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Summary: The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council supports this Motion because Los Angeles needs a dramatic increase in low-income, affordable, and mid-range work-force housing. A potential solution is social housing -- built and owned by the government. Social housing is generally mixed income, adequately served by public transportation, has access to amenities and shops, regulated to deter discrimination, and self-financed after the initial public investment, with tenants paying rent on a sliding scale.



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Community Impact Statement on [Council File 20-0197](#)

January 19th, 2021

To: City Council and Committees

Re: [CF 20-0197](#): Social Housing

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council supports this [Motion](#) because Los Angeles needs a dramatic increase in low-income, affordable, and mid-range work-force housing. A potential solution is social housing -- built and owned by the government. Social housing is generally mixed income, adequately served by public transportation, has access to amenities and shops, regulated to deter discrimination, and self-financed after the initial public investment, with tenants paying rent on a sliding scale.

This Motion requests that City agencies such as the CLA, CAO, and HCIDLA study and report on the types and models of social housing used in European communities, Singapore and other prominent international examples for inclusion in the City of Los Angeles. The Motion requests that City agencies report back on funding sources for social housing such as State and Federal funds, new revenue sources, and a public bank to facilitate financing.

The LA City Council Housing Committee Report is included [here](#) and the full City Council has voted in favor of this Motion. This Community Impact Statement is being proposed in advance of City agency reports to underscore the need for housing in Silver Lake and throughout Los Angeles. There is an urgent need for stable and affordable housing for thousands who pay more than 50% of their income on rent. In addition to those being forced onto the streets due to high rents, there are thousands more who are housing-insecure due to the COVID pandemic.

Peter Dreier of Occidental College, Professor of Urban and Environmental Policy, who has written extensively on housing issues, has written an article "Why America Needs Social Housing" and is included here: <https://prospect.org/infrastructure/america-needs-social-housing/>

Due to the urgency of this issue, we urge the city to expedite this report in light of our unprecedented housing crisis.

**18 Yay 0 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Recusal**