

Hello to All,

Please find attached the agenda and supporting documents for the February Meeting. I have attached separately the recommendations from the Ponte Vista Community Action Committee for your reading enjoyment.

As you can see we will be hearing four different presentations that will include action of some sort on each. Due to the expected length of the presentations, Q&A, and discussions as the action items come forth I am reserving the option to adjourn the meeting after the Information Items have been covered. If you as a committee chair, caucus leader, or board member with a report or an announcement to make I request that you present each board member with a written copy prior to the meeting or wait until the March meeting.

For the item, WNC Self Assessment, the actual assessment was not included in the agenda material as it was sent to each of you either by email or mail earlier. Only the cover letter is included here.

An additional item, 505 N Marine, was added to the agenda due to timing and need for the WNC to respond.

The Seniors Caucus is providing refreshment this month, thanks Gary!

Reading in: Skip and Arthur – There was a copy of the Ponte Vista CAC report in the materials you picked up during the Ex Board Meeting thus not included in your package of agenda documents.

See you all next Wednesday.

Jack



# Wilmington Neighborhood Council

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

February 27, 2008 @ 6:00 P.M.  
Wilmington Senior Center  
1371 Eubank Street  
Wilmington, California

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All stakeholders including residents, property and business owners, people who work in Wilmington, members of non-profit, educational, church and service organization, representatives of local labor unions and participants at local parks and museums are encouraged to participate in the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC). The WNC and you can make a difference in the delivery of City services to our community.

Comment from the public on non-agenda items within the jurisdiction of the WNC will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public Comment is limited to three (3) minutes per speaker unless waived by the presiding officer of the WNC.

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## **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call of Governing Board Members
2. Los Angeles Police Department/Port of Los Angeles Police Department.  
**(5 Minutes Each)**
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items-Please fill out Speaker Card  
**(3 Minutes per comment)**
4. Government Representatives Reports – Federal/State/County/City  
**(10 Minutes)**
5. D.O.N.E Report – Rosa Arcadia
6. Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority Report – Dan Davis  
**(5 Minutes)**
7. COPSS Report – Pat Rome
8. Approval of January Meeting Minutes.
9. Presentations
  - Election Information-Celia Brugman/City Clerk's Office **(5 Minutes)**
  - LAUSD Budget & Site F – David Kooper **(5 Minutes)**
  - Revised Ponte Vista Plan – Irene Mendoza **(10 Minutes)**
  - Ponte Vista CAC – John Greenwood **(10 Minutes)**

10. Action Items

- A. Motion: Ponte Vista Development.
- B. Motion: Move that the Wilmington Neighborhood Council write a letter to Dr. Richard Vladovic requesting that an Environmental Impact Report be conducted for Alternate Span School Site 'J', absent that request that no span school be built on Site 'F', even if it means no span school at all for the time being.
- C. Motion: By Laws modification.
- D. Motion: LA Strategic Traffic Plan.
- E. Motion: Hawaiian Avenue Elementary School Book funding for Rolling Readers in the amount of \$1,400.
- F. Motion: Planning Department Hearing/505 N. Marine Avenue (Attached).

**RECESS – 10 MINUTES**

11. Information Items

- Refreshments for March Meeting.
- D.O.N.E. NC Self Assessment.
- Tree People Community Greening Workshops.
- LOTS Technology & Neighborhood Planning Conference.
- Request by Mathieu Berger.
- Office of Historic Preservation.
- Department of Toxic Substances Control Survey

12. Report of Officers

- Chair
- Co-Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer

13. Reports by Standing Committees

- By Laws Committee
- Executive Board
- Finance Committee
- Gateway & Beautification Committee
- Land Use & Planning Committee
- Public Works Committee
- Publicity & Communications Committee
- Transportation Committee
- PCAC Representatives Report.

14. Unfinished Business

- 15. New Business
- 16. Caucus Reports
- 17. Members @ Large
- 18. Announcements
- 19. Adjourn

Jack Babbitt

ELECTIONS  
CITY CLERK

**From:** Celia Brugman [Celia.Brugman@lacity.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2008 3:49 PM  
**To:** Helen Mora; George Pan; Hank OSTERHOULDT; Dennis McCarbery; Jack Babbitt; DONNA ETHINGTON; Marcus Perez; Patrick Wilson; Lucia Moreno-Linares; Michael Sanborn; Bobby McNeel; Cecilia Moreno; Marisela Carballo; Angie COLCLASURE; Gary Kern; Ana Lupe Medina  
**Subject:** Correction- Election Information /Regional Meeting/ EP Template



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NC Transition  
Presentation -- ...

(sorry I had the wrong board meeting date)

Dear Citizens and Neighbors of Wilmington Neighborhood Council:

Per our previous communications I will be attending your February 27, 2008 scheduled NC meeting to answer questions about election procedures (providing your Agenda confirmation).

So as to best prepare you for these upcoming elections, I am including the attached documents for your perusal. These documents, and the therein-described processes, were developed with two simple philosophies: 1) Neighborhood Councils should not be bogged down in bureaucratic tasks, and 2) Processes should be transparent.

As you might have heard, the City Clerk will consolidate NC Election Days. The regionalization of NC Elections will continue to respect the individuality of each NC's bylaws while capitalizing on our ability to promote a consolidated, regional Election Day. The potential to increase turnout and participation is exceptional.

In preparing to meet with you, I did have a couple of announcements regarding the upcoming Regional Election schedule.

1) We will be convening Regional Meetings with NCs in your Area.

The Regional Meeting for your area is are currently scheduled for Thursday, March 27th, 2008. These meetings are meant to provide NCs an opportunity to get any final questions answered and to vote for their Regional Election Day of the week. The selection of the Regional Election Day of the week will be based on a majority vote of the NC's present at the meeting (1 vote per NC).

So as to ensure sufficient time to prepare and make all election arrangements, the City Clerk will be holding the 3 Regional elections during the last 3 weeks of June (one election per week). Which of these three weeks is assigned to each region will be based on a random drawing by the City Clerk.

