

Purpose of Land Use Advisory Committee

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The Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) is authorized by state statute to give advice and assistance to the Council on regional land use and comprehensive planning, and matters of metropolitan significance. LUAC has a Council member as chair and 17 members, with one representative from each district and each county within the Council's jurisdiction. By law, at least half of committee members on the LUAC must be elected officials.

1. Regional Land Use and Comprehensive Planning

When requested by the Council and under the direction of the Committee Chair, LUAC assists the Council in performing the Council's regional land use planning responsibilities. Assistance may include:

- Giving advice and recommendations to the Council for implementing the Metropolitan Land Planning Act. LUAC advisory work will help inform development of the next Regional Development Framework.
- Providing advice and recommendations to the Council on guidelines for metropolitan system plans to help communities prepare or update their comprehensive plans. System plans are long-range plans for the regional systems – transit, highways and airports, wastewater services, and parks and open space.
- Conducting hearings to resolve disagreements over the content of system statements.
- Providing advice and recommendations to the Council for administering a local planning assistance fund. A loan program helps governments with amending or updating local comprehensive plans, fiscal devices and official controls.

2. Metropolitan Significance

When requested by the Council and under the direction of the Committee Chair, assistance may include providing advice and assistance to the Council in:

- Developing and implementing rules establishing standards, guidelines and procedures for determining matters of metropolitan significance. The purpose of these rules is to promote the orderly and economic development of the metropolitan area.
- Establishing a procedure for reviews and final determinations on matters of metropolitan significance.
- For additional information see <http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/MetroSig/MetropolitanSignificance.htm>

Primary source: Article I, Bylaws of the Metropolitan Council Land Use Advisory Committee, 2004.