

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Merly Costa

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I deeply support the legalization of tiny homes in Los Angeles. With such high prices of real state and housing in Los Angeles, it has become very difficult to maintain residence in this city to continue working and enjoying the life this city has to offer. In addition, people like me, have stablished a network of friends, family and community rapport that will weaken and dissolve if housing is not affordable. Also, having a smaller and mobile housing option leave less footprints in regards to the environment and allow an iindividual or a family to spend more time and money on things that will increase quality of life. Los Angeles has a very diverse population and a lot of homeless people. Having a movable, more affordable and a less environmental impact housing option, is essential to reinforce the idea that Los Angeles is a vanguard city and give hope to those who have no shelter or are forced to leave the life they love because they can't afford a home. Los Angeles is my home and I want to stay and continue participating in my community and be close to those I love. I plead to those who are voting to legalize tiny homes in Los Angeles.Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tony Aponte

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I live in the Exposition Park area and support the legalization of movable tiny houses. We have a housing crisis, the benefits of legalizing movable tiny houses in our city would outweigh the costs. We need to add more housing to increase urban density to allow people to live closer to jobs, which will have environmental benefits and reduce traffic. Tiny houses also encourage a lower ecological footprint - this should be encouraged as we are in a climate emergency and need to encourage those seeking to minimize their carbon footprints. Approving and legalizing movable Tiny Houses is such an obvious yes. We need to do this and much more to address the housing crisis and climate change.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Seth Phillips

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly support the ADU program. Not only will it help to ease our housing shortage but it will also help our affordability issue. By using the additional income from an ADU, a home buyer now has a better chance of becoming a homeowner. I just completed an ADU project in Los Angeles and we ran into two important issues. First, regardless of the total amount of square footage you can build based on the FAR guidelines, LADBS is not allowing a detached ADU to be larger than the existing front house. So if your front house is smaller than 1,200 sqft than you cannot build a 1,200 sqft ADU. Providing the FAR ratio allows it, you can expand the existing house first and then you can build the ADU to a larger size. This is the challenge. Before you can apply for the permit to build the larger sized ADU, LADBS is requiring you to expand the existing house first, get the certificate of occupancy, and then wait until the increased square footage RECORDS through the Tax Assessors Office. That last part could possibly take over a year. This makes no sense. You can't game the process because LADBS still controls the issuing of the certificate of occupancy. If a homeowner didn't in fact build everything they got a permit for than they would not receive there Certificate of occupancy. Why make people wait? I am very happy with these new proposed changes to the Los Angeles ADU ordinance. Let's keep improving and growing our SMART CITY.