2) Each NC should designate a Representative to vote on their behalf.

Elect a representative from your NC to attend the Thursday, March 27th, 2008. Your representative at this meeting will vote on the day of the week your NC board would prefer as their Election Day. Ultimately, it is to your advantage to provide your representative with a ranked list of your preferred days of the week for the election. Likewise, you can begin to have discussions with other NCs in your region to discuss what day of the week each prefers. This way, consensus amongst the NCs in your region can be reached sooner.

3) Attached please find 2 items that will help shed light on the processes ahead.

I. A quick power point presentation that was previously presented at regional NC meetings.

II. A template (for informational purpose only) that will be the base upon which your NC election will be conducted. The City Clerk will complete your Election Procedures by filling out this template according to your bylaws. You do NOT have to fill out anything!

Lastly, if your NC is amending its bylaws, please work with your DONE representative to finalize and submit by the deadline of March 15th.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me via email or phone. I look forward to answering your questions when I attend your scheduled meeting. Thanks

Celia Brugman

Celia Brugman  
Project Coordinator  
Neighborhood Council Election Unit

City of Los Angeles  
Office of the City Clerk  
Election Division  
Piper Technical Center  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Phone: (213) 978-1014  
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LAUSD BUDGET

**From:** KOOPER, DAVID [david.kooper@lausd.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2008 12:01 AM  
**To:** JBABBITT@CALSQLCO.COM  
**Subject:** Wilmington Neighborhood Council Meeting

I was hoping I could give a brief update on the LAUSD Budget in its attempt to save \$460 Million dollars because of state cuts. I also wish to address the status of the relocation efforts of the homes and businesses at Site F for the Wilmington Span School along with our relocation expert Mort Bernstein.

David Kooper  
Chief of Staff  
Office of Dr. Richard Vladovic  
Board Member, LAUSD District 7  
(213) 241-6385 (Phone)

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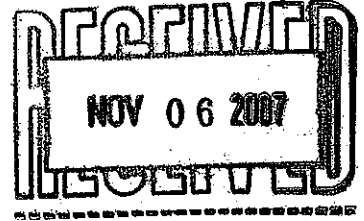
## Ponte Vista Community Advisory Committee

John R. Greenwood, Chair

1517 S. Gaffey St.  
San Pedro, CA 90731  
310-345-9927

September 19, 2007

Chair Jack Babbit  
Wilmington Neighborhood Council  
544 N. Avalon Blvd.  
Ste 103  
Wilmington, CA 90744



Dear Chair Babbit,

Enclosed is a recently completed report that you may find helpful in the current debate throughout the region about balancing the need to preserve livable communities and the need for additional housing, particularly affordable housing. As you may know, two years ago Bisno Development Company purchased a 61.5 acre parcel on Western Avenue in San Pedro. The builder proposed to construct a 2,300 home community, to be called Ponte Vista. Because of concern about the scale and density of this development, Councilwoman Janice Hahn appointed 14 people active in the area to a task force charged with making recommendations to the Councilwoman for the site. I was the Chairman of this committee.

After almost a year of tours, meetings and public hearings, the committee not only came up with a recommendation for this site, but also delved into issues that are important not just to the City of Los Angeles, but to the South Bay and the region as well. We would particularly call your attention to the section called "Lessons Learned" found on pages 16 to 19.

Some of the issues raised include:

1. The need to revisit the misleading policies used by the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation and other cities of the region to predict and mitigate traffic increases from new developments.
2. How these kinds of transportation policies lead to gridlock.
3. The need for stronger cooperation between officials throughout the South Bay as they try to adjust to the additional traffic generated by the increase in population. Successful examples of this are the Western Avenue Task Force, discussed on pages 7 – 9, and the work of this committee, whose membership included residents of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.
4. The importance of real planning and growth in appropriate areas. We have seen recent research which shows that traditional smart growth policies have rested on false assumptions. Easy access to mass transit does not necessarily lead to a

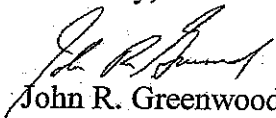
reduction in the use of cars. For example, San Pedro residents have encouraged additional density in the downtown area, where the closeness of shops and restaurants will promote walking, and the existence of a grid of streets should handle the added auto traffic. On the other hand, the Ponte Vista site is located on Western Avenue, an already overcrowded major thoroughfare without easy alternative routes or access to convenient mass transit.

The arguments for and against the proposed development are found on pages 14 to 16 of the report, and the committee's recommendations are found on pages 19 to 23.

While the committee is critical of current transportation and planning policies, we are encouraged by the new direction set forward by Gail Goldberg, the City's newly appointed Planning Director. We are pleased with the strong support given the committee by the Planning Department staff that attended every meeting. They went well beyond our expectations and taught us much about planning issues. We are hopeful that this report will be productive in the larger debate between the need for growth and the importance of making and keeping our existing communities livable.

For more information about the enclosed report or the process of the Community Advisory Committee, please contact Victor Griego at (323) 349-0661. For all other comments or questions, please direct your call to me at (310) 345-9927.

Sincerely,



John R. Greenwood, Chair

Councilwoman Janice Hahn's Advisory Committee on Ponte Vista

## Jack Babbitt

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**From:** pat nave [overbid2002@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2008 9:53 PM  
**To:** Jack Babbitt; Tom Houston; burling102@aol.com; Sue Castillo  
**Subject:** Resolution asking for recirculation of Ponte Vista EIR



RPV letter to  
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I previously sent each of you a copy of the resolution passed by NWSPNC relating to further environmental review of the Ponte Vista amended application for 1,950 units on North Western Ave.

If you put the matter on your agenda, I will be happy to appear and speak on the matter. Let me know.

I am happy to say that the City of RPV has acted by adopting the attached draft at its City Council meeting January 29th. The letter and the memo to the City Council explaining it are particularly good on explaining the legal reasons why the environmental laws require recirculating an EIR.

