

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE and ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEES' REPORTS relative to the Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and other City departmental development-related procedures to identify improvements that would support the City's housing goals while maintaining reliability, safety, and sustainability.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Raman - Blumenfield):

INSTRUCT the DWP, with assistance from relevant departments, to report back within 60 days on:

- a. Existing approval, permitting, plan check, and inspection processes administered by DWP for new developments.
- b. Average and range of processing timelines, staffing levels, and coordination protocols for housing and small business utility work.
- c. The DWP's use of technology in development processes, including digital submittals and application tracking, and ways to use these tools for greater transparency and accountability for developers and other City partners.
- d. Identification of other jurisdictions whose process efficiency and urban design standards - particularly as it relates to transformer staging, location, and overhead power lines are considered exemplary in the power industry, and ways to incorporate these standards into DWP's work.
- e. Opportunities to streamline LADWP's development-related processes to reduce delays and improve efficiency, including potentially expanding Project Powerhouse to all housing developments.
- f. Strategies to improve interdepartmental coordination, timeline transparency, and communication with applicants.
- g. A mapping analysis of DWP power capacity throughout the city overlaid with the areas of the city planned for the greatest density increases, and recommendations to fund infrastructure improvements in areas where there are power deficiencies relative to future potential growth.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For: Los Feliz Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On August 26, 2025, the PLUM Committee considered a Motion (Raman - Blumenfield) relative to a review of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and other City departmental development-related procedures to identify improvements that would support the City's housing goals while maintaining reliability, safety, and sustainability. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation contained in the Motion. Subsequently, at its meeting held on September 2, 2025, the Energy and Environment Committee considered this matter and concurred with the prior committee's action above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD	YES
HUTT	YES
NAZARIAN	ABSENT
LEE	YES
RAMAN	YES

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
NAZARIAN	YES
YAROSLAVSKY	ABSENT
JURADO	ABSENT
RAMAN	YES
PADILLA	YES

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