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Councilmember Paul Koretz
6380 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 800
Los Angeles, CA 90048

RE: TNP implementation and moratorium pending implementation

Dear Councilmember Koretz,

The Palms Neighborhood Council (PNC) urges you to expedite implementation of the Transit Neighborhood Plan (TNP) by instructing the City Attorney to fast-track its review of the ordinance language. This plan was the result of many months of intense negotiation and many hours of involvement by Palms community members. It is frustrating to see it sitting on a shelf while developers take advantage of the inaction of our city leaders to rush through developments that do not adhere to the TNP’s requirements.

As a result, our community is being inundated with outsized projects with no height limitations on small lots on residential streets due to the TOC ordinance. Palms is a diverse community populated mostly by renters and we welcome efforts to provide more affordable housing. Instead, rent-stabilized housing is being demolished and current residents displaced to clear the way for new developments that contain only luxury units that our residents cannot afford. This will only serve to exacerbate the housing crisis and the City’s homelessness issue.

It is imperative that the TNP be implemented as soon as possible. In the meantime, there should be a moratorium on developments within the TNP area so your constituents’ clearly-expressed needs are not thwarted by those exploiting the gap between adoption and implementation.

Thanks for your consideration.

On behalf of the Palms Neighborhood Council,

Alison Regan
President

Cc: City Council President Herb Wesson
PLUM committee

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