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# Introduction to Development Agreements and Other Contract-Based Value Capture



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Key Elements of DAs



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### **Overview: What are DAs?**



#### Local Government



Long-term vested rights/land use entitlements

#### **Development Agreements (DAs)**

...voluntary but legally binding contract between developer(s) and local government

...less litigious, more flexible



#### Real Estate Developer



Upfront contributions for public improvements

- Larger concessions from developer
- More flexibility in imposing project conditions
- More latitude in advancing new, innovative local land use planning policies
- Facilitate long-term planning, reaching goals

- Lock in development rights for long term
- No change in land use/zoning regulations over contract duration
- Easier to secure financing
- Greater assurance that project will be built



### **Overview: An important legal concept for DAs**



Zoning ordinances can be changed at will by government, but DA provides...



### **Vested Right**

...property owner's irrevocable right to develop his or her property that cannot be changed by future growth restrictions or other regulatory reversals

First introduced in California in the 1970s, the need for DA was triggered by the new "vested right" requirements set by *the Avco case (1976)* 



### **Overview: DA legislative history**



Developer Exactions Long legislative history (1950-present) Essential Nexus/Rough Proportionality tests [Nollan (1987)/Dolan (1994)/Koontz (2013)]



Vested right after substantial developer liabilities [Avco vs. CA Coastal Commission (1976)]



Development Agreement

**CA Development Agreement Law (1979)** First of a kind; VR and nexus test exemption



...best suited for large-scale, long-term, master planned development projects

...should not be confused with Comprehensive Development Agreement (long-term concession used for P3 delivery)





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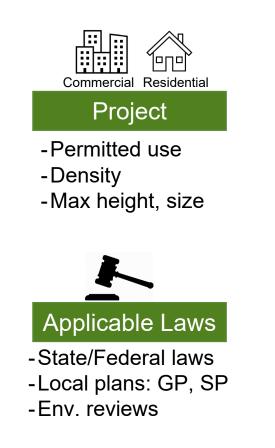
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## **Key Elements of DAs**

Common provisions covered in DAs include...





#### Improvements

- -Roads, signals
- -Water/sewage
- -Park, bike path



- -Non-performance
- -Remedies/termination
- -Amend, cancel





- -Annual reviews
- -Recordation
- Costs: admin/legal





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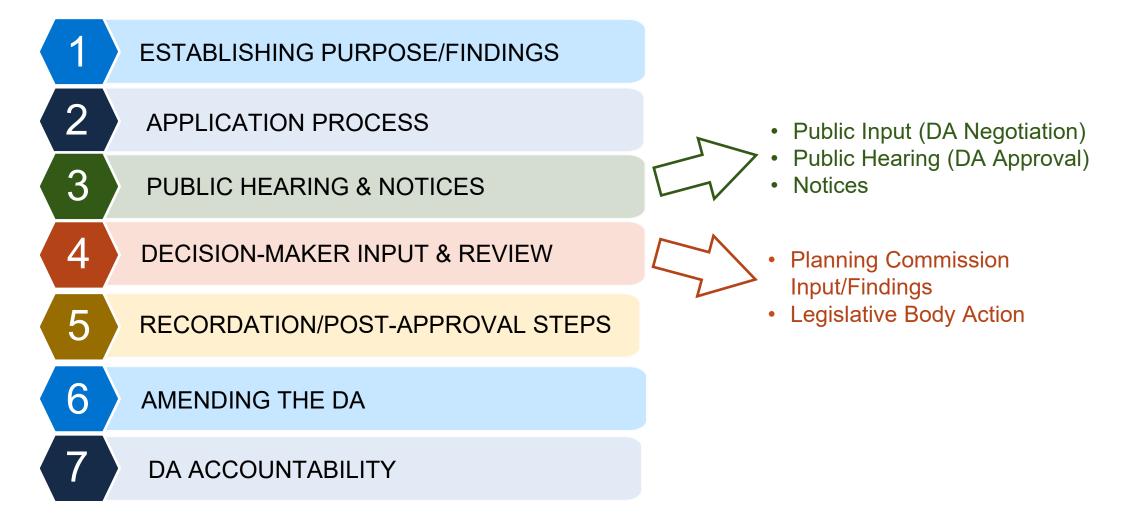
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### **DA Implementation Steps**









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### DA Examples—Wide Range (Washington)

