

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Tomorrow In A Year, Inc. supports the Garment Worker Center (GWC) modifications for the DTLA 2040 Community Plan approved by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) on Monday, April 25, 2023 to preserve, protect and incentivize this essential industry.



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Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA
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Re: LA's Garment Industry and the Downtown Los Angeles 2040 Community Plan

Dear Mayor Karen Bass and Honorable Councilmembers,

Tomorrow In A Year, Inc. supports the Garment Worker Center (GWC) modifications for the DTLA 2040 Community Plan approved by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) on Monday, April 25, 2023 to preserve, protect and incentivize this essential industry.

As members of the Coalition to Protect LA's Garment Jobs, we applaud Council Districts 9, 1, and 14 for their support of garment and hospitality workers. We also commend PLUM for [passing recommended modifications](#) to the City Planning Commission (CPC)

Recommended Draft including the following with regards to the Fashion District and hotel uses in Downtown:

- Retain the Production Space requirement at 1 FAR for residential projects in the IX3 Use District as outlined in the CPC Recommended Draft
- Require a Class 3 Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for hotels (lodging) in all areas where lodging is allowed within the CPU area. Additionally, prohibit hotels in portions of the Fashion District zoned with Use Districts IX3, IX2, I1, and I2
- Expand the Downtown Community Benefits Subarea A.5 Map to include the portion of the Fashion District zoned CX3
- Amend the Joint Living and Work Quarters (JLWQ) use findings in the IX2 Use District, applied to the eastern portions of the Fashion District to include additional findings focused on ensuring existing manufacturing are not lost
- Require the preservation of freight elevators, loading docks, and loading bays within and directly surrounding buildings currently occupied by garment manufacturing businesses; and require these amenities for new construction
- Prohibit development of Stadium Uses and Entertainment Venues in new construction or in existing buildings containing industrial uses in the IX2, IX3, and IX4 Use Districts
- The PLUM Committee also recommended adoption of related follow up items that fall outside of DTLA 2040, including studies and report backs from Los Angeles Economic Workforce and Development Department (EWDD) and other relevant departments on the policy, programmatic, and funding opportunities available and feasible to develop to support and bolster the fashion industry in and around downtown.

While it will still result in a loss of manufacturing space in downtown, the 1 FAR requirement in IX3 is critical to preserve, as any reduction or elimination of required job productive use set aside will cause significant disruption and displacement to this ecosystem and its jobs. We recognize that there are many interests to balance and firmly believe that 1 FAR, paired with the additional PLUM modifications listed above will mitigate the harm to the industry while still allowing for a diverse mix of commercial, industrial, and residential uses in the Fashion District. Please refer to GWC's Report titled FAR Recommendations & Analysis of the Downtown Community Plan Update (DTLA 2040): Impact on Garment Workers in the Fashion District, Los Angeles, submitted to the Council File #22-0617 on 5/2/23 for further analysis. We urge you to adopt PLUM's recommendation modifications.

Sincerely,