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Summary: The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council (“LFNC”) supports an equitable process for the identification of suitable sites for housing development in compliance with state-mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (“RHNA”) targets. A major cause of rental unaffordability in Los Feliz and the rest of Los Angeles is restrictive zoning which restricts the construction of needed housing stock. 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. City Council should ensure 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.

Furthermore, the Department of City Planning should 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. Finally, City Council should also consider passing the RHNA distribution and any zoning code updates that meet the goals outlined above via ordinance in addition to via ballot measure.