

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING**

PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Title 22 Tune Up Ordinance: Proposed amendment to the Los Angeles County Code (Title 22) to make technical corrections and clarifications, reformat, and reorganize, in order to streamline certain procedures and to make the Planning and Zoning Code consistent with State law.

REQUEST: Approval and adoption of the proposed Ordinance.

LOCATION: Countywide (unincorporated areas)

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RPC HEARING DATE: October 14, 2020

RPC RECOMMENDATION: Approval and recommendation to the Board to consider adoption of the proposed Ordinance.

MEMBERS VOTING AYE: Modugno, Shell, Smith, Louie, Moon

MEMBERS VOTING NAY: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MEMBERS ABSTAINING: None

KEY ISSUES: The proposed Ordinance amends Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the County Code to: make corrections of discrepancies and typographical errors; clarify vague provisions; eliminate redundant language; streamline case processing procedures; remove an obsolete zone; reformat and reorganize sections into other sections or as new chapters; and revise land use regulations to comply with State law and other County regulations.

MAJOR POINTS FOR: The proposed Ordinance will make technical improvements to Title 22 to ensure that the Planning and Zoning Code is clear, consistent, error-free, and easy to interpret and implement, and is updated as a

result of recent changes in State law. Instead of a comprehensive update that takes years to prepare, this will be the first in a series of smaller, more frequent updates that can be prepared and adopted within one to two years.

MAJOR POINTS AGAINST:

The proposed Ordinance as presented removes a notification procedure for Administrative Oak Tree Permits (a ministerial process) for encroachment or removal of a single oak tree on a residential property that contains a single family residence. As a result, the community will not be notified when an oak tree of significant value to the community is being removed. Staff will correct this prior to submittal to the Board.