

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** To whom it may concern, I hope you are doing well. On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, please find attached written comment for the record regarding Item 2 (Downtown Community Plan Update and New Zoning Code) on the agenda for the April 24th Planning and Land Use Management special meeting. I was physically present and entered the speaker queue for public comment during the special meeting but time was cut before my turn to speak. Thank you. Best, Elissa Diaz  
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**Testimony**  
**Planning and Land Use Management Committee**  
**City of Los Angeles**  
**Downtown Community Plan (DTLA 2040)**  
**April 24, 2023**

Good afternoon Chair Harris-Dawson and members of the Committee on Planning and Land Use Management. I am Elissa Diaz, Public Policy Manager for the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, here representing over 1,400 small business members.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Downtown Los Angeles 2040 Community Plan which would promote a dynamic, healthy, and sustainable Downtown core that is connected to and supports the City of Los Angeles and the region.

The Chamber supports the adoption and implementation of planning policies that incorporate smart growth tools, drive economic growth, improve environmental sustainability, and enhance the quality of life and connectedness of our region.

The DTLA 2040 plan describes a collective vision for Downtown's future and includes policies, plans, programs, and zoning updates that set the framework for Los Angeles's long-term priorities in our City's center.

In alignment with our telecommunications partners and in relation to wireless uses in commercial zones, we support ensuring wireless standards reflect the latest Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations; gaining clarity on how modern wireless uses such as data centers are regulated, and updating many of the wireless standards in the Zoning Code.

Looking ahead, L.A. is projected to grow by more than 400,000 new residents in the next 20 years, yet less than one-half of housing needed annually is being built. To tackle the existing needs of our communities while addressing the housing crisis, the Plan nearly doubles the area where housing (including permanent supportive and affordable housing) is permitted, expanding from 33% of Downtown's total area to 60%. It also expands the area where adaptive reuse is permitted to include the Fashion and Arts Districts and creates options for construction of live-work housing. The Plan expands the types of housing allowed to a wider variety of living situations, lifestyles, family structures, income levels, and age groups.

The Chamber supports opportunities that create more housing at all levels, cultivate healthier neighborhoods, and increase safety in our communities to make L.A. more commuter friendly.

For these reasons, we urge your support and approval on the Downtown Los Angeles Community 2040 plan to promote jobs, housing, and sustainability while also creating a linkage between districts.

Thank you very much.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chris Morris

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Regarding 5.C.4.4.B.11 in the 'Use' section for Home Sharing, can you change the 'short term rental' threshold from 30 days to 27 days? Some tenants rent units a month at a time, and 5 out of the 12 months would be considered a short term rental, which is awkward for both tenants and landlords when setting up leases. Thank you.