

# L.A. BUILDING & SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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## Year-To-Date Statistical Comparison

Fourth Quarters 2019-20 and 2020-21

Construction Indicator	FY 2019-20 FYTD - Q4	FY 2020-21 FYTD - Q4	% Change	FY 2020-21 Total
Building Permit Valuation	\$1.3 Billion	\$1.5 Billion	15%	\$6.1 Billion
Number of Permits	26,324	40,888	55%	147,690
Number of Plan Checks	14,180	18,006	27%	66,688
Inspections Performed	238,258	242,946	2%	930,744

## Affordable/Supportive Housing Projects

Permitted between April 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021

Project Address	Project Affordable/Supportive Housing Units *
5500 W. Hollywood Boulevard Hollywood	79 affordable units; Valuation - \$8.5 million
923 S. Kenmore Avenue Koreatown	63 low-income units; six (6) very low-income units; five (5) extremely low income units; Valuation - \$6.9 million

1611 W. Montana Street  
Echo Park

63 permanent supportive low-income units;  
Valuation - \$6.4 million

2721 W. Wilshire Boulevard  
MacArthur Park

16 very low-income units; 47 extremely low-income  
units; Valuation - \$6.3 million

### LA'S Top 5 Construction Projects

Based on Construction Valuation  
Permitted Between April 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021

Project Address	Construction Valuation	Project Description
444 W. Universal Hollywood Drive	\$152.3 Million	New construction — Proposed 11-story, high-rise office building and parking garage.
200 N. Vermont Avenue	\$65.5 Million	New construction — Proposed six-story, 490-unit mixed-use apartment and retail building.
5620 W. De Longpre Avenue	\$41.7 Million	New construction — Proposed eight-story, 184-unit apartment building.
7566 W. Sunset Boulevard	\$35.5 Million	New construction — Proposed five-story, 128-unit mixed-use apartment building and retail building.
3609 S. 10th Avenue	\$22.8 Million	New construction — Proposed three-story, commercial office building and parking garage.



### 3 Tips For a Successful ePlanLA Experience



1. Read the ePlanLA FAQ: <https://www.ladbs.org/faq>
2. Create an account at: <https://eplanla.lacity.org>
3. Make sure you follow the format requirement for plans and drawings, as well as supporting documents. For more information, see the [ePlanLA FAQ](#).

### CHIP Now Available to Assist on LADBS.ORG

LADBS has fully integrated CHIP, short for **C**ity **H**all **I**nternet **P**ersonality, on the [ladbs.org](https://www.ladbs.org) website. CHIP is a customer-facing automated help tool that answers simple questions. CHIP is available 24/7 and can be found on the right side of all [LADBS.org](https://www.ladbs.org) webpages.



## Express Permit Online Appointments System

Express permits or e-Permits are for simple projects that do not require plan check. LADBS recently added the Online Appointments Scheduling System to **e-Permits**. LADBS customers experiencing issues while applying for permits online will be automatically routed to the scheduling system so they can speak with LADBS staff.



## HTTPS Updated on All LADBS Websites

To better ensure the security of LADBS customer data, we upgraded all of our websites to the latest version of the security protocol HTTPS.



## Update on Factory-Built Housing

LADBS recently uploaded a new **flyer** regarding Factory-Built Housing (FBH) on the LADBS website. FBH consists of residential structures manufactured wholly or partially off-site, in sections or building components which are assembled at the installation site to form part of, or most of, a completed unit. Plan review and inspection duties of FBH projects within City limits are shared by LADBS and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Factory-built and assembled structures and components are reviewed and inspected by an HCD design approval agency. Site-built and assembled structures and components are reviewed and inspected by LADBS, the local building department. The LADBS, the Los Angeles City Planning (LACP), the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) have established a joint partnership to improve development of FBH projects.



# CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES



The Department has a number of contracting needs for various abatements and professional services. The best way to locate opportunities to work with the City is to register your company on the Los Angeles Business Assistance Virtual Network (LABAVN) website at [www.LABAVN.org](http://www.LABAVN.org). During or after registration, select any/all North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes that apply to your company. Once registered, LABAVN will automatically send out email notifications when bid opportunities are posted that match your company's NAICS codes. The following is a list of upcoming solicitations LADBS plans to release on LABAVN, sorted chronologically

Please contact [LADBS.ASD@lacity.org](mailto:LADBS.ASD@lacity.org) for more information

UPCOMING CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES	ESTIMATED RELEASE DATES
<b><u>As Needed Information Technology (IT) Services:</u></b> To provide Information Technology (IT) Services via bench agreements, whereby the Department will issue Task Orders in several specific service categories. The bench agreements are intended to provide high-quality results to LADBS while significantly shortening the procurement cycle, enabling a more rapid response to identified LADBS needs. Task Orders issued under these bench agreements will provide outcome-based services aligned with LADBS business and technical needs.	FY 21-22 Q1
<b><u>Permitting, Inspections, and Code Enforcement System:</u></b> To provide a consolidated permitting, inspections, and code enforcement system to replace existing legacy systems with a modern commercial-off-the-shelf system or low-code platform-based solution.	FY 21-22 Q1
<b><u>Microfilming, Indexing, Imaging, and Digitizing Services:</u></b> To provide microfilming, indexing, imaging, and digitizing services. The work required under this RFP will include: processing and duplicating silver and diazo 16mm and 35mm microfilm; conversion services for paper, microfilm, and digital images; and indexing documents and images.	FY 21-22 Q1
<b><u>Fencing Services:</u></b> To provide fencing of vacant properties at various locations throughout the City of Los Angeles. Qualified bidders must possess a valid C-13 Fencing License with the State of California.	FY 21-22 Q2
<b><u>Graffiti Abatement:</u></b> To provide graffiti abatement services at various locations throughout the City of Los Angeles. Qualified bidders must possess a valid C-13 Fencing License with the State of California.	FY 21-22 Q2

## COMMITMENT TO OUR CUSTOMERS

Your project is important, so we strive to provide you with superb service and your feedback is important to maintaining this level of service. If you want to recognize a staff member, file a

complaint, comment on the service you received, request additional assistance, or a second opinion on any plan check or inspection issues regarding your project, please provide feedback at LADBS website at **<https://ladbs.org>** or call (213) 482-6755. LADBS Customer Service Code of Conduct is posted at:

**<https://ladbs.org/our-organization/messaging/customer-service-code-of-conduct>**