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Review larger and more complex proposed development projects that require consistency with the General Plan and Community Plans for approval, generally items heard by the Planning Commission and City Council.

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HOW DO COMMUNITY PLANNERS SUPPORT PLANNING GROUPS, THE COMMUNITY PLANNERS COMMITTEE, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN GENERAL?
WHO CAN HELP ANSWER QUESTIONS ON ZONING, PERMITS, AND THE CITY’S DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS?

- The City of San Diego Development Services Department oversees the review, permitting, and inspections of development projects.

- Community planning groups and the public may contact Development Services to ask questions about zoning and development regulations specific to a particular development project.

- You can set up an appointment with Development Services Department staff by booking a Virtual Counter Appointment, calling 619-446-5000 or you can find additional resources on the Development Services Department website.