On a related matter, at the special meeting of the Los Angeles City Council today devoted entirely to transportation issues, Planning Department General Manager Gail Goldberg noted that the average household in Los Angeles makes ten trips a day [one way]. Ponte Vista predicts 4 trips per day. Using Ponte Vista's predictions adds 21% to the average daily traffic on Western [7800/37000]. But using Gail Goldberg's average for Los Angeles would add 52.7% to the average [19,500/37,000].

Please let me know if you wish to put the request on your agenda. June, while I understand that Coastal passed a resolution asking for a new EIR in August 2007, that resolution was concerning the previous application for development rather than the amended application, and did not ask for the request for new EIR be sent to the Planning Department or the Councilwoman.

Thanks!

Pat Nave

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**MEMORANDUM**


**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**FROM:** JOEL ROJAS, AICP, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING,  
BUILDING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

**DATE:** JANUARY 29, 2008

**SUBJECT:** LETTER REQUESTING RECIRCULATION OF THE *PONTE VISTA* EIR

**REVIEWED:** CAROLYN LEHR, CITY MANAGER 

Project Manager: Kit Fox, AICP, Associate Planner 

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the letter to the City of Los Angeles Planning Department requesting the recirculation of the *Ponte Vista* EIR.

**BACKGROUND**

At the January 16, 2008, City Council meeting, the City Council received a request from Mr. Mark Wells for the City Council to ask the City of Los Angeles Planning Department to recirculate the EIR for the *Ponte Vista* project. That letter is presented tonight for the City Council's review and approval.

**DISCUSSION**

The attached draft letter, addressed to Planning Director Gail Goldberg, expresses our City's concerns that new information presented by the developer and the issues raised by the public during the public review of the Draft EIR for the *Ponte Vista* project warrant recirculation of the EIR, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines. The letter has been prepared for the Mayor's signature. At this time, we do not know when the City of Los Angeles will make a decision whether or not to recirculate the EIR. Staff will keep the City Council up to date on this matter in future Border Issues Status Reports.

**Attachments:**

- Letter to the City of Los Angeles Planning Department
- M:\Border Issues\Ponte Vista Project\20080129\_Recirculation\_StaffRpt.doc

# DRAFT

29 January 2008

Gail Goldberg, Director of Planning  
Department of City Planning  
City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring St., Room 525  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**SUBJECT: Request for Recirculation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the *Ponte Vista* Project at 26900 South Western Avenue (Case No. ENV-2005-4516-EIR)**

Dear Ms. Goldberg:

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has carefully monitored the disposition of the former San Pedro Navy Housing site for many years, up to and including the current proposal by Bisno Development to construct a 1,950-unit condominium project on the 62-acre site. Several of our residents were members of Councilwoman Janice Hahn's *Ponte Vista* Community Advisory Committee (PVCAC). Our own Planning Staff prepared detailed comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for this project and attended the PVCAC meetings. At the conclusion of the PVCAC's review, our City Council formally supported the PVCAC's findings rejecting the 1,950-unit revised proposal; supporting the site's current R-1 zoning; and recommending the transfer of land use authority for the property from the Wilmington/Harbor City Community Plan to the San Pedro Community Plan.

As you are aware, the typical sequence of events in the preparation of an EIR is for the lead agency to prepare a Final EIR, which includes the correction of minor errors in the draft document and formal responses to all written comments on the DEIR. Many public comments on the DEIR—including our own—focused on the adequacy of the traffic impact analysis and proposed traffic mitigation measures. There were serious questions raised regarding the trip-generation assumptions used; the timing of traffic counts during a period when there were significant construction delays and detours in effect on Western Avenue; and the appropriate baseline conditions and number of dwelling units (based upon the current R-1 zoning) to use as a basis for determining the significance of impacts and the necessary level of mitigation. In addition to questions about the traffic impact analysis, the methodologies for estimating the total population of the proposed project and the number of school-age children residing there were

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challenged by many who commented on the DEIR. The inability to "pin down" these numbers raised many questions about the adequacy of the analysis of the project's impacts upon such critical community services as schools, police and fire protection.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes takes this opportunity to respectfully remind the City of Los Angeles of Section 15088.5 of State CEQA Guidelines regarding the recirculation of an EIR prior to its certification. According to Section 15088.5(a), "[a] lead agency is required to recirculate an EIR when significant new information is added to the EIR after public notice is given...but before certification." Such new information can include changes to the project, of which there have been many proposed by the developer during the course of the review of the DEIR. Furthermore, we believe that these changes may result in significant new environmental impacts; may increase the severity of impacts already identified; may overlook or excluded feasible alternatives and/or mitigation; and may result in environmental impact analyses that are fundamentally flawed. As you are aware, a lead agency's decision not to recirculate an EIR must be supported by substantial evidence (Section 15088.5(e)). In this case, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes believes that substantial evidence already exists in the record of the comments on the DEIR to support its recirculation. Accordingly, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes requests the recirculation of the *Ponte Vista* EIR, rather than allowing the significant issues raised by the public to be addressed in the more typical "Response to Comments" portion of the Final EIR.

Thank you very much for considering the concerns of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and its residents. We look forward to working with you and the project developer to achieve a project of which we can all be proud. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Associate Planner Kit Fox at (310) 544-5228 or via e-mail at [kittf@rpv.com](mailto:kittf@rpv.com).

Sincerely yours,

**Douglas W. Stern**  
Mayor

cc: Janice Hahn, Los Angeles Councilwoman, 15<sup>th</sup> District  
Rancho Palos Verdes City Council  
Carolyn Lehr, City Manager  
Joel Rojas, Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement  
Kit Fox, Associate Planner

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# PLASTER TENDERS, CONSTRUCTION AND GENERAL LABORERS LOCAL NO. 802

AFFILIATED WITH  
LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, AFL-CIO

DEBRA A. BAKER  
BUSINESS MANAGER  
SECRETARY/TREASURER



HENRY RODRIGUEZ  
PRESIDENT

February 18, 2008

To: The Wilmington Neighborhood Council

Subject: **Ponte Vista Project**

Dear Council members:

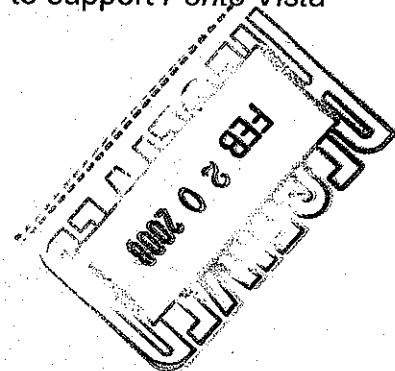
The Plaster Tenders, Construction and General Laborers Union Local 802 supports the ***Ponte Vista Project***. We fully expect that this project will benefit the Wilmington, San Pedro and Harbor City communities.

