

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to creating a single, comprehensive review process for projects.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Raman, Blumenfield – Yaroslavsky):

1. INSTRUCT the Department of Building and Safety and Department of City Planning, with support from relevant departments as needed, to create a single, comprehensive review process for projects that includes the following:
 - a. A summary of the most successful examples of coordinated input processes from other jurisdictions that can serve as models for LA.
 - b. One coordinated plan check that incorporates all required department input.
 - c. A clear and complete list of requirements provided at the outset.
 - d. A process for collaboratively resolving conflicts arising from layered City requirements along with the applicant.
 - e. Binding approvals and permit issuances valid for a reasonable timeframe, such that applicants are not subject to varying interpretations (i.e., “late hits”).
2. INSTRUCT the DBS and DCP report back within 60 days with a framework for offering optional coordinated intake meetings, modeled on successful efforts in peer cities, that would allow applicants to meet with all relevant departments early in the process on a voluntary basis to receive consolidated requirements and determinations, and surface interdepartmental issues before plan submittal.
3. INSTRUCT the DBS report back within 60 days on establishing a “single inspector” model for projects—designating one lead inspector from pre-construction through final occupancy—to improve accountability and reduce contradictory directives.
4. INSTRUCT the DBS, with support from relevant departments as needed, to report back within 60 days on recommendations on how to significantly reduce and consolidate the number of separate plan check clearances and condition types, which exceed 175.
5. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Engineering and the DBS, in coordination with any other relevant departments, report within 60 days on the current and potential capabilities of BuildLA to facilitate simultaneous reviews, consolidate departmental input, resolve conflicts early, including feedback from system users, and to provide transparency on departmental timelines and any delays.

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
Palms Neighborhood Council

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on August 26, 2025, the PLUM Committee considered Motion (Raman, Blumenfield – Yaroslavsky) relative to creating a single, comprehensive review process for projects. After

providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the recommendations contained in the Motion. This matter is now submitted to the Council for 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

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