

## Communications

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**Cc:** Covello, Zoe; James, Ashley  
**Subject:** RE: Southside Rezoning Public Hearing questions

Good morning Phil,

We apologize for the confusion that this erroneous public hearing notice generated. The April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a *discussion* of the Southside Zoning modifications. At the April meeting, the public and the Commission will have additional opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments. If all goes according to plan, staff plan to revise the ordinance based on the April feedback and bring a final draft before Planning Commission for recommendation in Summer 2023.

The **April 19<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting will be in-person only at 5:30 pm at the South Berkeley Senior Center**. I expect that the materials will be available on the Planning Commission website no later than the Thursday before the meeting.

As you know, staff have conducted extensive outreach regarding Southside rezoning for the past three years and throughout the Housing Element process, including recent meetings with the Southside Neighborhood Consortium on October 5, 2022 and January 19, 2023. The latest proposed ordinance is a reflection and culmination of all of those efforts.

Sincerely,

Grace

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**Subject:** Southside Rezoning Public Hearing questions

Dear Zoe Covello and Ashley James,

We are in receipt of the attached Public Notice for the Southside Zoning Modification Plan to be held on 19 April. We have the following questions:

1. The notice does not include a link to the proposed changes, however the notice says that for written comments to be included in the packet, comments must be received by 11 April. How is it possible to submit comments on a proposal that is not available to review?
2. The notice says at the top that the hearing will be at the South Berkeley Senior Center, but further down in the document says that it will be a virtual hearing. Which is it? Or is it hybrid?

We are concerned by the very short notice to review and comment on a plan that is quite complex and that has undergone many iterations. It seems unfair to expect members of the community and community organizations to make thorough and thoughtful comments without having sufficient time to review the changes. Perhaps you could consider giving more time for comments, and put this item on the agenda for the following month's meeting? That would only necessitate a two week delay.

Thanks for your consideration and response.

Phil Bokovoy  
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