

Communication from Public

Name: Christia Crocker

Date Submitted: 10/12/2019 10:36 AM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: October 12, 2019 Councilmember David Ryu Los Angeles City Hall 200 North Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 Re: Letter of Support for Topanga Apartments 10243 North Topanga Canyon Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 91311 Council File Number 17-0090-S8 Councilmember Ryu, My name is Christia Crocker, and am a mother, attorney for Netflix and a frequent volunteer in the District. I am writing to express my strong support for Topanga Apartments, a 63-unit supportive housing project that is being proposed to be built in Council District 12. This project would provide supportive housing for deserving and vulnerable people in Chatsworth. I have personally seen the growth of the homeless population as capable, professional men and women, usually over 40 or 50 years of age that I assist at New Friends end up without a home after a business downsizes and they cannot get full-time work reflective of their education and experience. Many of them have children living out of the region and other family members who are already “at capacity” with kids and aging parents. These people are getting the brunt of the changing economy, and every time I talk to someone in that position, I am reminded of how each of our lives could change in an instant. We also know that the homelessness crisis impacts every community across the city. As such, we need to make sure that we are building supportive and affordable housing across Los Angeles, but especially in areas that are not creating their fair share. This project has already met the necessary threshold to receive funding and the developer has made clear they are open to an honest and reasonable community engagement process. The developer has already indicated a willingness to reduce the size of the project and target specific populations in the community, like veterans. Please support moving funding for this project forward. This housing is an important way that we can show respect for lives well-lived but recently disadvantaged and take care of each other. Sincerely, /s/ Christia M. Crocker, Esq.

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Christia M. Crocker, Esq.

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Name: Walfredo Felipe
Date Submitted: 10/12/2019 04:46 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am really against this homeless housing right beside the public school. The idea of housing the homeless is a noble idea. However putting these housing in close proximity of children, who would not be able to think for themselves is like open flame close to something combustible. I have contributed to low income housing and will continue to do so, but not on this one.

Communication from Public

Name: Basilisa Felipe

Date Submitted: 10/12/2019 05:16 PM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I am against this project. If this project is pushed through, I will work doubly hard to unseat the current councilman for Chatsworth.

Communication from Public

Name: Pilar Schiavo

Date Submitted: 10/12/2019 06:16 PM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I am a Chatsworth homeowner, parent at Chatsworth Park Elementary Urban Planning Magnet where I am also on the School Leadership Council. I SUPPORT the proposed Topanga Apartments supportive housing for homeless, as does my 2nd grader who has always had great empathy for those without homes to go to. I urge you to VOTE YES on the HHH funding. I have talked with a number of parents and neighbors and am confident the important concerns can be addressed and SHOULD NOT DELAY THE PROJECT from moving forward. I first heard about the proposal less than two ago weeks when a message was sent out from the school. It sent us to our parent Facebook page where parents had raised concerns and posted a protest flyer. When I engaged those parents none actually had any facts about the development other than it's homeless housing. Without any details, I researched online and called everyone quoted in the news articles I could find. After asking the developer and city staff at HCID the many question I and other parents had, I wrote up these answers and brought them to the protest the next day where I shared the information with the protesters and supporters. Many protesters also didn't have basic information about the proposals. One sign said it was a shelter. Another person I spoke to said it was a treatment center. I also shared my information with parents, neighbors and found many people where thankful for facts instead of rumors about the development and more inclined to support the project after getting more information. We have a great need for homeless housing in the West Valley, but none exists. It's time Council District 12 provides resources available in other districts to address our homelessness crisis here. In my conversation with the developer it was clear they can make adjustments to address the height and privacy concerns, which I agree are real concerns. They also have 24 hour security and three full time case managers to ensure the residents are able to be successful and stay off of the streets. House rules and strict screenings address some of the safety concerns parents and neighbors have. Drugs are not allowed on the property, it's a locked building, the number of guests are limited, each resident is background checked by both the City and by the developer through their vetting process. This project meets the funding threshold and this is the last opportunity to pass this project

through. While Councilmember Lee has promised alternative locations many times now, I know of no alternative that has materialized. At this point the property has closed escrow and the question before us is will we say yes or no to permanent supportive housing in CD12. It's time that we in CD12 step up to be a part of the solution to the homeless crisis and also get the tax dollars we approved to create resources for our community. I urge you to VOTE YES on this project without any delays.

Communication from Public

Name: Betty Toto

Date Submitted: 10/12/2019 11:40 PM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: 10/12/2019 All Los Angeles City Councilmembers 200 North Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 Re: Letter of Support for Topanga Apartments 10243 North Topanga Canyon Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 91311 Los Angeles City - Councilmembers My name is Betty Toto and I am a resident of Council District 12. I am writing to express my strong support for Topanga Apartments, a 63-unit supportive housing project that is being proposed to be built in Council District 12. This project would provide supportive housing for our vulnerable homeless neighbors in Chatsworth. It would additionally benefit the neighborhood and maximize the use of the property, which is currently occupied by an auto sales lot and two garages. I am a resident of the West Valley and a constituent of Council District 12. We are in a crisis situation. People need to be housed and off the streets. We will see further denigration of our humanity if we do not take action now. We will see illnesses long-forgotten resurge. We will lose the potential of people to give back to the community had they just been given a roof over their heads and professional attention to what ails them. We will harden our children to become prejudicial and unempathetic if we do not show by example that we care about our fellow man. We need housing in Chatsworth, Northridge, Winnetka, Reseda, Woodland Hills, Canoga Park, Porter Ranch, Granada Hills, every neighborhood in the SFV and Los Angeles County should be on track to build housing. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW TO BUILD IN CHATSWORTH WE NEED TO ACT. The people of our city and state spoke through their votes. We chose to be taxed to fund housing and services as a solution to our unhoused population. Now is the time to start spending those dollars to build housing and give services to those in need. This project has already met the necessary threshold to receive funding and the developer has made clear they are open to an honest and reasonable community engagement process. The developer has already indicated a willingness to reduce the size of the project and target specific populations in the community, like veterans. As you know, the HHH funding commitment often comes very early in the process and there is still considerable time to refine the design as the building moves forward. Perhaps most importantly, these would be the first supportive units funded by HHH in Council District 12. With this

being the last occasion to allocate these funds, we cannot let this opportunity pass. We must continue to move forward with this chance to build the critical units we need to end homelessness in LA, and I urge all councilmembers to support moving funding for this project forward. Sincerely, Betty Toto