jurisdictions that have produced fewer housing units than jobs over the past 10 years and are not meeting their regional housing needs goals. – Withdrawn by author, following SB 50 negotiations

SB 5 (Beall) – This bill looks to appropriate up to $2 billion annually for more housing focused redevelopment – Passed from Appropriations

SB 6 (Beall) – This is a streamlining intent bill to tackle housing crisis by enacting state-wide policy changes that would help encourage housing production, including streamlining approval processes, identifying sufficient and adequate sites for housing construction, and penalizing local decision-making and planning that restricts housing production. – In Assembly, held at desk

SB 13 (Wieckowski) – This bill would authorize the creation of accessory dwelling units in areas zoned to allow single-family or multiple family dwelling use. It would also revise the requirements for an ADU by providing that the ADU may be attached to, or located within, an attached garage or other structure. – Read second time, ordered to third reading (ASAC 2019)

SB 568 (Portantino) – This bill addresses homelessness among college students by establishing housing resources within the Community College, CSU Chancellors’ Offices, and UC Office of the President by maximizing the financial aid received by homeless students and funding allocation from the legislature to the three public higher education systems. – Read second time, ordered to third reading
May 20, 2019

The Honorable Toni Atkins  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
California State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814  

Re: Requesting that SB 50 (Wiener) be brought to a vote in 2019  

Dear President Pro Tempore Atkins,

Our forty organizations have been working on housing solutions for all Californians with Senator Wiener and his colleagues for the past twelve months, uniting around the simple but radical idea that all Californians deserve a safe and affordable place to live. **Senate Bill 50 is the culmination of our dedicated efforts to tackle California’s housing supply, affordability, and climate crisis with the urgency and boldness it deserves.** We are proud of the progress that we have made to craft a strong policy, the coalition we have built across traditional differences, and the support we have earned from dozens of legislators -- many of them co-authors. The people of California deserve immediate action to solve this historic crisis, and we are up for the challenge.
The decision last Thursday by the Appropriations Committee to hold SB 50 and turn it into a two-year bill was surprising and disappointing. We have been, and remain, prepared to support a housing package for 2019, and we are committed to the hard, critical work of passing SB 50 and a package of complementary bills before this year’s fall recess.

We understand that if this decision stands, SB 50 will come up for a vote next January. In the meantime, we fear that momentum for a comprehensive housing package will be put in jeopardy. California will see more working families move away, more businesses relocate or expand out of state, and more schoolchildren fall into homelessness.

Our request is that this decision from Appropriations be revisited by Senate leadership. We would like for SB 50 to be voted on by the full Senate before the May House of Origin deadline next week.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your strong leadership on housing affordability in California.

Sincerely,

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Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California  

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President & CEO  
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