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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(26) Nay(11) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 12/08/2020

Type of NC Board Action: Against

#### Impact Information

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Summary:



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**City Zoning Code update/Ballot Measure**

The Mid City West Community Council, an official Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles, requests that the following Community Impact Statement be attached/added to Council File 20-1042 regarding a proposed motion which asks for a report back from the City Planning Department and Chief Legislative Analyst on the creation of a measure to be placed on a future ballot to update the city's zoning code. We request that the CIS consist of the following language, approved by our full board:

**WHEREAS** the Mid City West Community Council supports an equitable process for the identification of suitable sites for housing development in compliance with state-mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) targets.

**WHEREAS** Mid City West is an expensive rental market, making it extremely difficult for most Angelenos to afford to move here or stay here.

**WHEREAS** a major cause of rental unaffordability in Mid City West is restrictive zoning which artificially restricts the construction of needed housing stock.

**WHEREAS** if housing growth is allocated across neighborhoods based on objective factors built around a framework that takes into account how

our present circumstances reflects historical and ongoing racial disparities in our urban planning decisions and access to political power, every resident of Los Angeles will ultimately benefit from lower rents, less tenant displacement, less income and racial segregation, a stronger regional economy, greater access to jobs, transit, and economic opportunity, and lower climate emissions.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mid City West Community Council requests that the Los Angeles City Council ensure that the Department of City Planning distributes RHNA targets to each Community Plan Area (CPA) as a part of the suitable sites inventory of the housing element update process, including affordable housing sites.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mid City West Community Council requests that the Department of City Planning develop a numerical formula for distributing Los Angeles' RHNA target across its CPAs. The formula should include criteria such as housing costs, median income, access to transit, proximity to job centers, access to public resources like parks and schools, patterns of historical exclusion and segregation, and environmental quality. The RHNA distribution should be broken down by income level as well and equitably distribute affordable housing throughout neighborhoods of opportunity while also directing affordable housing to the communities of greatest need.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mid City West Community Council requests that this RHNA distribution be done via ordinance and not via ballot measure.

This Community Impact Statement was voted on as a properly agendized item during the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on December 8, 2020, and unanimously passed by a vote of 26 yeas, 1 nay, and 0 abstaining and directed that a Community Impact Statement be filed reflecting its position.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact us via email at [sepstein@midcitywest.org](mailto:sepstein@midcitywest.org), or [mberker@midcitywest.org](mailto:mberker@midcitywest.org) needed.

Sincerely,

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Chair  
Mid City West Community Council

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