

## Communication from Public

**Name:** A Place Called Home

**Date Submitted:** 10/14/2019 06:46 PM

**Council File No:** 17-0090-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** A Place Called Home supports the Topanga Apartments, a 63-unit supportive housing project that is being proposed to be built in Council District 12. We must continue to move forward with this chance to build the critical units we need to end homelessness in LA.



September 30, 2019

Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr.  
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**

Councilmember Price,

On behalf of A Place Called Home, I am writing to express our 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.

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. 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 we urge you and your colleagues to support moving funding for this project forward.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Zeichner  
Executive Director

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/14/2019 11:12 PM

**Council File No:** 17-0090-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to request that the proposed permanent supportive housing project for city council district 12 be approved by this council. The tenant's crisis is forcing renters in homelessness everywhere in our city, and supportive housing is not being built fast enough. Please hold Council Member John Lee to account in representing those of his constituents he is loathe to represent and approve this housing project.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dan Kipnes

**Date Submitted:** 10/14/2019 09:43 AM

**Council File No:** 17-0090-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** Re: Letter of Support for Topanga Apartments 10243 North Topanga Canyon Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 91311  
Councilmember Blumenfield, My name is Dan Kipnes and I am a resident of Council District 3. I am with Congregation Or Ami. 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. 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. 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 we urge you and your colleagues to support moving funding for this project forward. Sincerely, Dan [INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME OR GROUP]

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christia Crocker

**Date Submitted:** 10/14/2019 10:54 AM

**Council File No:** 17-0090-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** 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 Ava Karp and I am 14 and attend The Buckley School in Sherman Oaks, CA. As an incoming freshman, I have seen upperclassmen talk about helping those in need, yet not one time the homeless was mentioned, which seems extremely ironic, in my opinion. The first thing I wanted to do was to change that. My family found New Friends, which is a place where the homeless can come on Fridays and Sundays to get a meal, new clothes, shoes, food for their pets and toiletries. Every time I volunteer, I love talking with all of the people and many of them have amazing stories and big hope and dreams. I used to be very afraid, I admit, of communicating in any way with the homeless because I thought they were scary and strange. However, I have truly made so many friends from volunteering, I could not imagine my life without it. Everyone forgets that the people on the street are the same as the people in the cars driving by, except that some have had struggles where, many times, the people you and I consider "normal" did not give the people on the street a chance. I wish I could say that I had never done this in my own life, but I am only 14 and I can think of a dozen times when I was rude to people who were born into a low income family in an expensive city, or blamed some people's misfortune on themselves, saying that they had gotten themselves into the mess, and that they should be able to get out of it. I feel ashamed writing to you knowing that I could have been a much better person in about a hundred different ways, and yet I chose none of them. So I am asking you, to chose the right thing. I know it is not easy, I know it will cost a ton of money that the city could easily put towards something "more worthwhile," I know all that. But don't you think that the human race is worthwhile? I know you do. It is hard even for me to understand how much you can make a person's day by giving them running water and a bed with a mattress to sleep on. I know that having a roof over our heads is what at least one person says they are thankful for on Thanksgiving. So give the people who were cheated of their money, born with a mental difference, or were told they were not

right for the job because of something other than their credentials  
have something to be thankful for. Give them a home. Sincerely,  
Ava Karp

Councilmember David Ryu  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Sincerely,  
Ava Karp

## Communication from Public

**Name:** West Valley Resistance

**Date Submitted:** 10/14/2019 11:59 AM

**Council File No:** 17-0090-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** Letter of Support for Topanga Apartments 10243 North Topanga Canyon Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 91311 Dear L.A. City Councilmembers, We strongly support the 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. 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. We must continue to move forward with this chance to build the critical units we need to end homelessness in LA, and we urge you and your colleagues to support moving funding for this project forward. Warmly, West Valley Resistance



## Communication from Public

**Name:** G

**Date Submitted:** 10/14/2019 01:53 PM

**Council File No:** 17-0090-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good Afternoon Honorable and Respected Members of the Los Angeles City Council: I hope your day is going well. I am a constituent of Los Angeles currently residing in the West Valley. I advocate for the unhoused, marginalized, and underprivileged. I am in support of all the housing projects that will be discussed regarding this item. However, it is specifically the Chatsworth site that has caused some disturbances in the local community. There are many misconceptions floating around about the nature of this project. This project is not a “shelter” nor a bridge home. It is permanent supportive housing. I would like to offer a proposed solution to the pushback against the Chatsworth housing project. It is in the best interest of the community that the support is contingent upon being expanded to additional locations throughout Council District 12 for these purposes, if possible at this time. In addition, the community requires transparency from Affirmed Housing during these processes so they may keep their stakeholders fully informed on any possible and/or proposed impacts to the Community. It’s time the West Valley stepped up to do their part to alleviate this crisis. The solution is housing and services. The taxpayers and voters already delineated Prop HHH funds for situations such as this. Thank You For Your Time.