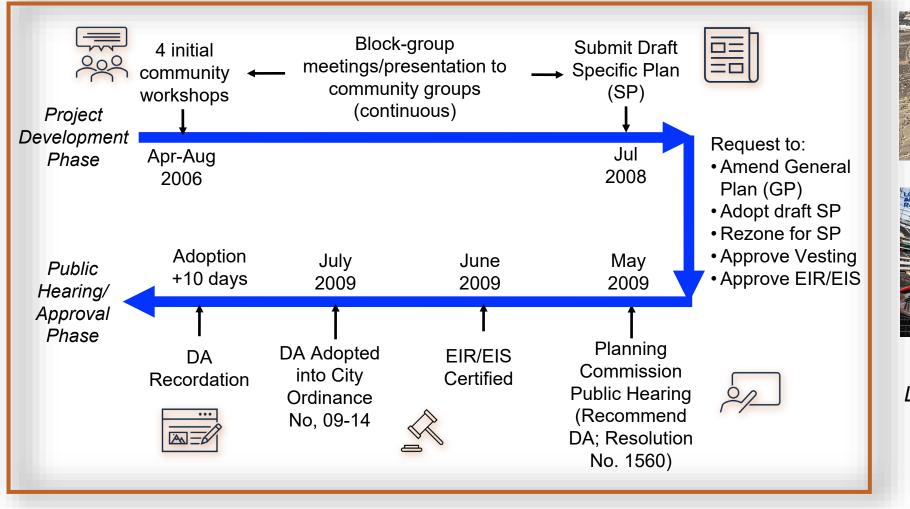


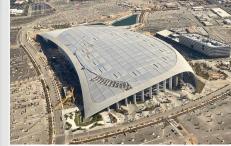
Location	Year	Term	Size (Acres)	Project Scope	Public Improvements
City of Bellevue	2009	5	Small (36)	<ul> <li>Mixed use urban revitalization</li> <li>Linkage to regional LRT</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Transportation &amp; other infra</li><li>Park &amp; recreation</li></ul>
City of Black Diamond	2011	15	Large (1,200)	<ul><li>Large-scale mixed use</li><li>Master planned community</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Transportation &amp; other infra</li> <li>Park &amp; recreation</li> <li>Affordable housing</li> </ul>
City of Des Moines	2007	15	Large	<ul> <li>Redevelopment of blighted area</li> <li>Linkage to regional LRT</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Transportation &amp; other infra</li> </ul>
City of Everett	2009	20	Large	<ul><li>Cleanup of riverfront brownfield site</li><li>Mixed use developed</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Transportation &amp; other infra</li> </ul>
City of Issaquah	2007	20	Small	<ul> <li>Transit-oriented development (TOD)</li> <li>Zero-energy, demonstration project</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Most municipal facilities &amp; services</li> </ul>
	2012	28	Large (123)	<ul><li>Master planned urban village</li><li>Reclamation of mineral resources</li></ul>	<ul><li>Transportation &amp; other infra</li><li>Affordable housing</li></ul>
City of Redmond	2007	20	Small (27)	<ul><li>New Microsoft campus</li><li>Density transfer</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Multi-modal access</li> <li>TDM, signals, intersections</li> <li>Water/sewer/stormwater</li> </ul>
Snohomish County	2009	5	Small	<ul> <li>29 station BRT project along Hwy 99</li> <li>Linkage to regional transport nodes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Transportation &amp; other infra</li> </ul>





## DA Example—Timeline (Inglewood, CA)







New SoFi Stadium: LA Rams/LA Chargers

> Hollywood Park: \$5B, 300-Acre Mixed Use





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### **CBAs: What are they?**







Community support of development project

#### **Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs)**

...voluntary but legally binding contract between developer(s) and local community

...ensure sustained benefits to host community

Real Estate Developer



Social amenities/economic benefits

- CBA signatories—residents, labor/environmental/religious groups, affordable housing advocates
- Monetary and non-monetary benefits
- Increased transparency, accountability

- Timely project approvals
- Easier to get government subsidies
- Easier to secure financing, especially when paired with DA
- Build relationship to avoid legal battles





### **CBA Examples—Wider, More Ubiquitous**

- LA Staples Center
- Seattle Dearborn Street Goodwill Project
- Pittsburgh Consol Energy Center Arena
- San Francisco Bayview-Hunters Point Residential Development
- San Diego Ballpark Village Development
- Denver Gates-Cherokee CBA—Brownfield Site on LRT Line
- Atlanta Beltline CBA—LRT Transit Loop
- Los Angeles International Airport CBA
- Detroit—Require City-negotiated CBA for some development projects









