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AGENDA

CITY OF EL CENTRO PLANNING COMMISSION

**City Hall
Council Chambers
1275 Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025 AT 5:30 PM

Any member of the public attending in person and wishing to make a comment is asked to complete a speaker slip and follow the "Notice to the Public" instructions below. Alternatively, any member of the public is invited to submit public comments in advance of the meeting to be answered at the meeting. Please email your questions to ecplanning@cityofelcentro.org or call (760) 337-4545. The public may participate and make public comments via the following Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88123461709?pwd=N53pqPhBGO1nOKasS5iafzYxOP88ix.1>

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This is a public meeting. If there is a matter on the agenda on which you wish to be heard, please come forward to the microphone; address yourself to the commission, stating your name and address for the record. Persons wishing to address the Commission are not required to identify themselves (Gov't Code § 54953.3); however, this information assists the Chairperson by ensuring that all persons wishing to address the Commission are recognized and it assists the Commission's Secretary in preparing meeting minutes. The Chairperson reserves the right to place a time limit on each person asking to be heard. If you wish to address the Commission concerning any other matter within the Commission's jurisdiction, you may do so during the public comment portion of the agenda.

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CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items are approved by one motion. Commissioners or members of the public may pull consent items to be considered separately at a time determined by the Chairperson.

1. Approval of November 17, 2025, Planning Commission Minutes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Conditional Use Permit 25-04 for La Plaza Bar

Vivia Arellano applied for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a lounge bar within an existing building located at 669 W. Main Street (APN 053-104-002). The property is located in the CD-Downtown Commercial Zone which requires bars and nightclubs to obtain a CUP. The proposed establishment, to be named La Plaza Bar, would be expected to operate 7 days a week and will have a mixture of seating, games, and amenities. No expansion of the building footprint is proposed.

Presentation: Valeria Landeros, Assistant Planner

Recommendation:

Open the public hearing and after allowing input from all proponents and opponents of the project move forward in approving the project and issuing conditional use permit.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Discussion and any necessary action regarding attendance at the Cal Cities Planning Commissioner's Academy

NON-ACTION INFORMATION ITEMS

4. 2026 Planning Commission Meeting Calendar

5. Community Development Department Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Commission after distribution of the agenda packet will be available for public inspection at the Community Development Department-Planning & Zoning Division located at 1275 W. Main Street, El Centro, California during normal business hours.

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