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## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**MONDAY, OCT 4, 2010 7PM**

**at**

**CBS Studio Center, Building 8, MPR-3  
4024 Radford, Studio City CA, 91604**

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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call. (1 min).**

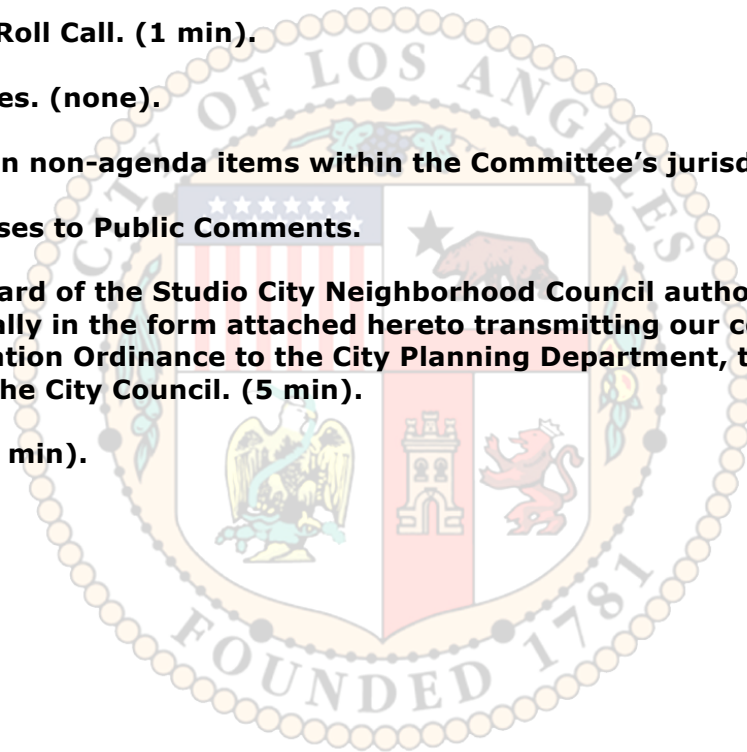
**2. Approval of Minutes. (none).**

**3. Public Comment on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction.**

**4. Member's Responses to Public Comments.**

**5. MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council authorizes the issuance of a letter substantially in the form attached hereto transmitting our comments on the Zone Code Simplification Ordinance to the City Planning Department, the City Planning Commission and to the City Council. (5 min).**

**6. Adjournment: (1 min).**



October 2, 2010

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The City Planning Commission:

Re: CPC-2010-1572-CA

With respect to the Planning Department project defined in the following paragraph, various committees of the SCNC, including both SCNC board members and stakeholders, have devoted a great deal of time and effort reviewing the proposed amendments. This letter sets forth the concerns of the SCNC regarding the proposal. Please place our comments in your formal record on this matter.

“Pursuant to Charter Section 558 and Section 12.32-A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, the **Director of Planning has initiated development of six recommended zoning code amendments intended to streamline and simplify the Department's case processing function.** The attached Appendix A is the first of these six proposed ordinances to be presented to the City Planning Commission.”

As the project is being implemented in 6 segments, commencing with this first Ordinance, it is impossible for the public to evaluate the revised Ordinance because there is no way to determine from this document the scope or impact of the entire project. This is a violation of CEQA and it renders the MND meaningless.

The staff report indicates that the objective of the first zone code simplification ordinance is to consolidate common findings that have the same intent but different phrasing, clarify ambiguous finding language, delete duplicative findings, delete unnecessary findings and move findings to more appropriate places in the Zoning Code. It further indicates that none of the changes alter the substantive analyses necessary for thoughtful review of development projects and that the proposed ordinance will not lessen the ability of stakeholders to participate in the public process or eliminate any criteria that protects the citizenry from inappropriate land uses. The Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the concept of increased efficiency in the planning process, consistency in the language of the findings and transparency while not reducing the ability of stakeholders to participate in the public process.