

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT TRANSMITTAL  
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<b>CITY PLANNING CASE:</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:</b>	<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT:</b>
DIR-2020-2067-TOC	ENV-2020-2068-CE-1A	10 – Ridley Thomas
<b>PROJECT ADDRESS:</b>		
1447 South Hi Point Street		
<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER:</b>	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS:</b>
Hi Point M, LLC		
<input type="checkbox"/> New/Changed		
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<b>ENTITLEMENTS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION</b>		
Categorical Exemption (CE)		

**FINAL ENTITLEMENTS NOT ADVANCING:**

Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) (Appeal was denied by City Planning Commission)

**ITEMS APPEALED:**

CEQA Appeal – Class 32 Categorical Exemption

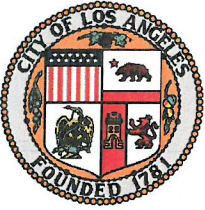
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**NOTES / INSTRUCTION(S):****FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** Yes No

\*If determination states administrative costs are recovered through fees, indicate "Yes".

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** City Planning Commission (CPC) Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) Central Area Planning Commission East LA Area Planning Commission Harbor Area Planning Commission North Valley Area Planning Commission South LA Area Planning Commission South Valley Area Planning Commission West LA Area Planning Commission

<b>PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING DATE:</b>	<b>COMMISSION VOTE:</b>
April 8, 2021	5-0
<b>LAST DAY TO APPEAL:</b>	<b>APPEALED:</b>
April 28, 2021	April 22, 2021 and April 28, 2021
<b>TRANSMITTED BY:</b>	<b>TRANSMITTAL DATE:</b>
Irene Gonzalez	April 29, 2021



# LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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## LETTER OF DETERMINATION

MAILING DATE: APR 13 2021

Case No. DIR-2020-2067-TOC-1A  
CEQA: ENV-2020-2068-CE  
Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 10 – Ridley Thomas

**Project Site:** 1447 South Hi Point Street

**Applicant:** Hi Point M, LLC  
Representative: Matthew Hayden, Hayden Planning

**Appellants:**

1. Elaine Johnson, LA GLO Inc.  
Representative: Jamie T. Hall, Channel Law Group, LLP
2. Katelyn Foley
3. Annette Wong and Brandon Araujo
4. John Kim
5. Sarah Reed

At its meeting of **April 8, 2021**, the Los Angeles City Planning Commission took the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the following Project:

Demolition of an existing single-family residential structure, and the construction, use, and maintenance of a new, five-story, multi-family residential building over one level of subterranean parking. The project will contain 20 dwelling units, of which two units will be set aside for Extremely Low Income Households. The proposed building will encompass approximately 20,093 square feet in total building area. The Project proposes to provide 24 automobile parking spaces and 22 bicycle parking spaces.

1. **Determined**, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
2. **Denied** the appeals and **sustained** the Planning Director's Determination dated December 30, 2020;
3. **Approved with Conditions**, pursuant to Section 12.22 A.31 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, a 70 percent increase in density, consistent with the provisions of the Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Affordable Housing Incentive Program along with the following three incentives for a qualifying Tier 3 Project totaling 20 dwelling units, reserving two units for Extremely Low Income (ELI) Household occupancy for a period of 55 years:
  - a. Yard/Setback. A 30 percent reduction in the required width of the two side yards to provide a minimum setback of five feet eight inches in lieu of the minimum eight feet otherwise required;

- b. Height. A maximum increase of 22 feet in building height to permit a maximum building height of 57 feet in lieu of the maximum 35 feet otherwise permitted; and
- c. Open Space. A maximum reduction of 25 percent in the required amount of open space;
- 4. **Adopted** the attached Conditions of Approval; and
- 5. **Adopted** the attached Findings.

The vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Perlman  
 Second: López-Ledesma  
 Ayes: Choe, Leung, Mack  
 Absent: Hornstock, Millman

**Vote: 5 – 0**

*Cecilia Lamas* (Electronic Signature due to COVID-19)

Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant  
 Los Angeles City Planning Commission

Fiscal Impact Statement: There is no General Fund impact as administrative costs are recovered through fees.