Local 802 is based very close to the project area and many of our members live within the region. On behalf of our membership, along with the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building Trades memberships, we wish to benefit from both the economic opportunities in terms of upcoming construction jobs, housing and recreational opportunities that this project represents. The ***Ponte Vista Project*** is signed to a **Project Labor Agreement** through the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building Trades Council with all union crafts in the area. We know that the ***Ponte Vista Project*** is likely to service the needs of our members therefore; we encourage you to consider support of this Project.

We welcome this opportunity to support the work of the ***Ponte Vista Project***. We urge you, Wilmington Neighborhood Council Members, to support ***Ponte Vista Project***.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Baker  
Business Manager  
Secretary-Treasurer



## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, a minimum of 20% of Ponte Vista's units will be affordably priced for workforce families and 44% of the units will be reserved for needed senior housing;

**WHEREAS**, Ponte Vista will include a 5% discount on housing to people who live and work locally, through the 'Harbor Area Residents First' program;

**WHEREAS**, Ponte Vista will be a "green" community comprised of 40% landscaped area, including a new 6 acre public park and 5 additional acres of recreational facilities open to the public;

**WHEREAS**, LADOT reports that the Ponte Vista's traffic impacts can be mitigated, and that the project will fund over \$8 million for traffic improvements at over 40 intersections throughout the Harbor Area;

**WHEREAS**, Ponte Vista will result in significant fiscal benefits and economic stimulus, up to \$5.1 million of net new revenues to the City of Los Angeles, approximately \$51 million of annual resident spending within a 5-mile radius, and approximately 1500 permanent jobs;

**WHEREAS**, Ponte Vista will be constructed pursuant to a Project Labor Agreement;

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Wilmington Neighborhood Council endorse the Ponte Vista project as proposed and strongly oppose revising the boundaries of the Wilmington-Harbor City Community Plan to move this property from the Wilmington-Harbor City Community Plan to the San Pedro Community Plan.

## Wilmington Neighborhood Council Resolution

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Hahn has established a Citizen's Advisory Committee on Ponte Vista to advise her on Ponte Vista's pending specific plan application; and

WHEREAS, the Councilwoman has asked the Committee to focus on "what's best for San Pedro", and the Committee will be aided by the City of Los Angeles Planning Department in its efforts; and

WHEREAS, the process of using an advisory committee and doing actual planning is a model that can be used in other places in the City; and

WHEREAS, a significant issue in the proposed Ponte Vista development is the impacts on traffic; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Councils are in a unique position to influence how the City approaches traffic management issues generally; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Neighborhood Council endorses and supports the process of planning by using citizen input with the help of the Planning Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wilmington Neighborhood Council endorses and supports a City-wide examination of traffic policy that involves input from all the Neighborhood Councils.

February 28<sup>th</sup> 2007

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Jack Babbitt  
Chair  
Wilmington Neighborhood Council

**Jack Babbitt**

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**From:** Pat Wilson [pwilson@fastlanetrans.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 15, 2008 2:13 PM  
**To:** jbabbitt@calsulco.com  
**Subject:** FW: February Executive Board and Finance Committee Meetings  
**Importance:** High

Jack, could you add an action item to approve the expenditure for books for Hawaiian Avenue School? I forgot to ask Cecilia to include it last month.

Thank you.

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**From:** Jack Babbitt [mailto:jbabbitt@calsulco.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 15, 2008 11:14 AM  
**To:** 'Marisela Caraballo'; bayprosvs@earthlink.net; 'Gary Kern'; dlmc851@ca.rr.com; 'Bobby McNeel'; 'Ana Medina'; HOLYMORA@aol.com; 'Cecilia Moreno'; 'Lucia Moreno-Linares'; WBBLtd@aol.com; marcusperetz25@earthlink.net; 'Michael Sanborn'; pwilson@fastlanetrans.com  
**Cc:** 'Jacob Haik'; 'Ricardo Hong'  
**Subject:** February Executive Board and Finance Committee Meetings  
**Importance:** High

Hell to All,

Please find attached the agenda for the February Executive Board and Finance Committee meetings on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. Please send all items for consideration to me by Monday or plan to attend the meeting.

Jack

COLA Planning Department: 505 N. Marine Avenue

Motion: It is the intent of the Wilmington-Harbor City Community Plan to work toward the separation of residential and commercial/industrial zones.

To further this intention, the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) requires that all zoning change requests and related requests such as conditional use permits, non-conforming use permits or any other permit or action that might affect an existing zone, be brought before the Wilmington Neighborhood Council for a full explanation and disclosure.

Therefore, due to the lack of appropriate notice regarding the proposed zone change for the property located at 505 N. Marine Avenue and the intrusion of an illegal commercial operation into a residential area the Wilmington Neighborhood Council does not support the proposed zone change. Further the WNC requests that the City Planning Department deny the request for a zone change referenced in Case No.'s CPC-2007-1096-GPA-ZC and ENV-2007-43-MND.



CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
Community Planning Bureau

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS WITHIN A 500 FOOT RADIUS

CASE NO.'s CPC-2007-1096-GPA-ZC  
and ENV-2007-43-MND

WILMINGTON-HARBOR CITY PLAN AREA  
COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

This notice is to inform you of a public hearing for **CPC-2007-1096-GPA-ZC** and is being sent to you because you own property or reside near a site for which an action, as described below, has been initiated with the City Planning Department. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing at which you may listen, speak, or submit written information relating to the environmental determination and to the proposed project.

