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The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

C/O: Planning and Land Use Management Committee

Dear Honorable Members:

2026-27 SPECIAL STUDIES (C.F. 26-0600) (R61) – ED19 IMPLEMENTATION RESOURCES

During its consideration of the 2026-27 Proposed Budget, the City Council requested the Department of City Planning to report back on resources required for implementation of Executive Directive 19 (ED19), Development Services Streamlining and Modernization.

The Department of City Planning prepared material during the budget development process in response to this inquiry and is submitting the information here as requested by City Council.

Summary

Executive Directive 19 was signed by the Mayor on April 27, 2026. The Executive Directive directs applicable Departments to initiate and execute technology improvements, procedural improvements, and customer service improvements to modernize and streamline how the City reviews and processes development applications.

The Department of City Planning has a central role in coordinating, reviewing, and entitling proposed development, including housing and job producing uses. In response to the Committee's inquiry, the Department is requesting targeted resources to implement and advance the Executive Directive:

- 1 Principal City Planner
- 1 City Planner
- \$250,000 in contractual services

Background

Executive Directive 19 outlines a number of development reform measures that are intended to bolster housing production and other forms of local investment. The reform measures cover three broad topics: technology improvements, procedural improvements, and customer service improvements. Executive Directive 19 measures that involve City Planning include:

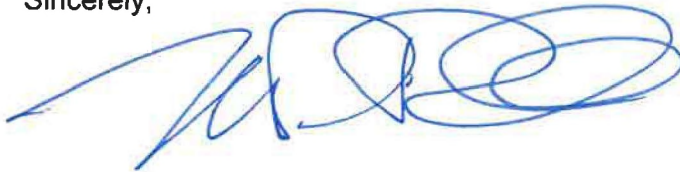
- Working with LADBS to establish technology to assist with pre-plan checks prior to submittal to the City
- Simultaneous E-Plan Review across Departments
- Continued Expedited Processing for 100% Affordable Housing Projects
- Accelerating Housing Element Implementation (i.e. streamlining intake for mixed-income and affordable housing projects)
- Workstream Mapping across development service departments
- Permit Clearance Simplification

The implementation of these measures will require the development of new internal systems as well as the augmentation of existing systems. These measures would benefit from contractual services funds to address the buildout of necessary technology.

Efforts to continue expedited processing for affordable housing, accelerating mixed-income housing projects, and broader permit clearance simplification would benefit from additional staff resources within the DCP's Development Services Bureau. A Principal City Planner to oversee DCP's Specialized Services would provide necessary management and leadership of the City's affordable housing services, case management, and entitlement review services, allowing the City to continue to expand and refine its services. A City Planner within Specialized Services would augment the existing Entitlement Review functions, expanding the Department's capacity to offer comprehensive start-to-finish zoning and entitlement review.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Craig Weber, Deputy Director at craig.weber@lacity.org or 213-978-1311.

Sincerely,



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