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**Stakeholders Town Hall Meetings**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month  
Crenshaw United Methodist  
3740 Don Felipe Drive  
9:30 – 11:30 am

**Board Meetings**

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month  
DWP Crenshaw Community Room  
4030 Crenshaw Blvd  
6:30 – 8:30 pm

June 2, 2016

Date: 06/07/2016  
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Item No. 4  
Deputy: Comm from Public

Mr. Reuben N. Caldwell, AICP  
City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 667  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: WEST ADAMS-BALDWIN HILLS-LEIMERT NEW COMMUNITY

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

The Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council Board respectfully submits the following suggestions regarding the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan:

- Restrict the use of marijuana dispensaries. No marijuana dispensary should be located within a ½ (half mile) radius of another dispensary. Also dispensaries should not be located near a place of worship, school, or residential zone by at least 1000 feet.
- Clarification of the definition of auto related uses to include car washes as defined in the LAMC as *Car Laundry and Wash Rack* is needed. And prohibit the use in the entire Crenshaw Corridor Specific Plan Area.
- Prohibit the use of Public, Private and Charter Schools in the Crenshaw Corridor Specific Plan Area. The over concentration of this use blocks adequate economic redevelopment investments along the corridor.
- Clarification of the regulations for parking requirements regarding historic structures is needed. Historic structures should be exempt from parking regulations if the building footprint is not expanded.
- A master plan for the Marlton Square District is greatly needed to incorporate the opinions of the community.

- The Board rejects the increased density along Crenshaw Boulevard with less restrictive parking in TOD areas. We encourage the Department of City Planning to implement a pedestrian friendly environment with wider sidewalks, double rows of street trees along the sidewalks where feasible, and a maximum height of 45 feet for all structures along Crenshaw Boulevard within our Neighborhood Council boundaries.
- Our community categorically rejects the elimination of Ordinance Number 180103, an ordinance imposing interim regulation on the issuance of all permits related to the establishment of new fast food restaurants on commercial or industrial zoned properties located on streets designated as Major Highway Class I, Major Highway Class II and Secondary Highway in the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan area.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Planning and Landuse Beautification Chair, Carl Morgan, at 213.200.0312 or [ecwandcplanning@gmail.com](mailto:ecwandcplanning@gmail.com).

Thank You



Carl Morgan