**Effective Date/Appeals:** The decision of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission is final and effective upon the mailing of this determination letter and not further appealable.

Notice: An appeal of the CEQA clearance for the Project pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21151(c) is only available if the Determination of the non-elected decision-making body (e.g., ZA, AA, APC, CPC) **is not further appealable** and the decision is final. The applicant is advised that any work undertaken while the CEQA clearance is on appeal is at his/her/its own risk and if the appeal is granted, it may result in (1) voiding and rescission of the CEQA clearance, the Determination, and any permits issued in reliance on the Determination and (2) the use by the City of any and all remedies to return the subject property to the condition it was in prior to issuance of the Determination.

If you seek judicial review of any decision of the City pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5, the petition for writ of mandate pursuant to that section must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the City's decision became final pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. There may be other time limits which also affect your ability to seek judicial review.

Attachments: Conditions of Approval, Findings, Interim Appeal Filing Procedures (CEQA)

c: Heather Bleemers, Senior City Planner  
 Esther Ahn, City Planner

## CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.22-A,31, the following conditions are hereby imposed upon the use of the subject property:

1. **Site Development.** Except as modified herein, the project shall be in substantial conformance with the plans and materials submitted by the applicant, stamped "Exhibit A," and attached to the subject case file. Minor deviations may be allowed in order to comply with the provisions of the LAMC or the project conditions. Changes beyond minor deviations required by other City Departments or the LAMC may not be made without prior review by the Department of City Planning, Expedited Processing Section, and written approval by the Director of Planning. Each change shall be identified and justified in writing.
2. **On-site Restricted Affordable Units.** Two units (2), or equal to 10 percent of the total number of dwelling units, shall be designated for Extremely Low Income Households, as defined by the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) and California Government Code Section 65915(c)(2).
3. **Changes in On-site Restricted Units.** Deviations that increase the number of restricted affordable units or that change the composition of units or change parking numbers shall be consistent with LAMC Section 12.22-A,31.
4. **Housing Requirements.** Prior to issuance of a building permit, the owner shall execute a covenant to the satisfaction of the HCIDLA to make ten percent of the total number of dwelling units available to Extremely Low Income Households, for sale or rental as determined to be affordable to such households by HCIDLA for a period of 55 years. In the event the applicant reduces the proposed density of the project, the number of required set-aside affordable units may be adjusted, consistent with LAMC Section 12.22-A,31, to the satisfaction of HCIDLA, and in consideration of the project's SB 330 Determination. Enforcement of the terms of said covenant shall be the responsibility of HCIDLA. The applicant will present a copy of the recorded covenant to the Department of City Planning for inclusion in this file. The project shall comply with the Guidelines for the Affordable Housing Incentives Program adopted by the City Planning Commission and with any monitoring requirements established by the HCIDLA. Refer to the Density Bonus Legislation Background section of this determination.
5. **Base Incentives.**
  - a. **Residential Density.** The project shall be limited to a maximum density of 21 residential dwelling units (equal to a maximum density increase of 70 percent), including On-site Restricted Affordable Units.
  - b. **Floor Area Ratio (FAR).** The project shall be permitted a maximum FAR of 4.5 to 1, representing a 50% increase in FAR of the underlying residential zone.
  - c. **Parking.**
    - i. **Automobile Parking.** Automobile parking shall be provided consistent with LAMC Section 12.22-A,31. The proposed development, a Tier 3 project, shall not be required to exceed 0.5 automobile parking spaces per unit. A greater number of parking spaces may be provided at the applicant's discretion.

- ii. **Bicycle Parking.** Bicycle parking shall be provided consistent with LAMC Section 12.21-A,16. In the event that the number of On-Site Restricted Affordable Units should increase or the composition of such units should change, then no modification of this determination shall be necessary and the number of bicycle parking spaces shall be re-calculated consistent with LAMC Section 12.21-A,16.
- iii. **Unbundling.** Required parking may be sold or rented separately from the units, with the exception of all Restricted Affordable Units which shall include any required parking in the base rent or sales price, as verified by HCIDLA.