PLACE: Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Spring Street, Tenth Floor Hearing Room  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

TIME: **FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.**

APPLICANT: Glen Lund

PROPERTY INVOLVED: 505 N. Marine Avenue

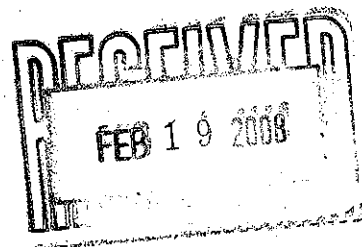
STAFF CONTACT: Madhu Kumar (213) 978-1162 or at [Madhu.Kumar@lacity.org](mailto:Madhu.Kumar@lacity.org)

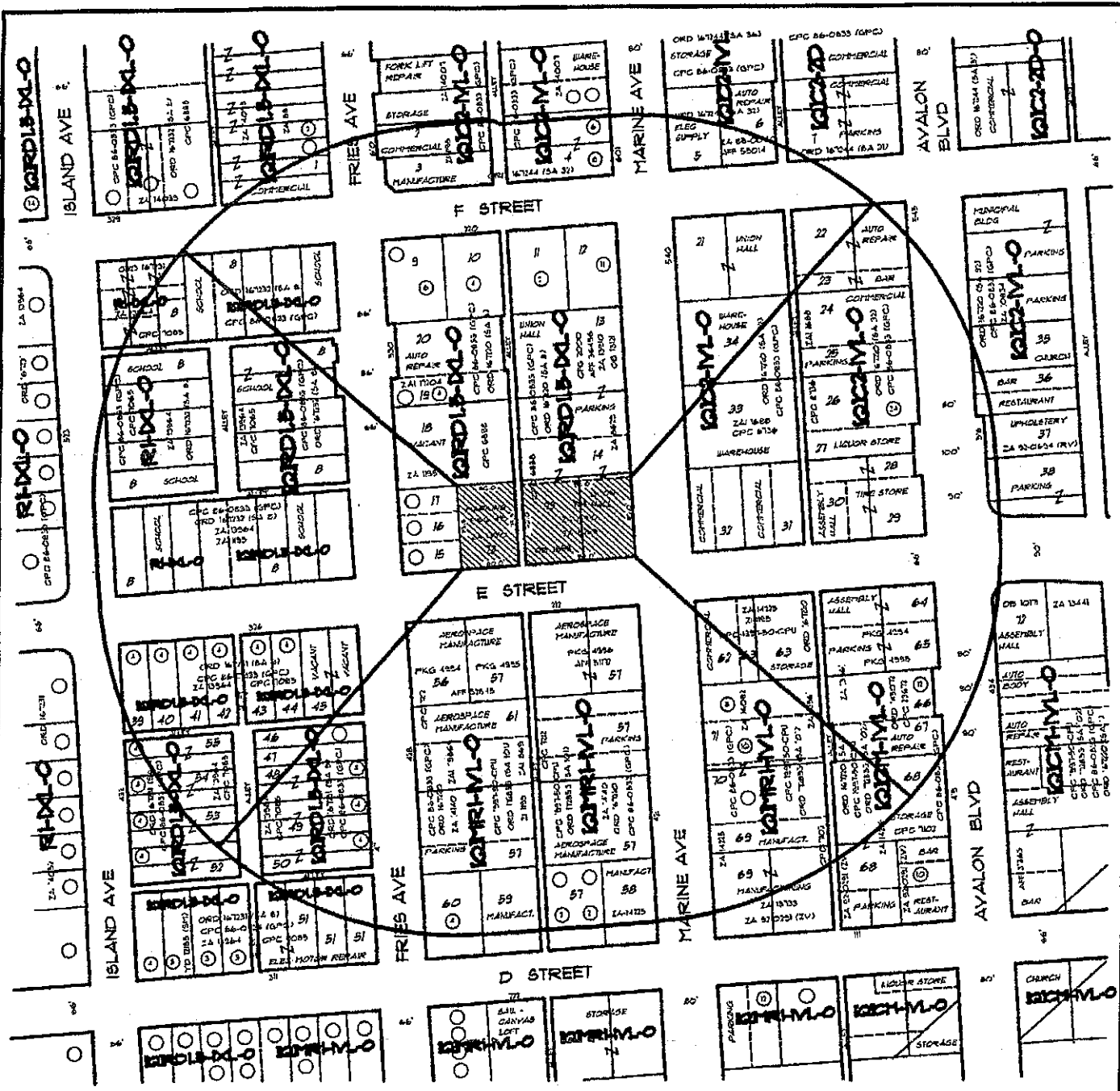
PROPOSED PROJECT: **Change of use of an Assembly Hall to an Import/Export Business** within an existing one-story, 10,323 square foot building, providing 40 surface parking spaces, with proposed hours of operation Monday thru Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on an approximately 26,070 square foot site.

REQUEST: 1. Pursuant to Section 11.5.6 of the Municipal Code, a **General Plan Amendment** (Geographic Area 2) to the Wilmington-Harbor City Community Plan from Low Medium II Residential to Community Commercial.

2. Pursuant to Section 12.32 of the Municipal Code, a **Zone Change** from [Q]RD1.5-1XL-O (Restricted Density Multiple Dwelling Zone) to C2-1XL-O.

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain testimony from affected and/or interested persons regarding this project. The hearing will be conducted by a Hearing Officer who will consider all the testimony presented at that time and any written communication received prior to or at the hearing from affected and/or interested persons regarding this Project, as well as the merits of the application as it relates to existing environmental and land use regulations. The environmental document will be among the matters considered at the hearing. The Hearing Officer will subsequently prepare a report, including a recommendation, which will be considered by the Planning Commission at a later date.





