



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

“Your Community Voice”

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Re: San Pedro Community Plan

Dear Representatives:

On June 13, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council (NWSPNC) passed a motion to approve sending this letter related to the San Pedro Community Plan:

SUMMARY:

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council (NWSPNC) supports the Los Angeles Planning Department's proposal to comprehensively revise the Zoning Code via ReCode L.A. San Pedro has a Community Plan Update that has not yet been adopted. It is our recommendation that this plan therefore not be adopted until it can incorporate the structure and simplified zoning standards set by ReCode L.A.

BACKGROUND:

The current zoning code is antiquated, convoluted, and difficult to use. The department's proposal envisions a streamlined code that will be far more accessible to the general public, with zoning options that better address local community concerns. This is especially important for San Pedro because we are in the midst of a renovation and rejuvenation of our community with major projects like The San Pedro Public Market, AltaSea, Highpark and a number of residential projects in our downtown business district. San Pedro is a large community with more than 80,000 homeowners and residents, both flatland and hillside areas, and diverse residential and commercial zoning. The NWSPNC is hoping that the revised code standards will help communities more effectively enforce local plans as well as clarify development understanding that ReCode L.A. will be applied when Community Plans are updated.

CHALLENGES:

The NWSPNC understands that by not adopting the Community Plan Update until it can be rolled out within ReCode L.A. we are delaying its implementation significantly, but we feel this allows San Pedro to implement more effective zoning standards in a much shorter overall period of time.

RECOMMENDATION:

We support the proposal to conduct a project that will revise the zoning code, and are not supporting any specific zoning code changes. The actual changes will be developed and implemented with public involvement, and the proposal provides only glimpses into a

preliminary zoning code concept that will be studied as part of the project. We are pleased that the project includes significant public outreach and encourage the City Council to ensure that broad outreach remains a key aspect of the project.

Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council therefore requests that the Planning Department revisit the San Pedro Community Update Plan within the confines and standards of ReCode L.A. and look forward to working with you in this important process.

Sincerely,



Ray Regalado, President

