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Summary: The Los Angeles City Council must take action to debate, amend if needed, and adopt the completed Community Plan Updates for Hollywood and Downtown Los Angeles (including the updated Zoning Code) in order to allow Planning staff to begin the Northeast Community Plan update process. These plans have been substantially complete since the beginning of the pandemic and the ongoing lack of action is depriving our community members the opportunity for our own Community Plan update.

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TAKE ACTION ON PENDING DTLA 2040 AND HOLLYWOOD
COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATES**

March 8, 2023

Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Los Angeles City Council PLUM Committee Chair
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council Councilmember Harris-Dawson

We declare that on March 7, 2023, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) at which a quorum was present. The following motion passed unanimously:

The Los Angeles City Council must take action to debate, amend if needed, and adopt the completed Community Plan Updates for Hollywood and Downtown Los Angeles (including the updated Zoning Code) in order to allow Planning staff to begin the Northeast Community Plan update process. These plans have been substantially complete since the beginning of the pandemic and the ongoing lack of action is depriving our community members the opportunity for our own Community Plan update.

By also failing to adopt these CPUs, the Council is keeping in place the current development framework which is broken and overtly political, and which has directly led to corruption. Eagle Rock has suffered the fallout from these corrupt practices, so it is particularly important to us that the Council makes concrete changes to ensure that dishonest transactions are not continuing to be enabled.

In 2017, Council committed ([CF 16-0422](#)) to accelerating Community Plan updates and to target a 6-year renewal cycle. Per the Planning Department's [October 29, 2018 report to Council](#), that timeline was predicated on batching together plans and tying staff availability for future updates to the timely completion and adoption of the plans in process at that time—namely Hollywood, Downtown, and Boyle Heights. Notwithstanding the Covid-19 pandemic, this process has lagged well behind the target timeline in no small part due to Council's inaction. There are very likely substantive amendments that may be needed to each of these plans and we leave the specifics of those to the directly affected NCs in those areas; among others, DLANC has already [gone on record with specific suggestions](#) for how the DTLA 2040 plan should be amended and we raise up their voices as affected stakeholders.

The Northeast LA Community Plan was last updated 24 years ago and (like the rest of LA), our neighborhood is significantly different now than it was in the '90s when the last update was done. Other actions Council and the voters have taken in the intervening years (such as the Mobility Plan update, Housing Element update, TOC program, and Measure JJJ) have left large parts of the Community Plan and its subsidiary Specific Plans at odds with the city and state's overall policies and efforts to make a more livable city and to mitigate climate change. It is long past time for this process to begin and for Council to keep its promise for reliable, regular updates.

Please place this letter in the case file, and acknowledge its receipt via email to: executive@ernc.la. Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Loew", enclosed within a hand-drawn oval shape.

Richard Loew
President, Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council

cc: Office of Council President Paul Krekorian
Office of Councilmember Kevin De Leon
Office of Councilmember Nithya Ramen
Office of Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez
Office of Mayor Karen Bass
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