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In a communication dated March 30, 2012, the Planning Department informed Council District offices, Planning Department staff, and interested parties, that beginning May 1, 2012, the Office of Zoning Administration will no longer hold initial Zoning Administration hearings conducted for case applications with projects located within the West Los Angeles and Coastal-Harbor geographic areas at the West Los Angeles Municipal Building or San Pedro City Hall locations.

The Planning Department notes in its communication, that these initial hearings will now be held at City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The Planning Department communication further indicates other areas of the City will not be affected.

These initial Zoning Administration hearing enable community members to learn about proposed land use projects, and their location in the community enable those who lack vehicles and depend on public transportation to participate in the land use policy process. As such, any change in policy as to their availability and location needs to be carefully vetted. Also, the Planning Department needs to explain why these two geographic areas of the City were selected, and the criteria used to make this administrative policy.

The proposed change will potentially impact community members who live in areas of the City where there is bottle neck traffic congestion. Due to the distance to and from City Hall, this change could potentially curtail public participation in the land use development process.

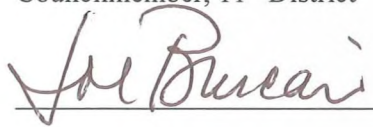
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Planning Department to immediately halt its plan to discontinue holding Zoning Administration hearings in the West Los Angeles Municipal Building and San Pedro City Hall locations.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council direct the Planning Department to report on its decision to no longer hold initial Office of Zoning Administration hearings for case applications with projects located within the West Los Angeles and Coastal-Harbor geographic areas at either the West Los Angeles Municipal Building or San Pedro City Hall locations beginning May 1, 2012.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council direct the Planning Department to explain why the West Los Angeles and Coastal-Harbor geographic areas of the City were slated as the regions of the City where initial Zoning Administration hearings would be held at Downtown City Hall instead of the communities where they are located, and the criteria used to make this administrative policy decision.

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