#### 6. Additional Incentives.

- a. **Yard/Setback.** The project shall be permitted a 30 percent reduction in the required width of two (2) side yards to provide a minimum setback of 5 feet 8 inches in lieu of the minimum 8 feet otherwise required.
- b. **Height.** The project shall be permitted an increase of 22 feet in building height, equal to a maximum building height of 57 feet, with limited additional height permitted for roof structures, stairwells, elevator shafts, etc. as permitted by the LAMC. For any increase in height over 11 feet, the building shall be stepped back at least 15 feet from the exterior face of the ground floor of the building along any street frontage.
- c. **Open Space.** The project shall be permitted a maximum reduction of 25 percent in the required amount of open space.

#### Design Conformance Conditions

7. **Landscaping.** All open areas not used for buildings, driveways, parking areas, recreational facilities or walks shall be attractively landscaped, including an automatic irrigation system, and maintained in accordance with a landscape plan prepared by a licensed landscape architect or licensed architect, and submitted for approval to the Department of City Planning. The landscape plan shall indicate landscape points for the project equivalent to 10 percent more than otherwise required by LAMC Section 12.40 and Landscape Ordinance Guidelines.
  - a. **Tree Requirement.** The project shall provide at least the minimum number of trees on-site to comply with the landscape requirement (LAMC Section 12.21 G(a)(3)). Pursuant to Ordinance No. 170,978, required trees shall not be palm trees.
8. **Building Materials.** Each façade of the building shall incorporate a minimum of three (3) different building materials. Windows, doors, balcony/deck railings, and fixtures (such as lighting, signs, etc.) shall not count towards this requirement.
9. **Trash.** All trash collection and storage areas shall be located on-site and not visible from the public right-of-way.
10. **Mechanical Equipment.** All mechanical equipment on the roof shall be screened from view. The transformer, if located in the front yard, shall be screened with landscaping on all exposed sides (those not adjacent to a building wall).
11. **Maintenance.** The subject property (including all trash storage areas, associated parking facilities, sidewalks, yard areas, parkways, and exterior walls along the property lines) shall be maintained in an attractive condition and shall be kept free of trash and debris.

12. **Lighting.** Outdoor lighting shall be designed and installed with shielding, such that the light source cannot be seen from adjacent residential properties or the public right-of-way, nor from above.

### **Administrative Conditions**

13. **Final Plans.** Prior to the issuance of any building permits for the project by the Department of Building & Safety, the applicant shall submit all final construction plans that are awaiting issuance of a building permit by the Department of Building & Safety for final review and approval by the Department of City Planning. All plans that are awaiting issuance of a building permit by the Department of Building & Safety shall be stamped by Department of City Planning staff "Final Plans". A copy of the Final Plans, supplied by the applicant, shall be retained in the subject case file.
14. **Notations on Plans.** Plans submitted to the Department of Building & Safety, for the purpose of processing a building permit application shall include all of the Conditions of Approval herein attached as a cover sheet, and shall include any modifications or notations required herein.
15. **Approval, Verification and Submittals.** Copies of any approvals, guarantees or verification of consultations, review of approval, plans, etc., as may be required by the subject conditions, shall be provided to the Department of City Planning prior to clearance of any building permits, for placement in the subject file.
16. **Code Compliance.** Use, area, height, and yard regulations of the zone classification of the subject property shall be complied with, except where granted conditions differ herein.
17. **Department of Building & Safety.** The granting of this determination by the Director of Planning does not in any way indicate full compliance with applicable provisions of the Los Angeles Municipal Code Chapter IX (Building Code). Any corrections and/or modifications to plans made subsequent to this determination by a Department of Building & Safety Plan Check Engineer that affect any part of the exterior design or appearance of the project as approved by the Director, and which are deemed necessary by the Department of Building & Safety for Building Code compliance, shall require a referral of the revised plans back to the Department of City Planning for additional review and sign-off prior to the issuance of any permit in connection with those plans.
18. **Department of Water and Power.** Satisfactory arrangements shall be made with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for compliance with LADWP's Rules Governing Water and Electric Service. Any corrections and/or modifications to plans made subsequent to this determination in order to accommodate changes to the project due to the under-grounding of utility lines, that are outside of substantial compliance or that affect any part of the exterior design or appearance of the project as approved by the Director, shall require a referral of the revised plans back to the Department of City Planning for additional review and sign-off prior to the issuance of any permit in connection with those plans.
19. **Enforcement.** Compliance with and the intent of these conditions shall be to the satisfaction of the Department of City Planning.
20. **Expiration.** In the event that this grant is not utilized within three years of its effective date (the day following the last day that an appeal may be filed), the grant shall be considered null



and void. Issuance of a building permit, and the initiation of, and diligent continuation of, construction activity shall constitute utilization for the purposes of this grant.