# GENERAL PLAN AMMENDMENT ZONE CHANGE

FROM RD1.5 - IXL TO C2 - IVL

ADDRESS : 505 N. MARINE AVE, WILMINGTON, CA, 90744  
 LEGAL DESCRIPTION : LOT 7 and FRACTIONS OF LOTS 4 and 8  
 BLOCK II NEW SAN PEDRO TRACT RANGE 6 DM 6-86/67



T.B. : PAGE - 794  
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 COUNCIL DISTRICT 15  
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 COMMUNITY PLAN AREA  
 WILMINGTON / HARBOR CITY

CASE NO. : EPC-2007-1096  
 DATE : DEC. 20, 2007  
 DRAWN BY : RAY MEDAK  
 SCALE : 1" = 100'  
 USES : FIELD  
 AREA : 0.5985 ACRE

CONTACT PERSON : R. MEDAK  
 2814 S. BATWATER AVE  
 SAN PEDRO, CA, 90731  
 PHONE NO. : (310) 519 - 8633

OWNER : GLEN AND NANCY LUND  
 30025 GRAND POINT LANE  
 RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA, 90275  
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**Jack Babbitt***SELF ASSESSMENT*

**From:** done contact [Done@lacity.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2008 9:42 AM  
**To:** DONENEWS@LISTSERV.LACITY.ORG  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Council Self-Assessment

**INFORMATION BULLETIN**

TOLL-FREE 3-1-1 FAX: (213) 485-4608  
 WWW.LACITYNEIGHBORHOODS.COM DONE@LACITY.ORG

**Date:** February 5, 2008

**To:** Neighborhood Council Leaders & Stakeholders  
**From:** Department of Neighborhood Empowerment  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Council Self-Assessment

Dear Neighborhood Council Friends and Colleagues,

I would like to wish you all a belated happy new year. I look forward to working with you on the challenges and issues that we face in 2008; and like so many of you, I think the Neighborhood Council (NC) System will continue to grow in influence. One of the important issues NC's will address this year is self-assessment. Following is some information on Neighborhood Council Self-Assessment that I hope will be helpful to you.

#### Neighborhood Council Self-Assessment Goal

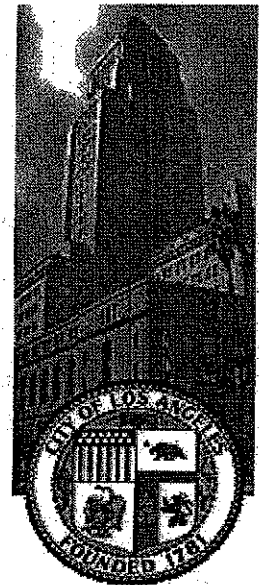
As many of you know, the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils (the Plan) and the Los Angeles City Charter call for each Neighborhood Council to survey its Community Stakeholders at least once biennially, to assess whether their Certified Neighborhood Council has met applicable goals set forth in the Charter. (Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils, Article VI, Section 1). The purpose of the self-assessment is to give Neighborhood Councils an opportunity to highlight the things they've done well to serve their communities and to assess the challenges facing them in the future.

#### Neighborhood Council Self-Assessment Work Group

A Neighborhood Council Self-Assessment Work Group comprised of Neighborhood Council leaders, our staff and members from the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC), was established in 2007. After a number of meetings, the Work Group developed two survey forms that we believe will facilitate your efforts to gather input from your stakeholders and Board Members.

#### Neighborhood Council Self-Assessment Surveys

**Stakeholder Survey Form:** This form serves to fulfill the requirements of the Plan by soliciting stakeholders' views and perceptions of their



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**From:** Rosa Garza-Mourino User [rgarza-mourino@treepeople.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2008 2:16 PM  
**To:** TREEPEOPLE HARBOR  
**Subject:** TREEPEOPLE COMMUNITY GREENING WORKSHOPS



03-01-08

Workshop-San Pedrc

Dear Harbor Region community members,

Once again TreePeople has the opportunity to bring free community greening workshops to the Harbor region. Save the date March 1, 2008 from 9-3. Location and directions to be provided upon registration. See attached flyer and feel free to disseminate among people and organizations that may be interested in attending.

TreePeople's mission is to inspire the people of Los Angeles to take personal responsibility for the urban forest -- educating, training and supporting them as they plant and care for trees and improve the neighborhoods in which they live, work and play. We support community-based greening projects in residential and business areas, school campuses and parks. Our support is free to everyone at the Harbor area, from trainings, guidance in organizing volunteer-based planting and subsequent long-term tree care programs.

For the first time, in tandem with the workshops, we will offer a free Spanish language session PLATICAS en ESPAÑOL. Please get back to me directly for details about PLATICAS, and with Linda Eremita Leremita@treepeople.org for the WORKSHOPS.

Best regards,

Rosa Garza-Mourino  
Harbor Regional Consultant  
TreePeople  
562-434-7003  
rgarza-mourino@treepeople.org  
www.treepeople.org  
"Helping Nature Heal Our Cities"



### Time

Sign-in: 8:45 a.m.

Workshop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Location

San Pedro

### Provided

Workshop materials

Light breakfast and lunch

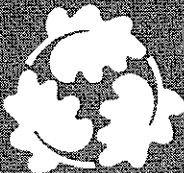
### Register

By February 25

Contact Linda Eremita at

[leremita@treepeople.org](mailto:leremita@treepeople.org)

or (818) 623-4878



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LOS ANGELES

*This workshop is part of TreePeople, the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and the citizens of Los Angeles' partnering effort to help plant 300,000 trees as part of Mayor Villaraigosa's Million Tree Initiative.*

# Community Greening Workshop **FREE**

## Saturday, March 1

### Join us!

Choose ONE of the following training sessions to attend:

#### ● Citizen Forester Training

Learn how to organize a Green Team to plant trees on your campus, neighborhood street or local park. Participants will receive our Citizen Forester manual and on going support from Tree People for your tree planting event.

#### ● Planting Supervisor Training

Learn how to supervise the planting of trees at community planting events. Participants will learn how to plant various size trees, as well as observation and teaching skills.

#### ● Tree Care Supervisor Training

Learn how to supervise the caring of trees at community tree care events. Participants will learn how to provide tree care - pruning, watering, weeding and mulching, as well as observation and teaching skills.