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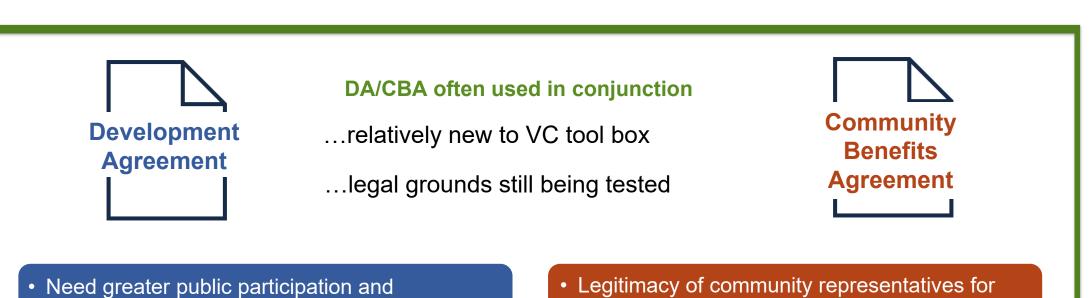
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### **DA/CBA** Issues





- transparency
- Concerns about local government relinquishing their ability to change zoning
- Misuse of DAs for unreasonable exactions
- Vested right as currency, sell before built
- Lack good framework for renegotiation

- negotiating on public's behalf
- Enforceability issue, largely untested legal environment
- Use more ubiquitous but overall performance outcome has been mixed
- Often combined with DA for remedy





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#### JOINT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS (JDAs)

- ✓ Non-private deals where local agencies directly partake in development projects committing public assets
- $\checkmark$  Revenue (and/or cost) sharing arrangements

"Public Assets"	Public Land/Facilities	Air Rights Above	Subsurface Rights Below	Rights Adjacent to Public ROW
JDA	…deals real esta developr projects themselv	ted nent imp sup	leals with public provements to port real estate velopments	→ DA



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#### **JDA Examples—Transportation**





new balance.

MBTA



- ✓ New HQ for NB/Mixed-Use Sports Complex—\$500M
- ✓ MBTA commuter rail in-fill station for NB employees— \$20M
- ✓ NB paid:
  - 100% station/track construction
  - Some O&M costs for first 10 years



- ✓ Office Tower Campus for State Farm/KDC—largest corporate office project in Atlanta
- Direct connection and new access to MARTA Dunwoody Station paid by KDC
- ✓ MARTA provided
  - Easement, supervision, O&M







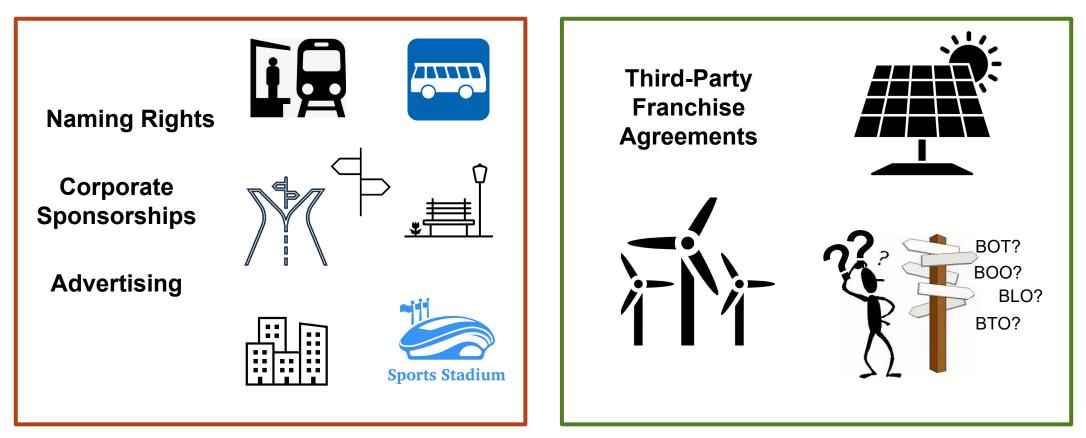
New

Infill Station

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#### **Public Asset/ROW Use Agreements**







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### Integrated VC Strategy thru Contracts



### **Integrated VC Framework**



- / Start early, think long-term
- Local buy-in on "but-for" grounds
- ✓ Use multi-layered approach



- Integrate and phase multiple techniques
  - Based on **risk** and **equity** considerations

Using long term <u>CONTRACT VEHICLES</u>

