



Architectural Review Board

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Architectural Review Board (ARB) Chair take the following action:

1. Appoint two Board members to a subcommittee to help staff development draft objective standards

Background

Strengthening objective standards was a key action in the City's 2018 Housing Work Plan. The changes would simplify and clarify standards and guidelines for staff, decision-makers, and applicants. State law relies more and more on projects' compliance with objective standards. Therefore, the objective standards project aims to strengthen standards to identify the City's priorities and ensure applicants' compliance with these priorities, to facilitate the development of housing.

Subcommittee Objectives

Once appointed, the two Subcommittee members would work with City staff and consultants, to help:

- Refine design guidelines/context-based design criteria as objective standards
- Identify new objective standards for housing and mixed-use projects, to complement existing standards, guidelines, and adopted policy goals;
- Call out areas of redundancy, inconsistency, and lack of clarity in the Zoning Ordinance.
- Determine what zoning graphics and/or architectural review checklists would be helpful to streamline the review process.

Next Steps

Based on feedback from the Subcommittee, staff and consultants will prepare draft objective standards and preliminary graphics to share with the ARB at a subsequent meeting.

Public Notification, Outreach & Comments

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