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## REAL ESTATE

### TOP LAND USE LEADERS 2011



#### Lucinda "Cindy" Starrett

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Los Angeles

Notable Clients: Westfield Group, Loyola Marymount University, Pepperdine University, AIMCO Venezia LLC, LA Arena Land Co.

**4+ million square feet** | Total Square Feet/Acres of Projects Worked on in 2010-11

landscape buffers and other protections for the surrounding communities that responded to stakeholder concerns.

Starrett also advised long-time client Pepperdine University in updating its Malibu campus with its Campus Life Project.

She said her role as a land-use attorney on projects of this scale requires her to "make sure everyone understands the strategy behind a project and that they understand the story of the project because an investment for the future is what all these master plan projects are all about."

As co-chair of Latham's Climate Change Practice Group as well, she finds environmentally conscious development and sustainability are "critically important."

For example, a key feature of Westfield Group's Century City Shopping Center redevelopment project is its inclusion of a transit demand management program and space for a future subway station. This approach at the \$800 million mixed-use project will help reverse the area's fo-

cus on automobile accessibility, Starrett said. She also assisted the developer in its 1 million-square-foot Village at Westfield Topanga, which will include a hotel, office and retail uses.

Other projects on Starrett's plate in the past year included signage at LA Live, a student housing development, a Westwood Village hotel, the historic Lincoln Place Apartments and the Los Angeles Dodgers' stadium renovation.

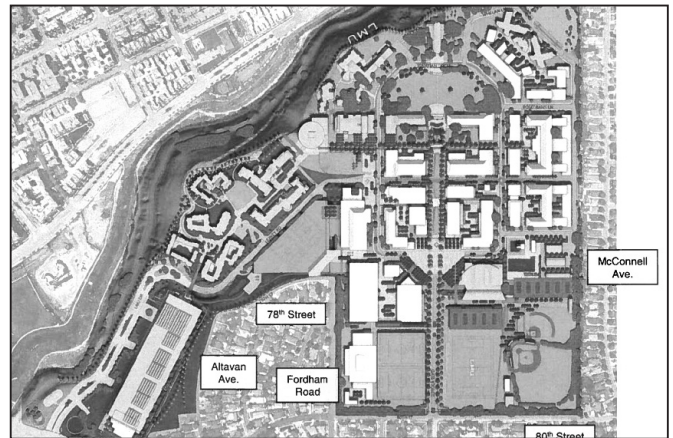
A leader since her early days, Starrett was a Fulbright Scholar in Nigeria and was the first woman from Florida to serve as a U.S. House of Representative page.

— Carla Pineda

**S**tarrett began working in land use when she arrived in Los Angeles after law school and helped organize approvals for the 1984 Olympics. Deviating from her international government law goals, she thought, "Can I keep on doing this?" She did and has built a career working on some of Los Angeles' most transformative projects.

"I've been very fortunate to be able to be a part of the process," she said.

In 2010, the co-chair of her firm's Land Use Practice Group worked on Loyola Marymount University's master plan. The 2 million-square-foot plan's environmental review lasted three years. Working with the university, the City Council and neighbors, Starrett helped set up a neighborhood advisory committee,



Loyola Marymount University master plan, Los Angeles