#### ● Tree Care Coordinator Training

Learn how to organize volunteers to care for your Green Team's newly planted trees to ensure their long term survival. Participants will learn how to assess the health and needs of the trees and create tree care events as needed

This workshop supported in part by a grant from the Jewish Community Foundation.

**Jack Babbitt**

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**From:** Bronwen Trice [bronwen@lani.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 11, 2008 5:27 PM  
**To:** bronwen@lani.org  
**Subject:** LOTS Technology and Neighborhood Planning Conference, Wednesday, February 27, 2008  
**Importance:** High

Dear Harbor Area Neighborhood Council Board Members,

Hello and Happy New Year! I am pleased to invite you to the **LOTS Technology and Neighborhood Planning Conference** on Wednesday, February 27, 2008.

As you may know, the UCLA Center for Neighborhood Knowledge (CNK) has developed an online database and web-Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping tool to increase participation in the community planning process and to support efforts in identifying opportunities for Transit Oriented Development. The conference will include a keynote speech by BongHwan Kim, Interim General Manager of the City of Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, a website demonstration, panel discussion, and an opportunity to provide your opinions and feedback. Breakfast will be provided. *In addition, a hands-on training on web-based GIS will follow the morning session. Lunch will be provided to afternoon training participants.*

The morning session is limited to **50** participants and the afternoon training is limited to **25**, so RSVP early to reserve your spot! To RSVP or for more information, please contact Bronwen Trice, LANI Program Manager (213) 627-1822 ext. 17 or bronwen@lani.org.

**When: Wednesday, February 27, 2008**

**Morning Session: 9 am – 11:00 am (breakfast included)**

**Afternoon internet-GIS Training: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm (lunch included)**

**Where: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority**

**One Gateway Plaza, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor Windsor Conference Room**

**Los Angeles, CA 90012**

**Corner of Cesar E. Chavez Avenue and Vignes Street; Parking: \$6 (validation available)**

**Cost: Free**

Easily accessible via Metro Red Line, Gold Line, or Metrolink to Union Station in Downtown LA.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thanks and I hope to see you soon!

Best regards,

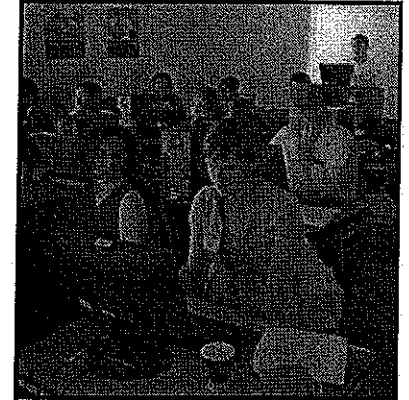
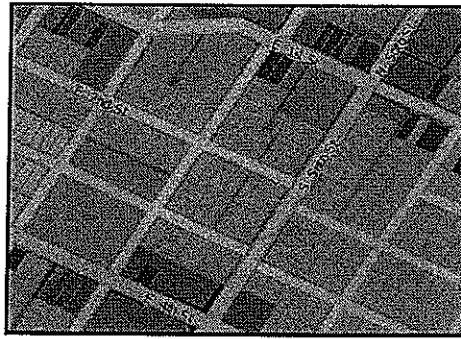
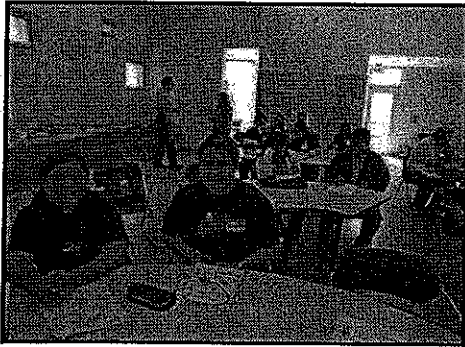
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# LOTS Technology and Neighborhood Planning Conference

## Wednesday, February 27, 2008



**Is there a web-mapping tool that can be used by all community members for neighborhood analysis, to share local knowledge, and to support Transit Oriented Development?**

The answer is, **"Yes"**! The UCLA Center for Neighborhood Knowledge (CNK) has developed an online database and web-Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping tool to increase participation in the community planning process and to support efforts in identifying opportunities for Transit Oriented Development. You are cordially invited to attend **LOTS Technology and Neighborhood Planning Conference**. The conference will include a keynote speech by BongHwan Kim, Interim General Manager of the City of Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, a website demonstration, panel discussion, and an opportunity to provide your opinions and feedback. Breakfast will be provided. *In addition, a hands-on training on web-based GIS will follow the morning session. Lunch will be provided to afternoon training participants.*

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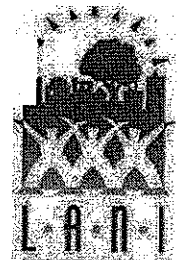
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This conference is sponsored by:

Workshop & training in GIS provided by:



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**From:** Mathieu Berger [mberger@ulb.ac.be]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2008 7:38 AM  
**To:** mberger@ulb.ac.be  
**Subject:** Study on Neighborhood Councils in L.A.

Dear Sir,

I write to you as a scholar in Sociology, working at the moment in Paris (France) and Brussels (Belgium), and willing to conduct an international, comparative research on citizen participation in european and american "Neighborhood Councils". I've been invited as a visiting scholar by UCLA Departement of Sociology for the year 2008/2009, and I planned to carry out most of my fieldwork in Los Angeles NC's. This research, that would start in OCTOBER 2008, entails the observation of some of the monthly gatherings organized in the framework of the Neighborhood Council that you chair.

Would it be possible for me to attend some meetings? (I am talking about discreet, silent observation) Could you please inform your fellow councillors of this research project? It is my hope that you will be able to help me.

