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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

• Build on the Civic Center Master Development Plan
• Focus on spatial and aesthetic characteristics: the physical environment
• Deepen design, urban design, and architecture concepts
• Refine the Urban Design Plan
• Create one-stop design guideline document that integrates with other city planning documents
CIVIC CENTER DISTRICT DESIGN GUIDELINES

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PROJECT STATUS

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CIVIC CENTER MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN
(Completed)

• Goals
• Program
• Phasing

Community Meeting 1
Sep 12, 2018

CAC Meeting 1

Community Meeting 2
Nov 8, 2018

CAC Meeting 2

Community Meeting 3
Feb 13, 2019

CAC Meeting 3

2019
Adoption within Community Plan Update or Specific Plan

Today
KEY MEETING TAKEAWAYS

- Connections to adjoining neighborhoods and destinations
- Scale of adjoining neighborhoods
- Year-round pedestrian comfort
- Alternate mobility
- Ground-floor activation
- Safety of public realm
- Open spaces for residents and visitors
- Little Tokyo history

- City Hall views and prominence
- Wayfinding and identity
- Civic district
- Art and culture
- Space for civic expression
- Judge John Aiso St as cultural connector
Does the Civic Center feel welcoming?

Answered: 51  Skipped: 5

Yes

No

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WHAT WE HAVE DECIDED

Key Project Tenets

- **Transformation**: single-use civic district to mixed-use civic neighborhood
- **Transparency**: facilitate access to and engagement with city government
- **Public realm focus**: design streets and sidewalks for ground-floor activity and human comfort
- **Civic open spaces**: new culturally connected destinations for civic gathering, expression, and togetherness
- **Architectural diversity**: allow creative solutions and diverse approaches
- **Phase 1 LASC**: set the bar for all other phases
- **Forward-looking infrastructure**: build the future Los Angeles
- **Celebrate City Hall**: feature Los Angeles’ icon in a new urban setting
Streets and Open Spaces

- Temporary Street Closures
- Safety Features
- Street Trees and Landscape
- Ground-Floor Frontages
- Curb-Side Drop-Offs
- Mobility Lanes
- Curb Cuts
- Furnishings
- Flex Zones
- Crosswalks
- Surface Materials
Architecture

- Tower Top Articulation
- Rooftops
- Tower Height and Massing
- Courtyards
- Podium Height and Scale
- Materials and Transparency
- Preserve City Hall Views
- Bridges and Tunnels
- Active Ground Floors
- Parking and Loading
- Paseos and Gallerias
Access and Identity

Architectural Lighting

Informational Signage

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### Architecture
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- Tower Floorplate
- Simple Massing
- Height Constraints
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- Paseos/Galleries/Breaks
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- Building Frontages
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- Architectural Expression
- Materials
- Human Comfort

### Access and Identity
- Art Representing History
- Interactive Art
- Wayfinding
- Signage
- Architectural Lighting

### Sustainability and Infrastructure
- District-Wide Green Infrastructure
- District Energy, Micro Grid
- Building Sustainability
- Goal Setting
- Coordinated Utilities
- Parking
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REFINED URBAN DESIGN PLAN

Master Development Plan Criteria

• Preserve views of City Hall
• Provide City Hall with “space”
• Create a variety of public opens spaces
• Connect to adjacent neighborhoods and destinations

Additional District Design Guideline Criteria

• Consider development phasing and site boundaries
• Scale streets and open spaces to human scale
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URBAN DESIGN DIAGRAMS

Neighborhood connections and block scale

Focus on public streets
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URBAN DESIGN DIAGRAMS

A network of open spaces

Connecting cultural destinations
REFINED URBAN DESIGN PLAN

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**CIVIC SQUARE**
- The district’s living room accommodates civic life, expression, and togetherness

**LOS ANGELES STREET SPACE**
- Enhanced connection between LASCB and Civic Square

**LASCB PASEO**
- Activities and amenities attract and connect to Little Tokyo

**SQUARE AT JUDGE JOHN AISU**
- Neighborhood plaza with restaurants and area for play

PERKINS+WILL
DRAFT GUIDELINES
Open space destination with active ground-floor retail, restaurants, services, and museum

Street-level activation in Phase 1

Connecting City Hall to cultural destinations in Little Tokyo

Off-site improvements to base of City Hall East, Los Angeles Street, and Judge John Aiso Street
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CITY HALL SQUARE CONCEPT

- The district’s “living room” accommodates civic life
- Versatile civic square: meeting, activity, civic expression
- Pleasant and accessible in all seasons with shade, and large space for gathering, performance, and activities
- Ground floor uses with outdoor components activate the square to create a lively and active meeting space
Open House and Feedback

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