

Council File No. 18-0269 and 18-0269-S2



Department of City Planning

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**CASE NOS. CPC-2016-4219-GPA-ZC and CPC-2016-4220-SN;
1248 S. FIGUEROA STREET**

On March 29, 2018, the City Planning Commission approved and recommended that the Mayor and City Council adopt a City-initiated General Plan Amendment and Zone Change for the property at 1248 S. Figueroa Street (**CPC-2016-4219-GPA-ZC**). On the same date, the City Planning Commission also approved in part, and denied in part, a City-initiated Sign District, with modified boundaries to include the 1248 S. Figueroa Street property and the adjacent property at 1260 S. Figueroa Street (**CPC-2016-4220-SN**).

On March 13, 2018, the entirety of the City Planning Commission's actions for both cases was appealed by the applicant Lightstone DTLA, LLC, represented by Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP, claiming to be aggrieved by the action.

However, pursuant to the City Charter Sections 555 and 558 and the Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections 11.5.8 and 12.32, the City Planning Commission's actions related to the two cases are not appealable, and the entirety of both actions are required to move forward to City Council for final consideration. The Commission's recommendation for approval for the City-initiated General Plan Amendment and Zone may be adopted by City Council with a majority vote. The Commission's recommendation for the City-initiated Sign District ordinance may be adopted by the City Council by a majority vote, or any component of the ordinance denied by the Commission may be overturned by a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

As neither of the actions by the City Planning Commission on the City-initiated cases are appealable pursuant to the City Charter and Municipal Code, the submitted appeals by the applicant are not valid and need not be considered by the City Council, as the City Council has no authority to act on the appeals.