



# Land Use & Environment Committee

## FACT SHEET

### **The Empowerment Congress (EC)**

The Empowerment Congress, a distinctive and deliberate national model of civic engagement built on the core principles of participatory democracy, reciprocal accountability, and intentional civility, is a dynamic partnership among neighborhood groups, residents, nonprofit organizations, businesses, religious institutions, and community leaders within the diverse communities of Los Angeles County's Second Supervisorial District. The Empowerment Congress' mission is to educate, engage, and empower communities by fostering leadership, capacity building, and impacting public policy.

### **The EC Land Use & Environment Committee**

The EC Land Use & Environment Committee comprehensively addresses environmental justice concerns and opportunities in the Second Supervisorial District particularly in the areas of affordable housing, water and energy efficiency, transportation and access to green spaces. Our role is to partner with the Second District on key issues impacting the environment and health of the community, provide environmental education, and engage residents with land use projects.

### **Goals**

1. Educate and inform the community about key land use and environmental initiatives impacting the Second Supervisorial District.
2. Support the work and activities/events of the individual EC Land Use and Environment Committee Members and the community.
3. Identify emerging environmental health issues in the Second Supervisorial District and determine how to influence and develop policy.
4. Conduct community outreach and facilitate community input on land use projects in the greater South Los Angeles region.

### **Key Issues**

- Addressing the affordable housing shortage.
- Creating open spaces for dialogue around gentrification and its impact on communities.
- Protecting tenants' rights in times of change.
- Linking affordable housing with the development of open spaces.
- Building transit-oriented communities.

To review the Land Use & Environment Committee's current work plan please visit the EC website.

### **Committee Meetings (check the website for any changes)**

4th Thursday of each month (3:00pm – 4:30pm)  
Exposition Park Constituent Service and Training Center  
900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90007

### **For more information:**

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