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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: Wilshire Center Koreatown supports an equitable process for the identification of suitable sites for housing development in compliance with state-mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) targets. Our neighborhood has seen a boom in development, particularly transit oriented communities (TOCs) since the passage of Measure JJJ. However, many of these projects are not creating enough affordable units to meet the needs of current Koreatown residents.



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December 14, 2020

RE: Community Impact Statement in Support with Modifications of CF 20-1042: City Zoning Code Update / Ballot Measure

Wilshire Center Koreatown supports an equitable process for the identification of suitable sites for housing development in compliance with state-mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) targets. Our neighborhood has seen a boom in development, particularly transit oriented communities (TOCs) since the passage of Measure JJJ. However, many of these projects are not creating enough affordable units to meet the needs of current Koreatown residents. In fact, at a recent Planning & Land Use Management meeting, a committee member asked an applicant who the target demographic would be for their project. He responded by saying they hoped it would be USC students.

Meanwhile, housing is not being built at the same rate in other communities that need it in part due to restrictive zoning. That is pushing people to Koreatown who would rather live in neighborhoods like Silverlake, Echo Park, or Hollywood and is causing displacement of low-income residents of our community. If housing growth is allocated across neighborhoods based on objective factors, 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.

While we support the spirit of the motion, we believe that it sets a dangerous precedent by not providing funding or a specific mechanism to mitigate the decades of neglect for the community plans. Community plans continue to be the most substantive mechanism for community input on land use and planning. To meet the needs of the city and protect our community, we, WCKNC, believe that funding for updating community plans be allocated to update all community plans with precedence given to communities who have shouldered the bulk of the recent development as well as those who have yet to contribute to alleviating the affordable housing crisis. We believe that any changes to the current zoning or the specific plan before updating community plans hinders the city's efforts to create affordable housing and improve the quality of life of its residents.

Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council requests that the Department of City Planning develop a numerical formula for distributing Los Angeles' RHNA target across its Community Plan Areas. 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

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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. WCKNC further requests that this RHNA distribution be done via ordinance and not via ballot measure.

Thank you for your consideration,

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