

## RESOLUTION NO. 17-4999

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, ADOPTING THE EASTSIDE COMMUNITY PRIORITIES PLAN FOR THE EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.

The City Council the City of West Hollywood does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. In February, 2014, the City Council appointed 15 Eastside community stakeholders to form an Eastside Working Group (EWG) to lead the development of a first-of-its-kind community priorities plan to address the most pressing issues and concerns for the Eastside, as recommended by the City's former Eastside Task Force.

SECTION 2. The Eastside Plan boundaries are consistent with the City's former Redevelopment Area boundaries, which are: the City's blocks north and south of Santa Monica Boulevard, from Hayworth on the west, to La Brea on the east.

SECTION 3. The purpose of the Eastside Community Priorities Plan is to (1) inventory existing conditions (including projects, programs, policies and infrastructure) in the Eastside neighborhood and (2) collaborate with the Eastside community to identify and prioritize improvements to be implemented over the next five to ten years.

The following topic areas are addressed in the Plan:

1. Urban Design + Community Character
2. Economic Development
3. Housing
4. **Mobility**
5. Arts + Events
6. Sustainability + Public Space
7. Public Safety

SECTION 4. Extensive community outreach was conducted in the development of the Eastside Community Priorities Plan, including fifteen Eastside Working Group meetings, two walking tours, one community workshop, three Board/Commission meetings and four pop-up events. Additionally, a project website was established at [www.wehoeastside.com](http://www.wehoeastside.com), and featured regular blog posts with project updates, event announcements, and related news, Neighborland online surveys and national night out events.

SECTION 5. The Eastside Community Priorities Plan is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061 of the CEQA Guidelines, which states that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The Eastside Community Priorities Plan does not propose changes to land use designations. Further, the Plan provides a framework and prioritization of action items to be implemented by various departments in the City and most of the specific implementation details for each action item are yet to be determined. Additionally, many of the priorities will not result to physical changes in the environment. For example, the Plan will also be used in budgeting department work plans as well as guiding city projects to best respond to the Eastside neighborhood priorities. The Plan is a statement of priorities and any discretionary action to approve any of these items will be reviewed under CEQA once the details of each action item are determined.

SECTION 6. The City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby finds that the Eastside Community Priorities Plan is consistent with the Goals and Policies of the General Plan, specifically Policy G-1, which emphasizes that the community is active and engaged in the decision-making process. Additionally, the Plan is consistent with Policy ED-9, which encourages the revitalization of the Eastside Redevelopment Area, Policy LU-4, which encourages an urban environment oriented and scaled to the pedestrian, and Policy LU-8, to maintain and enhance residential neighborhoods. Thus, adoption of the Eastside Community Priorities Plan further advances implementation of the Objectives, Goals or Policies set forth in the General Plan. The overall vision of the General Plan promotes the Eastside Community Priorities Plan and therefore, the adoption of the Eastside Community Priorities Plan would not impede the implementation of any of the Goals, Objectives, or Policies in the West Hollywood General Plan.

SECTION 7. Based on the foregoing, the City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby adopts the Eastside Community Priorities Plan.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Horvath, Meister, Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, and Mayor Heilman.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.

  
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JOHN HEILMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK

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