

# DISTRICT UPDATE



CITY OF PASADENA | FEBRUARY 25, 2022



Dear Friends,

I am sending a quick note about two agenda items that will be in front of City Council on Monday, February 28th. You can find the agenda here: [City Council Agenda 2/28/22](#). If you would like to make public comment, instructions can be found here: [Public Comment Instructions](#).

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## **EAST COLORADO SPECIFIC PLAN**

On Monday, the Planning staff will be presenting the Final version of the East Colorado Specific Plan (item 1). The specific plan area encompasses the 1.4-mile section of Colorado Boulevard between Wilson Avenue on the west and Roosevelt Avenue on the east. The plan area also includes Green Street between Wilson and Holliston Avenue, and Allen Avenue between Colorado Boulevard and Corson Street, connecting the educational and commercial uses on Colorado Boulevard to the Metro L (Gold) Line and residential neighborhoods north of the 1-210 freeway. Staff recommendations include the following:

- Introduction of new housing opportunities within the Eastern Corridor subarea at residential densities consistent with the General Plan to complement



### [South Lake Business Association](#)



### [Green Street Village](#)



### [Playhouse Village](#)

existing uses and the relatively lower scale character;

- Focus new housing opportunities within the Mid-City, College District, Gateway, and Allen Transit subareas at residential densities that are in some cases greater than the current plan but consistent with the density ranges established by the General Plan;
- Allow new drive-through establishments in the Eastern Corridor subarea between Parkwood and Grand Oaks, subject to a Conditional Use Permit and the existing distant separation requirements for drive-through establishments;
- Prohibit new drive-through establishments throughout the remainder of the plan area, but allow expansions with the requirement to obtain a Minor Conditional Use Permit. Expansion of existing drive-throughs would be subject to potential conditions (i.e., addressing queueing and drive-through lane placement, reduction in parking in exchange for outdoor dining and landscaping, and lighting and noise mitigation measures where located adjacent to residential uses);
- Support restaurants with walk-up windows across the plan area by changing the permit requirement from Conditional Use Permit to a by-right use to encourage pedestrian-accessible restaurant options;
- Creation of an Innovation District through the introduction of R&D non-offices throughout Mid-City subarea

You may read the entire staff report here: [Staff Report ECSP](#). View the agenda (link above) to read the Specific Plan and supporting documentation.

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## **CONSIDERATION OF PROHIBITING GAS-POWERED LEAF-BLOWING MACHINES**

Also on Monday, City Council will consider banning gas-powered leaf blowers (item 10). On October 18, 2021 the City Council discussed the topic of gas-powered leaf-blowing machines and whether the regulations in the Municipal Code should be amended to prohibit their use in Pasadena. At the conclusion of the discussion it was the City Council's direction to staff to bring a presentation regarding a prohibition on the use of gas-powered leaf-blowing machines to the Municipal Services Committee for discussion. The Municipal Services Committee discussed the potential prohibition on December 14, 2021. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Committee voted to support the staff recommendation for a citywide prohibition of gas-powered leaf-blowing machines. It is now back to Council for a decision. You can view the staff report here: [Staff Report Regarding Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers](#).

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