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Summary: We the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles, SUPPORT the adoption of Council File 18-0911 for the development of a methodology to ensure that newly-constructed rental units created as a result of land use approvals are publicly listed on housing.lacity.org and for the development of a plan to create a master notification list for qualified low-income tenants to be notified of the pending availability of new affordable units. Our neighborhood council recognizes the significant efforts made by the Council, Mayor, and City departments to support the creation of affordable housing in recent years. The construction of affordable housing units is important but ensuring that housing accessible to those who need it is equally important.



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With this in mind, the WCKNC requests that HCID record certificates of occupancy and tenant information for all units which have been restricted for low-income tenants through covenant, independent of the proposed actions. This information should be available by council district and/or neighborhood council, and be accessible at all times or by request within a reasonable amount of time. We also request that HCID be allowed to create a program independently of the Planning and Building and Safety Departments in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts. HCID should report back with needed resources and should request assistance from any relevant departments as necessary.

The City has required several specifications through covenant when City funds are committed to a project. These specifications have included affordability and accessibility requirements. A program should be created to ensure a development may not proceed until the developer has signed a covenant ensuring adequate notification of affordable unit availability in the project.

The effectiveness of affordable housing construction is limited if the most vulnerable residents do not have access to the housing. There should also be an alternative method of accessing the affordable housing registry for those that do not have access to a computer or the internet. An outreach program for an affordable registry (and/or tenant master list) should be established through the Family Source Centers. HCID should be instructed to identify costs for such a program.

Our neighborhood council supports creation of a pre qualified tenant list but placement on the list should not be a long and drawn out process for those who are eligible for affordable housing. Generous income verification updates

should be allowed in order to give low-income residents a chance to accumulate savings, reducing relief on renters and allowing them to invest their savings in the local economy.

Sincerely,

The Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council