21. **Expedited Processing Section Fee.** Prior to the clearance of any conditions, the applicant shall show proof that all fees have been paid to the Department of City Planning, Expedited Processing Section.
22. **Indemnification and Reimbursement of Litigation Costs.**

Applicant shall do all of the following:

- a. Defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City from any and all actions against the City relating to or arising out of, in whole or in part, the City's processing and approval of this entitlement, including but not limited to, an action to attack, challenge, set aside, void, or otherwise modify or annul the approval of the entitlement, the environmental review of the entitlement, or the approval of subsequent permit decisions, or to claim personal property damage, including from inverse condemnation or any other constitutional claim.
- b. Reimburse the City for any and all costs incurred in defense of an action related to or arising out of, in whole or in part, of the City's processing and approval of the entitlement, including but not limited to payment of all court costs and attorney's fees, costs of any judgments or awards against the City (including an award of attorney's fees), damages, and/or settlement costs.
- c. Submit an initial deposit for the City's litigation costs to the City within 10 days' notice of the City tendering defense to the applicant and requesting a deposit. The initial deposit shall be in an amount set by the City Attorney's Office, in its sole discretion, based on the nature and scope of action, but in no event shall the initial deposit be less than \$50,000. The City's failure to notice or collect the deposit does not relieve the applicant from responsibility to reimburse the City pursuant to the requirement in paragraph (b).
- d. Submit supplemental deposits upon notice by the City. Supplemental deposits may be required in an increased amount from the initial deposit if found necessary by the City to protect the City's interests. The City's failure to notice or collect the deposit does not relieve the applicant from responsibility to reimburse the City pursuant to the requirement in paragraph (b).
- e. If the City determines it necessary to protect the City's interest, execute an indemnity and reimbursement agreement with the City under terms consistent with the requirements of this condition.

The City shall notify the applicant within a reasonable period of time of its receipt of any action and the City shall cooperate in the defense. If the City fails to notify the applicant of any claim, action, or proceeding in a reasonable time, or if the City fails to reasonably cooperate in the defense, the applicant shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify or hold harmless the City.

The City shall have the sole right to choose its counsel, including the City Attorney's office or outside counsel. At its sole discretion, the City may participate at its own expense in the defense of any action, but such participation shall not relieve the applicant of any obligation imposed by this condition. In the event the applicant fails to comply with this condition, in whole or in part, the City may withdraw its defense of the action, void its approval of the

entitlement, or take any other action. The City retains the right to make all decisions with respect to its representations in any legal proceeding, including its inherent right to abandon or settle litigation.

For purposes of this condition, the following definitions apply:

“City” shall be defined to include the City, its agents, officers, boards, commissions, committees, employees, and volunteers.

“Action” shall be defined to include suits, proceedings (including those held under alternative dispute resolution procedures), claims, or lawsuits. Actions includes actions, as defined herein, alleging failure to comply with any federal, state or local law.

Nothing in the definitions included in this paragraph are intended to limit the rights of the City or the obligations of the applicant otherwise created by this condition.

## FINDINGS

### **Transit Oriented Communities Affordable Housing Incentive Program / Affordable Housing Incentives Compliance Findings**

Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.22-A,31(e), the Director of Planning shall review a Transit Oriented Communities Affordable Housing Incentive Program project application in accordance with the procedures outlined in LAMC Section 12.22-A,25(g).

