Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead

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SECOND STATUS REPORT ON AMENDMENT TO TITLE 22 (ZONING ORDINANCE) TO ENHANCE EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES IN THE COUNTY (JULY 17, 2012 AGENDA, ITEM NO. 3)

On July 17, 2012, your Board adopted a motion instructing the Director of Regional Planning to revise Title 22 to: 1) provide definitions of emergency and nonemergency ambulance service facilities, including definitions of the different types of emergency service facilities; 2) permit appropriate types of emergency ambulance service facilities to be located in specified commercial and manufacturing zones subject to a ministerial process; 3) provide appropriate permitting standards and processes applicable to the remaining types of emergency ambulance service facilities as well as to nonemergency facilities in specified commercial and manufacturing zones; and 4) direct the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) to conduct a public hearing and forward its recommendation on the proposed ordinance revisions to the Board for its consideration.

STEPS TAKEN TO COMPLETE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

An initial status report was provided to the Board on August 28, 2012; since that report the following actions have been completed:

- Conducted research on other jurisdictions' regulations for ambulance services.
- Drafted preliminary ordinance that addresses all actions within the Board Motion.
- Conducted internal Department of Regional Planning (DRP) review of draft ordinance.
- Forwarded draft ordinance to other County departments for their review and comment.
- Distributed draft ordinance to stakeholders for their input.
- Began preparation of Initial Study.

NEXT STEPS IN COMPLETING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

DRP staff, in collaboration with County Counsel, must still complete the following tasks before preparing a final draft ordinance:

- Collect additional community and stakeholder input.
- Incorporate staff and stakeholder input into draft ordinance.
- Prepare final draft ordinance.
- Complete Initial Study.
- Complete ordinance amendment process and present at a public hearing to the RPC.

PROJECTED TIMELINE FOR COMPLETING REFERRAL

Staff considered all aspects of this ordinance amendment and estimates that a final draft can be prepared and presented to the RPC by February 2013. Board action is expected approximately 6 to 8 weeks thereafter.

I trust this status report has been of assistance to you. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Bruce Durbin at (213) 974-6432.

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