



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: January 30, 2015

TO: Honorable Members of the City Council

FROM:  Michael J. LoGrande, Director of Planning  
Department of City Planning 

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR *re:code* LA YEAR 2 FUNDING**

The Department of City Planning (DCP) requests approval from the Construction Services Committee to provide the second year of funding for the comprehensive zoning code revision effort known as **re:code LA** (Council File No. 12-0460). This five-year work program, five-year budget plan, and first year of funding (\$990,000) was approved by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee on April 24, 2012, City Council on June 19, 2012, and Mayor on June 22, 2012.

The Department requests that the City Council authorize the Controller to appropriate \$1,012,000 to an appropriation unit for the Zoning Code Revision project within the Construction Services Trust Fund, Fund No. 438/50 for the second year of funding.

The purpose of this long overdue project is to establish a brand new zoning structure for the City of Los Angeles. The revamped Zoning Code will include clear and predictable language that will offer a wider variety of zoning options to more effectively implement the goals and objectives of the General Plan and accommodate the City's future needs and development opportunities. Updated zoning options that reflect the diversity of Los Angeles will allow each neighborhood to maintain a distinct sense of place, while improving the sustainability, economic vitality, and quality of life for all residents.

Completion of this project will benefit the City through: simplified, accessible land use regulations understandable to both neighborhood stakeholders and developers; an economic development tool that will help shore up the City's tax base; a revitalized Downtown Los Angeles; and more effective planning tools to improve our communities.

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