**1. Pursuant to Section 12.22 A.25(g) of the LAMC, the Director shall approve a density bonus and requested incentive(s) unless the director finds that:**

- a. The incentives are not required to provide for affordable housing costs as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 50052.5 or Section 50053 for rents for the affordable units.*

The record does not contain substantial evidence that would allow the Director to make a finding that the requested incentives are not necessary to provide for affordable housing costs per State Law. The California Health & Safety Code Sections 50052.5 and 50053 define formulas for calculating affordable housing costs for extremely low, very low, and lower income households. Section 50052.5 addresses owner-occupied housing and Section 50053 addresses rental households. Affordable housing costs are a calculation of residential rent or ownership pricing not to exceed 25 percent gross income based on area median income thresholds dependent on affordability levels.

The list of Additional Incentives in the Transit Oriented Communities Guidelines were pre-evaluated at the time the Transit Oriented Communities Affordable Housing Incentive Program Ordinance was adopted to include types of relief that minimize restrictions on the size of the project. As such, the Director will always arrive at the conclusion that the Additional Incentives are required to provide for affordable housing costs because the incentives by their nature increase the scale of the project.

**Height.** The requested incentive for an increase in building height is expressed in the Menu of Incentives in the TOC Guidelines which permit exceptions to zoning requirements that results in building design or construction efficiencies that facilitate the creation of affordable housing. Specifically, a Tier 3 project is permitted a maximum increase of two (2) stories and 22 feet in building height, resulting in a total maximum building height of 57 feet in lieu of the maximum 35 feet otherwise permitted by the underlying [Q]R3-1-O zone. This requested incentive will allow the developer to increase the height of the structure to allow the units reserved for affordable housing to be constructed and increase the overall space dedicated to residential uses. These incentives support the applicant's decision to reserve two (2) units for affordable housing.

**Yard/Setback.** The requested side yard incentive, including two (2) side yard reductions of a maximum of 30 percent, is expressed in the Menu of Incentives in the Transit Oriented Communities Guidelines which permit exceptions to zoning requirements that result in building design or construction efficiencies that facilitate the creation of affordable housing. This requested incentive will allow the developer to expand the building footprint and allow for the construction of more units, including affordable units, while remaining in compliance with all other applicable zoning regulations. These

incentives support the applicant's decision to reserve two (2) units for affordable housing.

**Open Space.** The requested open space incentive, including a 25% reduction in the permitted open space area, is expressed in the Menu of Incentives in the Transit Oriented Communities Guidelines which permit exceptions to zoning requirements that result in building design or construction efficiencies that facilitate affordable housing costs. The requested incentive allows the developer to utilize more of the total building square footage for residential units, which facilitates the creation of more affordable units, while remaining in compliance with all other applicable zoning regulations. The incentive further supports the applicant's decision to reserve two (2) units for Extremely Low Income Households and facilitates the creation of affordable housing units.

- b. *The Incentive will have a specific adverse impact upon public health and safety or the physical environment, or on any real property that is listed in the California Register of Historical Resources and for which there are no feasible methods to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the specific adverse impact without rendering the development unaffordable to Very Low, Low and Moderate Income households. Inconsistency with the zoning ordinance or the general plan land use designation shall not constitute a specific, adverse impact upon the public health or safety.*

There has been no evidence provided that indicated that the proposed incentives will have a specific adverse impact upon public health and safety or the physical environment, or on any real property that is listed in the California Register of Historical Resources. A "specific adverse impact" is defined as, "a significant, quantifiable, direct and unavoidable impact, based on objective, identified written public health or safety standards, policies, or conditions as they existed on the date the application was deemed complete" (LAMC Section 12.22.A.25(b)). The project does not involve a contributing structure in a designated Historic Preservation Overlay Zone or on the City of Los Angeles list of Historical-Cultural Monuments. According to ZIMAS, the project is located in a Methane Zone. As a result, the project will be required to comply with all applicable regulations which will prevent any adverse impacts. The project is not located on a substandard street in a Hillside area or a Very High Fire Severity Zone. The project is required to comply with all other pertinent regulations including those governing construction, use, and maintenance, and will not create any significant direct impacts on public health and safety. Therefore, there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project, and thus the requested incentive, will have a specific adverse impact on the physical environment, on public health and safety or the physical environment, or on any Historical Resource.

### **Environmental Findings**

2. **CEQA Findings.** The Department of City Planning determined that the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15332, Class 32 and that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies. As described in the Environmental Narrative attached to the Notice of Exemption for Case No. ENV-2020-2068-CE, the project qualifies as an in-fill development under the Class 32 exemption.

