

DEFINITION OF TERMS

BBB Ban Billboard Blight

The Coalition to Ban Billboard Blight, the 501(c)(4) nonprofit formed by Dennis Hathaway around 2009 to stop the proliferation of billboards, supergraphics, digital billboards and other forms of outdoor advertising that blight public spaces.

BID Business Improvement Districts

Called a "BID"; a geographically defined area within the City of Los Angeles where the members of that area (usually businesses) agree to a special assessment in order to provide services, activities and/or programs. The benefits received and the cost of funding is spread equitably over all members and is collected by the City through a special contract with the City. Money collected within a BID must be spent within that same BID.

BONC Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

Established by City charter in 1999, this board is a policy-setting and oversight commission for DONE (Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment) and the Neighborhood Councils. There are 7 commissioners appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council for 5-year terms. Karen Mack is the current Board president.

Brown Act (The)

The Ralph M. Brown Act, California Government Code 54950, is an act of the California State Legislature, authored by Assemblymember Ralph M. Brown and passed in 1953, that guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies.

CBW Cahuenga Boulevard West

Our local "Main Street"; begins around the Hollywood Bowl as a continuation of Highland Avenue and ends at Lankershim Blvd, where it becomes Ventura Blvd.

CEQA California Environmental Protection Act

Pronounced "SEE-kwah," it is a statute that requires state and local agencies to identify the significant environmental impacts of their actions and to mitigate those impacts, if possible. This most often refers to large development projects that come before the City of L.A. or the County of L.A. This statute established required review processes and allowed for public comment. It was enacted in 1970 and signed into law by Governor Ronald Reagan. It is most often used as a way of reining in oversized developments.

Caltrans

The California Department of Transportation, the State agency that has jurisdiction over the freeways in California.

CPPOA Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association

Our local property owners' association, which includes residential and business property owners, and which has represented this neighborhood (defined as being from the Cahuenga Blvd West/- Mulholland Drive/Woodrow Wilson intersection north to Lankershim Blvd., and bounded on the west by Mulholland Drive and on the east by the 101 Freeway) since the early 1950's.

CAP Community Advisory Panel

The "CAP" is required by the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for NBCUniversal's Evolution Plan and is a way for the communities in close proximity to NBCU's site to oversee the project's development, and to be able to ask questions and interface with NBCU personnel regarding the property and its activities. The CAP meetings are quarterly and are held at NBCUniversal's offices.

CD4 Council District 4

The City Council district that represents our area. David E. Ryu is currently our CD4 Councilmember.

CF Council File

Prefix for City Council bills.

Charter City

Los Angeles is a charter city, in which the government system and laws are defined by a charter document, as opposed to a general law city, which is governed by the local, state, regional or national laws.

CUSG Communities United for Smart Growth

This was a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed by all the local associations that represent areas close to or affected by development in the east Valley/Hollywood Hills area, particularly NBCUniversal's Evolution Plan. This group met for years on a monthly basis with representatives from NBCU, from then-CD4 Councilmember Tom LaBonge's office, from then-Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's 3rd District office, the project architects and developers, FOLAR (Friends of Los Angeles River) and other local and regional groups.

DAC Design Advisory Committee

DAC's purpose is to promote community input and involvement in land use and planning, and to provide recommendations to governmental agencies. These committees are not decision-makers and often consist of local community stakeholders who are often appointed by Councilmembers in their district.

DEIR Draft Environmental Impact Report

See "Environmental Impact Report." The first draft of an EIR. After the DEIR is made public for a certain period of time (usually 30, 45 or 90 days) and public comments are received, the city must respond to those comments in the form of a FEIR or Final Environmental Impact Report. This FEIR then goes to either the City Council or the County Board of Supervisors (or both if the project is located in both areas) for approval.

DONE Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

City of Los Angeles department, established by City charter in 1999, that provides oversight to the Neighborhood Councils and NC processes. Grayce Liu is the current General Manager. Often called "EmpowerLA."

DOT Department of Transportation

See LADOT below.

DRB Design Review Board

This term can refer to the board of any governmental agency or department that reviews projects and is concerned with the design elements of the project and their compatibility with the local neighborhood or compliance with a Specific Plan. The role of design review boards is to evaluate the placement of mass, form, spatial elements and overall quality of the design of proposed projects based on defined objectives established in specific plans. Design review boards should assist the City decision-makers, the community, private developers, property owners, and design professionals in implementing the design goals of communities contained within specific plan boundaries.

