



City of Santa Barbara

California

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS DESIGN ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT RELATED TO BUILDING HEIGHT STANDARDS IN CERTAIN COMMERCIAL ZONES

ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW – Mon., January 26, 2009*
(David Gebhard Public Meeting Room – 630 Garden St.)

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION., Wed., February 4, 2009*
(David Gebhard Public Meeting Room – 630 Garden St.)

PLANNING COMMISSION, Thurs., February 5, 2009*
(City Council Chambers – 735 Anacapa St.)

The City Council is considering a Charter Amendment to be placed on the November 2009 ballot. The amendment would be related to the heights of buildings allowed in the C-2, C-M and M-1 commercial and industrial zones of the City where 60-feet in height is currently allowed. The ABR, HLC and Planning Commission will discuss design and land use issues associated with reducing the heights from 60-feet to 45-feet in commercial zones with some exceptions for affordable housing projects, rental housing and community priority uses. The discussion will include a variable front yard setback to allow for landscaping along with a companion zoning ordinance.

The C-2, C-M and M-1 zones are generally located in the downtown area between the waterfront on the south, Padre Street to the north, the 101 Freeway on the west, and the Milpas Street corridor on the east, as well as an area near Constance and Chapala Streets.

You are invited to attend these meetings and address your verbal comments. Written comments are welcome. Written information should be submitted prior to the meeting at the Planning Division Office, 630 Garden St; by mail attention Beatriz Gularte, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990; or by email at bgularte@santabarbaraCA.gov. Please submit 12 copies of any written materials over 2 pages. Written comments are accepted at and up to the time of the hearing; however, the reviewing body may not have time to consider materials submitted the day of the meeting.

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