

**Letter in Support of the Permanent Supportive Housing Ordinance = Council File 17-1422**

As a native of Los Angeles, and an architect practicing in the City since 1982, I am writing to express my strong support for the [Permanent Supportive Housing Ordinance = Council File 17-1422](#). This ordinance will make it easier and less costly to build permanent supportive housing, an urgent need for our city and for those who need a place to call home.

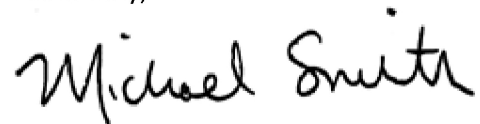
**I strongly support:**

- The streamlined planning and entitlement process
- The reduced parking requirements
- The floor area exemption for areas used for supportive services
- For the allowance of smaller, less expensive units of housing
- Concessions and Incentives as listed in the ordinance
- The design standards of facade transparency, landscaping, street orientation and building articulation — these standards will promote scale, visual interest, pedestrian orientation, and are clear and easy to follow but with enough room for design freedom

Ideally, this ordinance will also create a specialized interdisciplinary team within Building and Safety that would also prioritize these projects, and help develop solutions.

Thank you for your leadership advancing this important ordinance. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours truly,



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