EIR Environmental Impact Report

A term for the review and report process required by CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) to provide the public and decision-makers with detailed information about a proposed project's environmental effects, ways to minimize the project's significant environmental effects, and reasonable alternatives to the project. Factors such as population, traffic, pollution, fire protection, endangered species

and wildlife corridors, and archeological artifacts are considered, among others. These reports are required by the city and/or state in order to gain approval for the project to proceed to construction. A finding of "No Impact" is called a "Negative Declaration."

EmpowerLA

See "DONE" above.

FAR Floor Area Ratio

The connection between the size of a property and the amount of development that is permitted at that property; expressed as a percentage or a ratio.

FEIR Final Environmental Impact Report

It identifies and examines the likely environmental effects of a proposed project, and proposes measures to avoid, mitigate, or offset them. It is a response to the questions posed by the public and others in a DEIR (Draft Environmental Impact Report) on a proposed project.

FOLAR Friends of the Los Angeles River

This is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in California in 1986, whose mission is to protect and restore the natural and historic heritage of the Los Angeles River and its riparian habitat through inclusive planning, education and wise stewardship. The Los Angeles River, now over 50 miles long, flows through 14 cities and countless neighborhoods on its way to the ocean in Long Beach. The river was originally the sole water supply for the City of Los Angeles before the Los Angeles Aqueduct was completed in 1913. When the Army Corps of Engineers initiated a flood control project in the late 1930's, they paved over approximately 80% of the river. FOLAR seeks to return the river to its natural state. The group was initially founded by Lewis MacAdams in conjunction with other architects and artists, and Mr. MacAdams remains its President today.

Hillside Federation (aka Hillside Fed)

The Federation of Hillside & Canyon Associations, a volunteer organization founded in 1952 to represent all the neighborhood associations in the Santa Monica Mountains from downtown west to the beach. Current president is Charley Mims. Past president is Miriam Dodge.

HPOZ Historic Preservation Overlay Zone

A Historic Preservation Overlay Zone, or HPOZ, is an area of the city that is designated as containing structures, landscaping, natural features or sites having historic, architectural, cultural or aesthetic significance. To receive such designation, areas must be adopted as an HPOZ by the City Planning Commission and the City Council through a zone change procedure that includes notification of all affected and nearby property owners and public hearings. Once designated, areas have an HPOZ overlay added to their zoning, and are subject to special regulations. Each HPOZ area has a five member HPOZ Board to review and make recommendations on projects and promote historic preservation within the designated area. Most types of exterior changes or improvements to properties in an HPOZ area require written approval from the Planning Department.

HHWNC Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council

The local neighborhood council that includes the Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association area, identified as "Area 2" at the HHWNC. This organization meets monthly on the third Wednesday.

ICO Interim Control Ordinance

An Interim Control Ordinance is adopted as an urgency measure and prohibits the issuing of building permits for construction in designated neighborhoods where the proposed construction does not meet certain neighborhood-specific criteria.

LAMC Los Angeles Municipal Code

The laws of the City of Los Angeles, a city that has its own local government.

LADOT Los Angeles Department of Transportation (also called DOT)

The city agency having jurisdiction over the roads in the City of Los Angeles.

LOS Level of Service

Intersections and traffic are rated: A = free flow, B = reasonably free flow, C = stable flow, D = approaching unstable, E = unstable flow, and F = forced or breakdown flow.

MDRB Mulholland Design Review Board

The review process for all projects that are visible from Mulholland Drive to assure their conformance to the purposes and development standards contained in the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan.

MTA Metropolitan Transportation Authority

The transportation agency that operates the bus and rail service in the County of Los Angeles. Arthur (Art) Leahy is the current CEO. The Board of Directors is comprised of various County Supervisors and City Council members, as well as several mayors from various cities in the County of L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti is the current board chair.

Millenium Project

A very large development proposed for the Hollywood area near the Capital Records building. It has been the focus of opposition from local communities who object to the extreme height of the two towers and who believe the project is dangerously located on an earthquake fault.

NBCU NBCUniversal

Our biggest corporate neighbor, directly across the 101 Freeway from our neighborhood. It recently completed the FEIR process for the Evolution Plan, a 25-year build-out on their property. Most of their land is in the County, a few small areas on the edges are within City jurisdiction.

NBCUniversal is owned by Comcast.

