

Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at [NCsupport@lacity.org](mailto:NCsupport@lacity.org).

This is an automated response, please do not reply to this email.

#### Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Atwater Village Neighborhood Council

Name: Karen Barnett

Phone Number: (818) 468-1738

Email: [board@atwatervillage.org](mailto:board@atwatervillage.org)

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

Date of NC Board Action: 02/11/2021

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 02/19/2021

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 21-0063

Agenda Date: 02/11/2021

Item Number: 6k

Summary: The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council has been witness to previous attempts to identify publicly owned land with the potential to be utilized as sites to build either permanent or temporary housing for individuals experiencing homelessness. To say that previous studies have yielded disappointing results would be an understatement. Identifying underused or underutilized land for new construction and properties that could follow the Adaptive Reuse model to quickly convert into housing for underserved populations could help make a dent in the roughly 500,000 unit housing deficit that Los Angeles is currently operating under. Removing the ability to restrict a property's eligibility to be included in the results of this study based on potential future use is a positive step forward in utilizing all of the resources owned by the people of Los Angeles. If we do not act quickly and decisively to create or secure more available units of housing, Los Angeles could see a tsunami of homelessness crash onto our street this summer when eviction protections are set to expire. If that were to happen, many planned future uses could be abandoned or delayed while the city tackles the growing crisis. For too long we have mismanaged the crisis of homelessness in this city, it is time that we turn to solutions. Identifying publicly owned land to house our most vulnerable neighbors is a step towards following the problem. We hope that the city impresses on the identified departments the need to take part in the study in good faith, and with a willingness to see beyond departmental needs by making allocated properties available to solve the humanitarian crisis of our time.