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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(2) Abstain(2) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 2/22/2021

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 02/23/2021

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-1042

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council (EHNC) supports this Motion because Los Angeles needs a dramatic increase in low-income, affordable, and mid-range work-force housing. Updating and streamlining the zoning code will reduce housing development timelines and development costs, allowing affordable housing developers to more quickly build housing and address the growing housing unaffordability problem that plagues Los Angeles. We also recommend that the City conducts research on alternatives to traditional housing developments to more immediately address the need for affordable 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. 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/> 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 Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

2/22/21

Re: Council File: 20-1042: City Zoning Code Update / Ballot Measure

Position: Support

Dear Councilmembers,

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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 affordable housing in East Hollywood 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.

We would like to implore the City to consider making necessary updates to the Zoning code through Council action, as opposed to ballot initiative, as originally proposed. Due to the urgency of this issue, we urge the city to expedite this report in light of our unprecedented housing crisis.

Sincerely,

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East Hollywood Neighborhood Council

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