NC Neighborhood Council

In 1999 the City Charter established the Neighborhood Council System "to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs." NCs receive \$37,000 in city funds each year to support their activities. Councils must establish bylaws and go through the certification process with the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE, also known as "EmpowerLA") before they can operate. There are currently 96 certified Neighborhood Councils in Los Angeles.

Negative Dec / Negative Declaration

A finding of "No Impact" in a DEIR or FEIR, meaning that the project to be developed or built has no environmental impact.

NII Neighborhood Integrity Initiative

This is a hot-button issue in 2016 and there are strong opinions and advocates on both sides of this issue. CPPOA has not taken an official position. Below is the ordinance's information.

The proposed ordinance would amend City laws related to the General Plan, including to:

(1) impose a two-year moratorium on projects seeking General Plan amendments or zone or height-district changes resulting in more intense land use, an increase in density or height, or a loss of zoned open space, agricultural or industrial areas, with exceptions including for affordable housing projects and projects for which vested rights have accrued;

- (2) prohibit geographic amendments to the General Plan unless the affected area has significant social, economic, or physical identity (defined as encompassing an entire community or district plan area, specific plan area, neighborhood council area or at least 15 acres);
- (3) require systematic, public review of the General Plan every five years;
- (4) prohibit project applicants from completing environmental impact reports for the City;
- (5) require the City make findings of General Plan consistency for planning amendments, project approvals and permit decisions; and 6) prohibit certain parking variances.

NDCP Nextdoor Cahuenga Pass

Nextdoor Cahuenga Pass is described on its website as a “free private social network for our neighborhood community.” The website identifies its purpose as a way for “residents to get to know each other, ask questions, share recommendations and discuss safety.” It is a way to connect with others in our neighborhood. For more information, go to: <http://cahuengapass.nextdoor.com>

NOP Notice of Preparation

The Notice of Preparation is the first step in the EIR process. The purpose of the NOP is to obtain early comments on the proposed project, alternatives, and potential environmental impacts. Under CEQA, once the decision is made to prepare an EIR, a Notice of Preparation must be sent out to responsible agencies, to every federal agency involved in approving or funding the project, and to each trustee agency responsible for natural resources affected by the project.

PLUM Planning and Land Use Management

PLUM committees are involved in urban planning. Their purpose is to order and regulate land use in an efficient and ethical manner to prevent land-use conflicts.

PRB Plan Review Board

A committee on a larger board that reviews architectural plans for both residential and commercial projects in a specific area. These boards are interested in promoting good quality architecture and site design, as well as to address the size and effect on the local communities as well as to consider issues of preservation. For example, the Cahuenga Blvd West / Ventura Blvd Corridor Specific Plan has a Plan Review Board for this purpose.

PSR Project Study Report

These are engineering reports that seek to document agreement on the scope, schedule and estimated cost of a project so that the project can be considered for inclusion in a future funding bill.

SLO Senior Lead Officer

This is a Los Angeles Police Department officer in charge of an area within a geographic division. SLOs provide a link that helps unite the LAPD with the communities it serves. SLOs are responsible for monitoring crime trends, working with Community-Police Advisory Boards, and acting as liaisons with detectives to stay informed of crime trends and special problems within their area.

Small Lot Subdivisions

Small lot subdivisions allow small lots with minimal street-front and setback requirements, reduced parking requirements, and are for only single-family homes. Unlike condos, owners own the house and land, and can buy and sell these types of residences like conventional houses. The Cahuenga Pass has a small-lot subdivision at 2275 Cahuenga Boulevard West.

SMMC Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Established in 1980 by the California State Legislature, this non-profit organization seeks to restore, preserve, protect and enhance parkland both in wilderness and in urban settings to form an interlinking system of urban, rural and river parks, open space, trails, and wildlife habitats that are easily accessible to the general public.

Specific Plan

A Specific Plan is a tool for the systematic implementation of a city-wide General Plan, creating a link between implementing policies of the General Plan and the individual development proposals in a defined (or specific) area. Specific Plans over-ride the more general Community Plans.

TMO Traffic Management Organization

Planning, coordinating, controlling and organizing traffic to achieve efficiency and effectiveness of the existing road capacity.

VMT Vehicle Miles Traveled

A measurement of miles traveled by vehicles within a specific region for a specific time period; an estimate of the amount of vehicular traffic in a given geographical area. Important in calculating traffic impacts for a project development.