Thank you very much, I look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

Mathieu Berger

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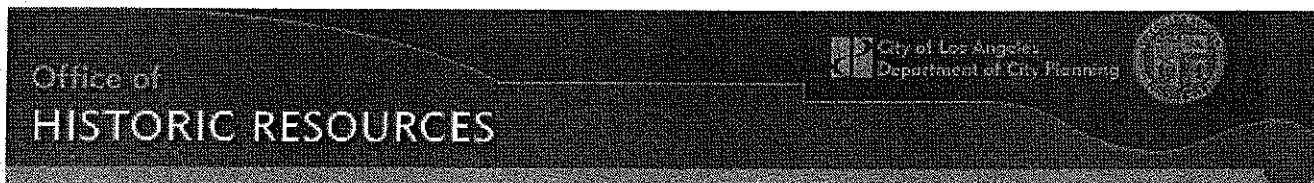
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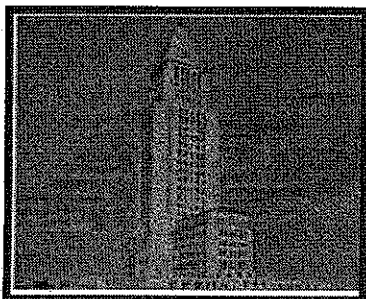
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**From:** Office of Historic Resources [Rita.Moreno@lacity.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2008 5:07 PM  
**To:** JBABBITT@CAL SULCO.COM  
**Subject:** Commission Seeks Your Input on Preservation Ordinance



## Commission Seeks Neighborhood Council Input on Preservation Ordinance



The Office of Historic Resources and the Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) invite Certified Neighborhood Councils to participate in a special Commission policy workshop on February 7, 2008 - a meeting that will provide the first public forum to discuss a significant overhaul of the City's historic preservation ordinance.

The staff of the Office of Historic Resources (OHR) is proposing important changes aimed at strengthening demolition review procedures, clarifying criteria for historic designation, and enhancing notification of private property owners. The City of Los Angeles' Cultural Heritage Ordinance, originally approved by the City Council in 1962, created the procedures for the designation and protection of significant Los Angeles buildings and sites as Historic-Cultural Monuments. While the Ordinance has undergone several minor, procedural modifications, it has never been comprehensively updated to give our City a state-of-the-art historic preservation program.

The Cultural Heritage Commission has scheduled an initial public workshop on these ordinance amendments for **February 7, 2008, 10:00 a.m. in Room 1010 of City Hall** (200 N. Spring St., in downtown Los Angeles). This meeting will also include a presentation on the OHR's work program for 2008, and an update on SurveyLA, the Los Angeles Historic Resources Survey. We also welcome your written comments and suggestions on these proposals as the OHR and Commission finalize a draft ordinance for submission to the City Council later this year.

To review a summary of the proposed ordinance changes, click on the attachment at the bottom of the OHR's web site article on the hearing, at:

<http://www.preservation.lacity.org/node/94>

You may review the existing ordinance by clicking on the attachment "Cultural Heritage Ordinance" at:

<http://www.preservation.lacity.org/commission>

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## Department of Toxic Substances Control

Maureen F. Gorsen, Director  
5796 Corporate Avenue  
Cypress, California 90630



Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor

January 30, 2008

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION, AVALON TRIANGLE SITE,  
101 N. BROAD AVENUE, WILMINGTON, CA

Dear Community Member:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to complete and return the attached community survey questionnaire regarding an environmental investigation being conducted at the Avalon Triangle site located on the southeast corner of Harry Bridges Boulevard and Avalon Boulevard, at 101 North Broad Avenue in Wilmington. The goal of DTSC is to restore and protect the environment and protect public health, in part by conducting this investigation. Your response will help shape upcoming public participation opportunities associated with this site. Please complete and return the attached community survey questionnaire by February 29, 2008.

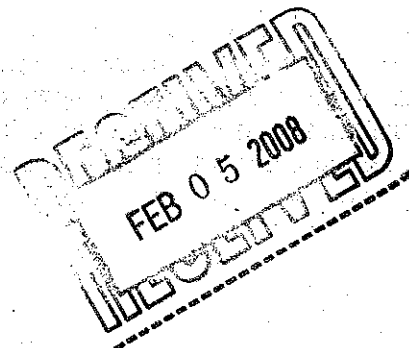
The Avalon Triangle site is part of the Wilmington Waterfront Development Project and is owned by the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) since 2002. Prior to POLA purchasing the property, it was occupied by various former businesses that included an automobile service station, a manufacturer and refurbisher of boat and diesel engine parts and a cable products manufacturer. Two ABANDONED former oil production wells are also located on the property. After POLA acquired the property, contaminants were discovered at the site following final demolition of site structures through a series of environmental investigations. It is believed that soil and groundwater contamination that is present at the site was caused by the former businesses that utilized chemicals that include petroleum hydrocarbons and solvents. Under DTSC oversight, an investigation is being conducted at the site to evaluate the presence and extent OF contamination. POLA will soon conduct an additional site investigation so that future cleanup activities can be conducted at the site. You will be notified of any proposed cleanup plans in the near future.

Thank you for your assistance in completing the enclosed community survey questionnaire. If you have any questions regarding the Avalon Triangle site, please contact Mr. Phillip Blum, DTSC Project Manager at (818) 717-6544 or via e-mail at [pblum@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:pblum@dtsc.ca.gov). If you have any questions regarding public participation activities, please call me at (714) 484-5354 or via e-mail at [slear@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:slear@dtsc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Stacey Lear  
Public Participation Specialist

Enclosure – Community Survey Questionnaire





7) Can you suggest any other person or groups who might be interested in receiving information about the investigation and any future work at the Avalon Triangle site?

8) What languages are spoken in your community? \_\_\_\_\_

If you named a language besides English, do you feel that future communication to community members regarding the site should be written in that language?       YES       NO

9) Please let us know of any other comments or questions.

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10) If you are interested in being added to the mailing list for information related to the Avalon Triangle site, please check the appropriate line and return to the address below.

Please place me on the mailing list for future materials on the site.

Please do not place me on the mailing list for future materials on the site.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please mail this document to:**

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
5796 Corporate Avenue  
Cypress, CA 90630  
Attn: Stacey Lear, Public Participation Specialist

Please fold the letter with the address showing, place stamp on the right-hand side and seal, thank you.