“Partnering to Improve Development Services in Los Angeles”

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Building the Local Economy: Improving Development Services

Building Permit Valuation (Fiscal Year Cumulative)-explore the data-

5,300,000,000 dollars

Current as of Jun 2014
New development represents **reinvestment** into our communities, creating **jobs** and promoting **economic growth**.

New development creates new jobs -- including good middle class jobs in construction -- while spurring broader economic growth. For decades, building in Los Angeles has been characterized by overly complicated permitting processes and regulations, providing a disincentive to reinvestment. To improve the development permitting process in Los Angeles, multiple departments including Building and Safety, City Planning, and the Bureau of Engineering, are working together to streamline operations and regulations.

**Building Permit Valuation % Change over Same Quarter Last Year - LADBS**

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**Permit Map**

This map displays building and safety permit applications since the start of FY 2013-14. Click on a circle or zoom in on the map for detailed information on specific building permits.
City Planning Case Completion:

This metric represents the total number of City Planning cases completed (letter of determination issued) in a given year and the total number of cases filed that year. Note that in number of cases completed can exceed the number of cases filed (as in 2011) because cases filed in the previous year can carry over.

City Planning Case Completion - DCP
20-Year Los Angeles Development Trend

Permits Issued: 133,575 Permits

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**CONSTRUCTION VALUATION**

Value: $5.3 Billion

Fiscal Year:
- 1994-95: 2.8
- 1995-96: 1.9
- 1996-97: 2.1
- 1997-98: 2.3
- 1998-99: 2.4
- 1999-00: 3.0
- 2000-01: 3.1
- 2001-02: 3.4
- 2002-03: 4.1
- 2003-04: 5.0
- 2004-05: 5.3
- 2005-06: 4.4
- 2006-07: 2.5
- 2007-08: 3.0
- 2008-09: 3.3
- 2009-10: 3.4
- 2010-11: 3.8
- 2011-12: 5.3
- 2012-13: 40% Increase from last year
- 2013-14: 5.3

**HOUSING UNITS PERMITTED**

Total: 11,035 Units

Fiscal Year:
- 1994-95: 2,990
- 1995-96: 2,642
- 1996-97: 2,743
- 1997-98: 4,067
- 1998-99: 3,576
- 1999-00: 5,873
- 2000-01: 8,383
- 2001-02: 9,911
- 2002-03: 10,534
- 2003-04: 12,611
- 2004-05: 15,168
- 2005-06: 14,291
- 2006-07: 9,782
- 2007-08: 7,948
- 2008-09: 7,923
- 2009-10: 11,035
- 2010-11: 40% Increase from last year
- 2011-12: 11,035
- 2012-13: 11,035
Major Initiatives

- Development Reform
- Dashboard – “Compstat”
- Business Tax
- Minimum Wage
Development Reform

- Mayor supports targeted consolidation, not collision of departments.
- Council supports, on same page.
- Implementation Emphasis – June, Aug, Nov
  - Centralizing Code Enforcement in DBS
  - Centralizing Zoning Review in DCP
  - Geographic Teams
  - Expanded Development Services Centers with Co-located Development Services Departments
Development Reform Accomplishments

• Fire / DBS agreements
• BOE / DBS agreements
• DCP / DBS agreements
• Online permit records – Fall 2014
• Online solar permitting – Sept 2014
• Saturday Inspections – July 2014
• Parallel Design Permitting Expansions Spring 2015
• West LA Development Services Center Spring 2015
Development Reform Accomplishments

• “Managed Hiring Clearance” for DCP and DBS
• City Planning hiring – Fall/Winter 2014/15
• DBS code enforcement positions
• Expanded urban design and neighborhood character resources (aka mansionization)
• Expanded expedited processing resources
• Expanded EIR and major project resources
• Department Culture and Responsiveness
- Unified Development Web Portal
- RFP released, reviewed, results
- Department Requirements — DBS, DCP, Fire, BOE, DOT
- Integrated Department Platforms
- Transparent Processing
Major Initiatives

• Seismic Resiliency
  – UC research on concrete buildings
  – “Soft Story” apartments
  – Infrastructure and Preparedness
Major Initiatives

• Great Streets
  – Streetscapes
  – Economic Investments
  – Pedestrian Improvements
  – “Complete Streets”
Major Initiatives

- Business Tax, Minimum Wage
- Equity & Affordability
- Transit Neighborhood Plans
- CEQA litigation and CEQA reform
- General Plan – Community Plans, Housing Element, Health Element, Mobility Element
Targeted Improvements

- Entitlement processing cycle times
- Inspection Case Management
- Geographic Planning Teams
- Online cashiering
- E-Plan Submittal
- Responsive, Professional, and Timely
“We work to attract your investment.”

Thank you!

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