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Summary: The Mid City West Neighborhood Council supports these motions and urges the City Council to pass the motions as written. These motions could help streamline the development of Permanent Supportive Housing and 100% Affordable Housing Developments. The Mid City West Neighborhood Council also supports developing affordable housing at the City-owned parking lot located at 728 S. Cochran Ave, as identified in the second motion.



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Dear Councilmembers:

The Mid City West Neighborhood Council supports these motions (Council Files: 21-0658; 12-1549-S19) and urges the City Council to pass the motions as written. These motions could help streamline the development of Permanent Supportive Housing and 100% Affordable Housing Developments. The Mid City West Neighborhood Council also supports developing affordable housing at the City-owned parking lot located at 728 S. Cochran Ave, as identified in the second motion.

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Mid City West has witnessed the impacts of a shortage of homes for the currently unhoused and housing-insecure residents of the neighborhood. This is a crisis that deserves a full toolkit of housing responses. Homeless counts in Los Angeles rose 61 percent between 2015 and the pre-pandemic 2020 count—and likely have only risen further since. In Mid City West's recent homeless count, unhoused persons in the district increased 7%, including a 95% increase in the number of tents on the streets. More housing, especially Permanent Supportive Housing and Affordable Housing, is urgently needed.

Despite the deep need for these forms of housing, the permitting processes often hinder them from being built where they are needed most. Affordable housing developers are often subject to lengthy delays, with each passing day that a permit is pending, adding needless increases to the cost of building. When affordable housing is subject to these delays, it can effectively mean affordable housing is impossible to build. Furthermore, affordable housing developers must contend for the same expensive land that market-rate developers will compete for. This leaves less feasible land available for these important projects, further adding to the scarcity of affordable housing.



These two motions propose solutions that will help tackle the housing crisis both in Mid City West and the City as a whole. Streamlining 100% Affordable Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing will help give these developments a needed boost by reducing delays in the permitting and site plan review processes. Studying the reuse of the parking lot at 728 S. Cochran Ave will help locate dozens of affordable homes in a high-resource area of the City that currently lacks them. This particular location is a prime location due to its proximity to jobs, parks, and the future Metro rail station at Wilshire and La Brea.

Streamlining affordable and permanent supportive housing will address the lack of homes in Mid City West. Reimagining the 728 S. Cochran Ave parking lot as affordable housing will allow Mid City West to be part of the solution to the housing crisis. For these reasons, Mid City West strongly supports the passage of these motions.

Sincerely,

Lauren Nichols
Chair
Mid City West Neighborhood Council