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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/07/2022

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 02/15/2022

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Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 21-0658

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The North Westwood Neighborhood Council supports this motion to create a strategic plan for expediting the permitting and approval process for 100% deed-restricted affordable housing projects. With the city facing a dire housing crisis and options for low-income renters scarce, more affordable housing is much needed. However, the permitting and approval process for housing development in Los Angeles is both expensive and time-consuming, which not only makes it take longer for affordable housing projects to be completed but decreases their odds of being initiated in the first place. According to research from the Turner Center for Housing Innovation, in California, “streamlining and bringing more certainty to the permitting and approval processes can mitigate labor and materials cost increases, as well as having the added benefit of bringing down pre-construction and contingency costs.” Adopting a more streamlined process for the development of 100% deed-restricted affordable housing therefore stands to benefit low-income households in North Westwood and in the City of Los Angeles. We therefore endorse proposed methods to speed up the permitting and approval process for such developments, including additional staff resources, quicker staff review and appeal times, and an administrative review process. We urge that this expediting not come at the cost of other projects, particularly projects with an income-restricted component like TOC, and that added resources be dedicated to permitting instead, to avoid treating this issue as “zero-sum.” We also ask the City to reevaluate the lengthy timelines for all permitting.



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Position: Support

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