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California Green Builder Presents at Los Angeles County

CBIA's sponsored green building program California Green Builder (CGB), was presented to the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission and County staff last week as an alternative to the often costly and non-residential friendly LEED program. Amicably welcomed by County staff and representatives, CGB is an incentive-based green builder program that has seen results both on the large production and small builder scale. BIA/GLAV will continue to work with County staff on developing a green building program for the County and advocate for CGB as the method of implementation.



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City Planning Commission Sets More Public Workshops on Mansionizations



Even after multiple public workshops, Los Angeles City Planning Commissioners requested City staff to hold another public workshop regarding mansionizations, scheduled for Thursday, May 24th. The request stems from last Thursday's City Planning Commission Meeting, where many building industry professionals, members of the public and representatives from various City Councilmembers voiced their concerns that the draft ordinance will not accurately stop the problem of neighborhood characterization. BIA/GLAV advocates that to address the issue of neighborhood characterization, massing, instead of FAR, needs to be what is detailed. BIA/GLAV is preparing a position paper on the subject and will be in attendance at the next public workshop. Stay tuned into future Blueprints for more information.

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NBC Unveils Universal City Vision Plan to BIA/GLAV

NBC Universal, the largest television and motion picture production facility in Los Angeles, shared their plans of the Universal City Vision Plan to Los Angeles Government Affairs Committee members at the latest meeting. With more than 2,900 planned residential units, the Universal City Vision Plan is a transit-oriented project that revitalizes their studio production facilities and provides much needed housing to the population in the area. Plans also include extending studios and lots to the adjacent Universal City MTA Station and refreshing the current CityWalk and Universal Studios Hollywood Theme Park. For more detailed information, please visit www.ucvisionplan.com.

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