



“If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools.”

CWP~ Plato

## Planning the Westside



## Draft Community Plans Now Available

The city's Westside Planning Team presented draft land use concepts online for each of the four Community Plan areas: West Los Angeles, Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey, Venice, and Westchester-Playa del Rey.

Webinars took place in July and are available online at [planning4la.org/planningthewestside](http://planning4la.org/planningthewestside)

The plan for Westchester-Playa del Rey includes a variety of up-zoning (new rules that would allow for higher density) in R-1 and R-2 residential areas. As the department continues to refine the proposed plan concepts and gear up towards the next phase, it has encourages the public to share its thoughts, suggestions, and overall comments via email at [planning.thewestside@lacity.org](mailto:planning.thewestside@lacity.org).

The General Plan serves as a blueprint for the future, prescribing policy goals and objectives to shape and guide the physical development of the city. In the State of California, all cities are required to develop a General Plan. A General Plan is a comprehensive policy document that informs future land use decisions. It establishes land use designations and policies that identify a range of zoning options that can be applied to property. These policies assist decision makers as they review planning approvals for a new project or consider a proposed ordinance or policy. By identifying land use categories and corresponding zones, the General Plan is the legal basis for all local land use decisions and the vision for how the city will evolve, reflecting the values and priorities of its communities.

## Controller Speaks to NCWP, Highlights Data-Filled Website

Los Angeles City Controller Ron Galperin spoke to the Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa board on Tuesday and used the opportunity to highlight his website: [www.lacontroller.org](http://www.lacontroller.org) – a data-filled spot rich with all the minutiae that is Los Angeles.

“I am a great believer in transparency and that sunlight is the best disinfectant,” said Galperin, who launched ControlPanel LA, the City's first open data portal, in 2013. It features details on the goods and services Los Angeles buys, along with information on assets and liabilities, employee compensation, operating indicators and much more.

Because of his efforts, L.A. has been named the “No. 1 Digital City” by the U.S. City Open Data Census three years in a row. Government Technology Magazine put Controller Galperin on its list of the “Top 25 Doers, Dreamers and Drivers.”

Looking for the latest data on coronavirus cases? (Westchester has 295 cases and 13 deaths recorded.) It's there. Want to know how much city employees

earn? (As of 2018, Transmission & Distribution District Supervisors make \$617,786 a year in salary and benefits!) It's there. Interested in how much the airport brings in in concessions revenue? (Over \$519.8 million.) It's there. The site includes numerous years of city budgets, an array of audits and financial reports and even maps of city owned artwork available for viewing across Los Angeles. The site is also a treasure trove of information for those seeking help. In the maps section, Galperin provides maps where people can find free tax preparation services, food pantries, youth programs and more.

Simply put, if you want to know something about Los Angeles, it's there!



## LAX Survey Addresses Traveling Safely

LAX is conducting a survey about traveling safely during this challenging time. LAX has taken the lead on new and innovative ways to keep guests safe and your opinions and ideas are important to them as part of their recovery process. The survey went live on Wednesday, Aug 5 and will be active for two weeks. It takes just 7 minutes to complete. LAWA invites you to take this brief survey to provide feedback on how the airport can enhance your guest experience when traveling through LAX.

The survey can be found at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/LAXtravelSafely](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LAXtravelSafely)



Next Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Monthly Board Meeting:

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 1, 2020

via Zoom



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