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Item Number: 19

Summary: On July 14, 2021 at a Brown Act compliant Meeting, NoHo NC voted 15-1-0 to support the Strategic Plan to Prioritize of 100% Affordable Housing Developments including Permanent Supportive Housing. Please see the attached statement for further details.

Logan Rees

NoHo Neighborhood Council District 1 Resident Representative

June 18, 2021

Community Impact Statement in support of City Council File 21-0658

Strategic Plan to Prioritize of 100% Affordable Housing Developments including Permanent Supportive Housing

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

The NoHo Neighborhood Council hereby supports Council File 21-0658 which calls for a strategic plan to streamline processes for the development of affordable housing and incentivize the development of 100% deed-restricted affordable housing including permanent supportive housing in Los Angeles.

The NoHo community can see the affects of the lack of affordable housing all around our neighborhood. High-end high-rise apartment buildings seem to spring up almost overnight while more and more of our neighbors sleep on the streets. It's clear that the housing supply being created is not meeting the needs of our community.

The NoHo Neighborhood Council applauds the Mayor's directive to prioritize developments of at least 20% affordable units, but that has made little impact on this crisis. Many affordable units fall back to market rates after only a few years, and so very little permanently affordable housing is being developed. NOTE: Hey Logan: so I am not sure that this statement is true—the covenanted units are required by law to remain affordable the life of the covenant which ranges from 15 years in the early covenants of the 1970's and 80's to now usually 30-45 years. Here is what I think is a more accurate statement: "In the past 20 years Los Angeles has seen a precipitous loss of affordable housing units as they reverted to market rate upon covenants expiring."

Our neighborhood council also applauds the Mayor and Councilmember Krekorian's commitment to interim housing for our unhoused neighbors, however interim housing is merely a temporary solution. Permanent Supportive Housing has been proven to be the most effective tool to combat chronic homelessness. We support the City's efforts to find ways to cut more red tape that is holding back the creation of such housing.

As homelessness, evictions, and rents are at an all-time high, it is becoming increasingly

clear that the housing crisis will not be solved by half-measures and incremental changes. The City must take bold action to solve this humanitarian crisis. This council believes this motion is a small step towards that action.