

EXEMPTION, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed amendments to the Los Angeles Building and Safety Code, regarding single-exit and single-stairway for multifamily residential buildings up to six stories.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT the Department of Building and Safety (DBS) and Los Angeles Fire Department, in consultation with the City Attorney and the Department of City Planning (DCP) to prepare and present a draft ordinance, including the necessary findings based on local climatic, topographical, and geological conditions, to amend the applicable provisions of the Los Angeles Building Codes and Fire Codes in order to permit the use of a single exit in residential apartment buildings up to six stories in height using the City of Seattle's policies as a model.
2. INSTRUCT the DCP to explore any recommended Zoning Code amendments that would support potential single-stair building code updates.
3. RECEIVE and FILE the DBS reports dated June 25, 2025.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by DBS or DCP. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:  
Mid City West Neighborhood Council  
West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council  
Los Feliz Neighborhood Council  
Reseda Neighborhood Council  
North Westwood Neighborhood Council

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on August 12, 2025, the PLUM Committee considered reports from DBS and DCP relative to proposed amendments to the Los Angeles Building and Safety Code, regarding single-exit and single-stairway for multifamily residential buildings up to six stories. DBS staff provided an overview of the matter. Councilmembers Raman, Blummenfield, Lee and Nazarian provided comments on the matter. A representative from LAFD provided comments. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the recommendations contained in the DBS report dated August 7, 2025 and the DCP report dated July 23, 2025, as listed above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



MEMBER

BLUMENFIELD:  
HUTT:

VOTE

YES  
ABSENT

NAZARIAN: NO  
LEE: YES  
RAMAN: YES

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