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LAND USE, CONSTRUCTION, AND HOUSING COUNCIL AUGUST 24, 2016

1. WELCOME & SELF-INTRODUCTIONS:

2. PRESENTATIONS:

- **Planning for the Future of Los Angeles**

Lisa Webber, Deputy Director, Los Angeles Department of City Planning

Kevin Keller, Deputy Director, Los Angeles Department of City Planning

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, Los Angeles Department of City Planning

Craig Weber, Principal City Planner, Los Angeles Department of City Planning

The City of Los Angeles' Department of City Planning has a new Director at the helm, with many new initiatives in store for those involved in development. The initiatives include ideas to tackle efficiency and density. How will those new ideas work? Will they satisfy the criticism of residents, developers or NIMBYs?

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Neighborhood Integrity Initiative
- Build Better LA Initiative
- Local CEQA Reform Working Group
- Quimby Fee Reform
- Sign Ordinance

Upcoming Chamber Events:

- ACCESS City Hall: TBD

Next Land Use, Construction, & Housing Policy Council: September 28, 2016



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Lisa M. Webber
Deputy Director of Planning
Department of City Planning, City of Los Angeles

Lisa Webber serves as the Deputy Director of Planning for the City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning and oversees all operations of the Project Planning Bureau. This includes the functions of the Development Services Center, Expedited Case Processing, Major Projects, the Office of Zoning Administration, the Urban Design Studio and three geographic project planning divisions for the Valley, Central Los Angeles and Coastal-West-South Los Angeles areas.

Prior to joining the City of Los Angeles, Ms. Webber held various planning positions with the Santa Clarita Community Development Department, serving as the planning manager from 2005-2012. In her role as planning manager, Ms. Webber directed all current and advance planning processes and projects for Santa Clarita, coordinating closely with the City Council, Planning Commission and City Manager's Office to ensure the City's planning goals were achieved.

Prior to joining the City of Santa Clarita, Ms. Webber served as a planner with Parsons HBA in Pasadena and Planning Resources in Wheaton, Illinois working on rail transportation projects and the preparation of environmental documents.

A Los Angeles native, Ms. Webber received her undergraduate degree from Loyola Marymount University, earned a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.



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Kevin J. Keller
Deputy Director of Planning
Department of City Planning, City of Los Angeles

As Deputy Director, Kevin manages all long range planning activity for the City of Los Angeles and oversees the work of the Citywide, Community Planning, and Code Studies divisions. Kevin also provides executive oversight of the Department's urban design and historic preservation offices.

Previously, Kevin served as Director of Planning and Housing Policy for Mayor Eric Garcetti, and was chief advisor to the Mayor on land use, development matters, and housing programs. Prior to that he worked for many years in the Department of City Planning managing the Central Los Angeles, Hollywood, Westside and San Fernando Valley regions.

Kevin joined the City of Los Angeles in 1999, after receiving his master's degree in urban planning from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design and his undergraduate degree in environmental studies from UCLA.



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Ken Bernstein
Principal City Planner
Department of City Planning, City of Los Angeles

Ken Bernstein is Principal City Planner for the Policy Planning and Historic Resources Division of the Los Angeles Department of City Planning. In this capacity, he serves as Manager of the City's Office of Historic Resources, where he directs Los Angeles' historic preservation policies. He serves as lead staff member for the City's Cultural Heritage Commission, oversees SurveyLA, a multi-year citywide survey of historic resources with significant support from the J. Paul Getty Trust, and is working to create a comprehensive historic preservation program for Los Angeles. He also oversees the department's long-range citywide policy planning initiatives, including the department's work on its General Plan Elements, housing policy, and transportation planning.

He previously served for eight years as Director of Preservation Issues for the Los Angeles Conservancy, the largest local non-profit historic preservation organization in the country, where he directed the Conservancy's public policy and advocacy activities. He served as Planning and Transportation Deputy to Los Angeles City Councilmember Laura Chick from 1993 to 1998 and worked for three years as Editor of The Planning Report, a monthly publication on urban planning, housing, and transportation issues in Southern California.

Ken has been an adjunct professor in the Urban Studies and Planning Department of California State University, Northridge (CSUN), teaching a course on urban planning, redevelopment and economic development for the public sector. He currently serves as a Senior Fellow for UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs. He has also been an appointee to numerous boards and commissions, including the Valley Economic Alliance, the City of Los Angeles' Public Participation Task Force on Economic Development, and the City's Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee.

He has a Master's Degree in Public Affairs and Urban and Regional Planning from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and a B.A. in Political Science from Yale University.



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CRAIG WEBER

Principal City Planner

Department of City Planning, City of Los Angeles

Craig Weber is a Principal City Planner in the City of Los Angeles' Department of City Planning. He oversees the work of the Community Planning Bureau, which includes updating all of the City's 35 Community Plans, as well as numerous other neighborhood planning programs across the City. In addition to his work on Community Plans, Craig has worked in various facets of the Department, overseeing build-out of the City's now thriving Sports and Entertainment district, Downtown, and development of the Department's award-winning Preservation Plan program for its many local historic districts. Craig is a fourth-generation Angeleno, and spends his free time restoring a 110-year-old Craftsman bungalow, and is an amateur competitive crossfit athlete.