



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
COUNCILMEMBER SHERRI S. LIGHTNER
DISTRICT ONE**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 15, 2011

TO: Council President Anthony Young, Members of the Land Use and Housing Committee, and Land Use and Housing Committee Stakeholders

FROM: Councilmember Sherri S. Lightner, Chair, Land Use & Housing Committee

SUBJECT: Update and Action Plan for Land Use and Housing Committee Priorities

On February 8, 2011, I released a memorandum outlining my 90-day goals as Chair of the Land Use and Housing (LU&H) Committee. I am happy to report on the Committee's progress, and I would like to highlight some items that will be included on our future agendas.

Since January, I have conducted public outreach to various LU&H Committee stakeholders in my effort to develop and maintain an active dialogue with those interested and/or impacted by the work of the Committee.

I have met with representatives of the following groups/departments:

- Building Industry Association of San Diego County
- City Planning and Community Investment Department
- Community HousingWorks
- Community Planners Committee (CPC)
- Development Services Department
- NAIOP – Commercial Real Estate Development Association, San Diego Chapter
- Office of the City Attorney
- Office of the Independent Budget Analyst
- San Diego Association of REALTORS
- San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC)
- San Diego Housing Federation
- San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce (Transportation & Land Use Committee)
- Save Our Heritage Organisation
- Technical Advisory Committee

Since assuming my position as the Chair of the Committee in January, the Committee has taken up a number of key policy issues. A number of these items have since been heard by the Committee and approved by the City Council/Housing Authority, while other items have been heard by the Committee and are awaiting Council/Housing Authority consideration. Additionally, we have had a number of informational report items. These are as following:

Items heard by LU&H Committee and approved by Council/Housing Authority

- Streamlining of community gardens regulations
- Waiving portions of Council Policy for certain Mills Act applicants to expedite historical home designations
- Implementation Plan of Adopted Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans (ALUCP)
- SDHC Performance Management Plan
- Approval of the FY 2012 Winter Shelter Program

Items heard by LU&H Committee and awaiting Council/Housing Authority consideration

- Affordable Housing Best Practices
- Amendments to the Housing Impact Fee Ordinance
- Affordable Housing Fund FY 2012 Annual Plan
- Amendments to the City's Inclusionary Ordinance
- Amendments to the City's Abandoned Properties Ordinance
- Amendments to the "Affordable" part of Council Policy 600-27, "Affordable/In-Fill Housing and Sustainable Buildings Expedite Program"

Informational Reports heard by the Committee

- Update report regarding the FY 2011 Winter Shelter Program
- Overview of the California Green Building Code
- Status report from the Technical Advisory Committee
- Report from the Mayor's Office regarding LU&H-Related Boards and Commissions
- Report from SANDAG on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan

Additionally, there are policy items that the Committee has heard that will be returning, as well as items that I anticipate to schedule in the coming months. These are as following:

Items heard by Committee that will be returning

- Comment letter from LU&H Ad Hoc Committee on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), scheduled for the June 22nd meeting
- Recommendations from the Affordable Housing Best Practices Taskforce group, scheduled for the July 20th meeting
- Amendments to the "Sustainable" part of Council Policy 600-27, "Affordable/In-Fill Housing and Sustainable Buildings Expedite Program"

Items anticipated to be scheduled at the Committee

- Seventh Update to the Land Development Code, scheduled for the June 22nd meeting
- Interim Height Ordinance Extension, scheduled for the June 22nd meeting
- 2010 California Building Code Amendments, once completed and reviewed by the City Attorney's Office
- Facilities Benefit Assessments (FBA) and Developer Impact Fees (DIF) Annual Report and Extension of the Fee Deferral Program
- Informational Report on Urban Agriculture
- Informational Report on the Implementation of the San Diego International Airport ALUCP

At its April 26th meeting, CPC voted to refer discussion of utility undergrounding issues to LU&H Committee. My office is currently working on researching this issue further prior to bringing a discussion to the Committee.

We are also awaiting the results of the Affordable Housing Parking study and progress on the City's Economic Development Strategy. After these reports are released, I will work on bringing the LU&H-related policy discussions for these items to the Committee.

Finally, the San Diego Housing Commission is developing its Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Development plan, which I hope to schedule for discussion this fall. Also in the fall, I hope to schedule a follow-up hearing for "History Day" issues raised at the September 23, 2009 LU&H Committee meeting.

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cc: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
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Bruce Coons, Executive Director, Save Our Heritage Organisation
Scott Molloy, Director of Government Affairs, San Diego Association of REALTORS
Michael Nagy, Policy Coordinator, and Paul Webster, Vice President, Public Policy, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
Sue Reynolds, President and CEO, Community HousingWorks
Kathi Riser, Chair, Technical Advisory Committee
Susan Riggs Tinsky, Executive Director, San Diego Housing Federation
Leo Wilson, Chair, Community Planners Committee