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January 11, 2024 (Agenda)

TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Mike Prater
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Report on 2024 38th Annual UCLA Land Use Law & Planning Conference

This is an Informational Report. No Action is Necessary

DISCUSSION

Typically, Commissioners and LAFCO's Legal Counsel attended the UCLA Planning and Land Use Conference scheduled on February 2, 2024 for in-person only at Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza 251 South Olive Street Los Angeles, CA. 90012. There is no virtual attendance option this year.

The Conference material is attached as **Attachment A**.

The program, included practitioners from both land use law and planning disciplines providing balanced analysis of critical legal cases that affect land use decisions. The conference also focused on the actual results of laws that have been in effect for some time and provided updates on aspects of the law, like CEQA, that evolves every year. The panelists provided their insight and perspective into land use issues ranging from housing and rent control to coastal policies, cannabis land use, and development and zoning law.

Santa Barbara LAFCO conference attendees will brief the Commission on perceptions of the conference at a follow-up meeting.

Attachments

Attachment A UCLA Conference Materials

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

38th Annual Land Use Law & Planning Conference

[Register Now](#)

Learn, network, and keep current.

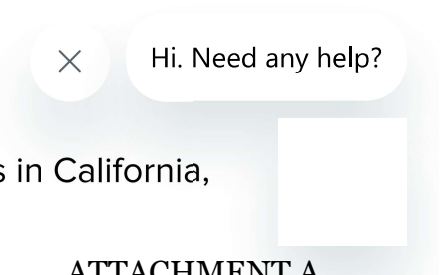
UCLA Extension's annual Land Use Law and Planning Conference is the leading networking event and source of information on California land use legislation, case law, and the emerging issues that frame land use and development practices in the nation's most populous state.

The program's unique cross-disciplinary approach explores the full range of perspectives drawn from land use planning, legal, development, and environmental communities, and demonstrates how these factors influence the day-to-day work of planners, developers, environmental regulators, and attorneys.

Now in its 38th year, the UCLA Extension conference offers a big-picture view of land use law and planning practice, with knowledgeable speakers providing succinct and provocative updates on core state and federal case law and legislation, as well as practice pointers on basic land use law and planning issues for practitioners and scholars.

Who should attend?

All individuals involved in land use and environmental issues in California, including:



- Public officials & planners
- Attorneys & consultants
- Developers & real estate professionals
- Students interested in planning and public policy

Join Us!

Date & Time

Friday, February 2, 2024

8:30am–4:30pm PT

Location

Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza

251 South Olive Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Registration Fee

\$625*

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*Student Fee: \$495; Members of Donating Organizations: \$595

[Registration Details](#)

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8:30
a.m. **Welcome & Program Overview**

8:45
a.m. Update #1
CEQA Overview

10:15
a.m. Morning Break

10:30
a.m. Assessment #1
Attaining Housing for All
Hear the latest developments including the state Density Bonus Law, the Surplus Lands Act, SB 330, SB 35, and more.

12:00
p.m. Lunch Break

12:30
p.m. **Fireside Chat: Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles (Invited)**

1:15
p.m. Update #2
Quick Hits

1:45
p.m. Assessment #2
Clearing the Air: How Air and Emissions Regulation are Impacting the Industrial Sector and At-Risk Communities.

3:00
p.m. Afternoon Break

3:15
p.m. Update #3
Planning, Zoning, and Development Law

4:25
p.m. **Closing Comments**

4:30
p.m. Conference Ends

Keynote Address

Fireside Chat

Scheduled to Appear: Karen Bass

Mayor, City of Los Angeles

Panel Discussions

On February 2nd, join us for a review of the important issues of the past year—and a look at what’s ahead for 2024.

CEQA Overview

A perennial favorite, hear representatives of both the petitioner and local agency sides present and analyze the year's most significant CEQA developments.

PANELISTS

Charity Schiller

Partner, Best Best & Krieger

Kevin Bundy

Partner, Shute Mihaly & Weinberger

MODERATOR:

David C. Smith

Partner, Manatt Phelps & Phillips, LLP

Assessment #1

Planning, Zoning, and Development Law Update

Quick Hits: 2024

Assessment #2

Conference Co-Chairs

UCLA Extension extends gratitude to the Land Use Law & Planning Conference Co-Chairs.



Alisha Winterswyk is a partner in the Environmental and Natural Resources practice group at Best Best & Krieger LLP. She is a CEQA and land use lawyer that advises public and private clients on an array of environmental, planning and municipal laws.

Alisha's practice is both transactional and litigation-based as she takes a "soup-to-nuts" approach to representing clients and in the development process. Over the past several years, Alisha has contributed to the UCLA Land Use Law and Planning Conference as a speaker and she is delighted to now serve as a co-chair for this fantastic event.



David Smith is a partner with Manatt, Phelps & Phillips and splits his time between the firm's Orange County and San Francisco offices. Mr. Smith counsels land developers, conservation companies, for-profit and nonprofit organizations, and individuals at the intersection of law and government on land use entitlement, real estate development and regulatory compliance. He is frequently engaged in entitlement and permitting matters for development projects that are, or have the potential to be, particularly contentious and complicated.

Mr. Smith's expertise includes all facets of land use and related regulatory compliance including the California Environmental Quality Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, climate change, the McAtteer-Petris Act and California's planning and zoning laws. In addition to his practice, Mr. Smith frequently speaks at law schools and conferences throughout the state.

Matthew Burris is the Deputy City Manager over Community and Economic Development for the City of Rancho Cucamonga. He has over 17 years of experience working with local government working for a variety of private sector firms as well as for local governments as an employee. Matt also served as a Planning Commissioner for California's newest City of Jurupa Valley. In addition to his work in community development, Matt has regularly taught planning courses for both UC Berkeley and UC Riverside.



He is a Certified Planner, a LEED Accredited Professional, and holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies from UC Santa Barbara, as well as a Master of Science in City and Regional Planning and a Master of Science in Engineering from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Both Matt in his professional capacity, and many of the projects he has been instrumental in, have won state and national awards.



For over 27 years, UCLA Extension has been training professionals in public policy through the annual Land Use Law and Planning Conference, CEQA seminars, as well as climate policy, education policy, health care policy, and food justice courses.

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