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Summary: Permanent supportive housing is the most effective and cost-efficient way to address chronic homelessness, but between 2008 and 2016, fewer than 2,4000 permanent supportive housing units were built in Los Angeles. The growing homeless crisis precipitated the passage of Measure HHH, to build 10,000 permanent supportive housing units over the next decade, and Measure H, to fund the critical wraparound supportive services that will allow chronically homeless individuals and families to live independently and remain successfully housed. In order to meet (or even surpass) this goal, the city must lower the barriers to development and ease the approval process, which currently can cause project delays of up to a year or more and discourage developers from pursuing permanent supportive housing projects.

Permanent supportive housing units cost more to build than market rate units. Given that a large number of permanent supportive housing residents are individuals who are not likely able to own or operate a car and the developments must be sited near major transportation lines, it would be more efficient to build smaller units more suited for an individual, thereby increasing the density of a building, and reduce the number of parking spaces required under current zoning laws, dramatically reducing project costs and increasing available area to build more units. It will be incredibly difficult for the city to reach the 10,000 unit goal if developers continue to build less than 50 units per project in order to avoid the lengthy and exhaustive site plan review process and excessive costs required by projects larger than this.

The city must recognize that permanent supportive housing is an urgently needed solution to the complex problem of chronic homelessness that is vastly different in function from market rate housing, and should be treated as such, especially in the approval process. For these reasons, the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council supports CF 17-1422.