

February 8, 2018

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Via Electronic Submission



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Re: Permanent Supportive Housing Ordinance - CF#17-1422

Dear Mr. Villanueva,

On behalf of PATH (People Assisting the Homeless), I am writing in support of the Permanent Supportive Housing Ordinance. As an organization working to end homelessness for individuals, families, and communities, our core belief is that no person should live on the streets. The PSH Ordinance would allow for efficient creation of more homes – increasing the supply of much-needed supportive housing in Los Angeles.

Permanent Supportive Housing is a highly effective strategy to help our neighbors experiencing homelessness access and maintain housing. PSH creates a stable environment for individuals to focus on medical care, employment, and other life necessities – instead of where to sleep on a given night. While PSH is recognized as an effective strategy to address and end homelessness, unnecessary barriers and red tape currently encumber the process of creating PSH.

The PSH Ordinance would help address the unnecessary barriers by significantly reducing the average time it takes for a PSH developer to begin construction and by appropriately adjusting planning regulations to meet the special needs of PSH homes, among many other improvements to the process of developing new homes in our city.

In November 2016, LA City voters passed Proposition HHH and said yes to more homes for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. The PSH Ordinance is critical to delivering on the promises of Proposition HHH and our city's ability to enhance the current annual supply of 300 units to the needed annual supply of 1,000 permanent supportive homes.

With more than 34,000 individuals experiencing homelessness in the city of Los Angeles, we need to accelerate the process of creating more homes for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. The PSH Ordinance would help make that possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Hark Dietz".

Jennifer Hark Dietz  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer & Executive Director, PATH



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Re: Permanent Supportive Housing Ordinance - CF#17-1422

Dear Mr. Villanueva,

On behalf of PATH Ventures, I am writing in support of the Permanent Supportive Housing Ordinance. PATH Ventures is dedicated to creating high quality, affordable, and stable homes for families and individuals moving out of homelessness. By building and operating affordable rental apartments paired with on-site supportive services, PATH Ventures helps residents live independent, healthy lives. Founded by PATH in 2007, PATH Ventures has created more than 650 affordable rental homes in 12 developments. The PSH Ordinance would allow for efficient creation of more homes – increasing the supply of much-needed supportive housing in Los Angeles.

Through our work, we see the positive impact that Permanent Supportive Housing has on our tenants every day. PSH creates a stable environment for individuals to focus on medical care, employment, and other life necessities – instead of where to sleep on a given night. While PSH is recognized as an effective strategy to address and end homelessness, unnecessary barriers and red tape currently encumber the process of creating PSH.

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Amy N. Anderson  
Executive Director, PATH Ventures