The proposed project is consistent with applicable general plan designation, applicable policies, and applicable zoning designations.

The subject site is located wholly within the Wilshire Community Plan Area within the City of Los Angeles. The subject site consists of a single lot that totals approximately 8,838 square feet, or approximately 0.20 acres, in size. The project site is substantially surrounded by urban uses and is not located near any areas designated for farmland or agricultural uses. The neighborhood is fully built-out with a variety of multi-family and commercial uses that are consistent with their General Plan land use designations and zoning. Pico Boulevard, which is half a block away from the project site, is also a heavily trafficked, major corridor that is well-served by public transit and various commercial uses and amenities.

The project would not result in any significant impacts related to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.

- A traffic assessment, dated March 4, 2020, was submitted by LADOT which determined that the proposed project is not required to conduct a vehicle miles traveled (VMT) analysis as the project is beneath LADOT thresholds of significance. The determination also states that there is no VMT analysis required and thus, the project does not need to be referred further to LADOT. As such, the project is not expected to result in any significant impact relating to traffic.
- A Noise Technical Report, dated March 2020, was prepared by ZMassociates Environmental Corporation for the proposed project indicating that the project will result in less than significant impacts regarding noise.
- An Air Quality Technical Report, dated March 2020, was prepared by ZMassociates Environmental Corporation which indicated that the project would result in less than significant impacts with regard to air quality.
- Construction and operational noise levels would not have a significant impact. Based on a review of similar projects, the project would not create significant levels of construction or operational emissions, nor toxic air contaminants. In addition, the project would not result in significant impacts with regard to water quality based on required compliance with Regulatory Compliance Measures (RCM) governed by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

The project site is currently and will continue to be adequately served by all public utilities and services. The proposed project is required to adhere to all applicable regulatory compliance measures during construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed buildings.

3. The National Flood Insurance Program rate maps, which are a part of the Flood Hazard Management Specific Plan adopted by the City Council by Ordinance No. 172,081, have been reviewed and it has been determined that this project is located in Zone X, which is categorized as an area with a minimal chance of flood hazard.

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## Interim Appeal Filing Procedures

Fall 2020



Consistent with Mayor Eric Garcetti's "Safer At Home" directives to help slow the spread of COVID-19, City Planning has implemented new procedures for the filing of appeals for non-applicants that eliminate or minimize in-person interaction.

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### OPTION 1: Online Appeal Portal

([planning.lacity.org/development-services/appeal-application-online](https://planning.lacity.org/development-services/appeal-application-online))

Entitlement and CEQA appeals can be submitted online and payment can be made by credit card or e-check. The online appeal portal allows appellants to fill out and submit the appeal application directly to the Development Services Center (DSC). Once the appeal is accepted, the portal allows for appellants to submit a credit card payment, enabling the appeal and payment to be submitted entirely electronically. A 2.7% credit card processing service fee will be charged - there is no charge for paying online by e-check.

**Appeals should be filed early to ensure DSC staff has adequate time to review and accept the documents, and to allow Appellants time to submit payment.** On the final day to file an appeal, the application must be submitted and paid for by 4:30PM (PT). Should the final day fall on a weekend or legal holiday, the time for filing an appeal shall be extended to 4:30PM (PT) on the next succeeding working day. Building and Safety appeals (LAMC Section 12.26K) can only be filed using Option 2 below.

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### OPTION 2: Drop off at DSC

An appellant may continue to submit an appeal application and payment at any of the three Development Services Center (DSC) locations. City Planning established drop off areas at the DSCs with physical boxes where appellants can drop.

#### **Metro DSC**

(213) 482-7077  
201 N. Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

#### **Van Nuys DSC**

(818) 374-5050  
6262 Van Nuys Boulevard  
Van Nuys, CA 91401

#### **West Los Angeles DSC**

(310) 231-2901  
1828 Sawtelle Boulevard  
West Los Angeles, CA 90025

City Planning staff will follow up with the Appellant via email and/or phone to:

- Confirm that the appeal package is complete and meets the applicable LAMC provisions
- Provide a receipt for payment