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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(18) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council (LFNC) opposes the Hollywood Community Plan Update (HCPU2) currently under consideration by the City Council. LFNC cannot support the Plan as currently drafted due to its failure to plan for a sustainable, affordable, equitable, and livable Los Feliz. The plan needs significant changes to address historical and systemic planning failures that discriminate on race and class; to protect tenants; to support sustainable transportation and development; and to ensure affordable housing. Specifically, we have previously expressed concerns about pedestrian safety; historic preservation; single-family residential zoning; parking requirements; affordable housing FAR; sustainability requirements for zoning FAR changes; defining hotels as commercial use; rubric for applying and evaluating hotel CUPs; fixing the TOC/CPIO affordable housing program; additional anti-displacement measures; transfer of development rights; allowing by-right affordable housing in multi-family areas; and the enhancement of the public realm in Los Feliz. We also call for the plan to include inclusionary zoning requirements to address the affordable housing crisis and historic injustices. LFNC does support the suggestions made by Councilmember Raman in her letter to DCP dated 4/4/23, including the tenant protections, affordability requirements, and the specific proposals for sub area 13:1. We also call for the reclassification of streets and networks in Los Feliz to address livability and pedestrian safety. We have collected comprehensive community feedback on roads in our neighborhood that we would be happy to provide for further evaluation of reclassifications that must be effectuated through the Hollywood Community Plan Update. While we are eager for the plan to move forward so that we can update the out-of-date existing plan, we ask that you take our recommendations into consideration, and we look forward to continuing collaboration on this important effort.



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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File 21-0934; Hollywood Community Plan Update

The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council (LFNC), representing over 40,000 stakeholders who live, work, and belong to community organizations in Los Feliz, opposes the Hollywood Community Plan Update (HCPU2) currently under consideration by the Los Angeles City Council.

According to our February 18, 2021 statement, "Los Feliz Neighborhood Council cannot support the Plan as currently drafted due to its failure to plan for a sustainable, affordable, equitable and livable Los Feliz. The plan needs significant changes to address historical and systemic planning failures that discriminate on race and class; to protect tenants; to support sustainable transportation and development; and to ensure affordable housing." While we continue to appreciate the City's continuing work on the plan, our concerns have not been adequately addressed.

Specifically, we have expressed concerns about pedestrian safety; historic preservation; single-family residential zoning; parking requirements; affordable housing FAR; sustainability requirements for zoning FAR changes; defining hotels as commercial use; rubric for applying and evaluating hotel CUPs; fix the TOC/CPIO affordable housing program; additional anti-displacement measures; transfer of development rights; allowing by-right affordable housing in multi-family areas; and the enhancement of the public realm in Los Feliz.

LFNC supports the suggestions made by Councilmember Raman in her letter to DCP dated 4/4/23, including the tenant protections, affordability requirements, and the specific proposals for sub area 13:1.

We also call for the plan to include inclusionary zoning requirements to help

address the affordable housing crisis and historic injustices.

We also call for the reclassification of streets and networks in Los Feliz to address livability and pedestrian safety. The current plan proposes two street reclassifications for Curson Ave and Beachwood Drive and would reclassify Vermont Avenue from Los Feliz Avenue to Hollywood Boulevard from the Comprehensive Transit Enhance Network to the Moderate Transit Enhanced Network, which we oppose. There is also a missed opportunity to address streets on the high-injury network, such as Hillhurst Avenue, Vermont Avenue, Franklin Avenue, and Hollywood Boulevard. Finley Avenue, which was a popular part of Slow Streets Phase I, but ineligible for Phase II, should be a Local Street rather than a Collector. Hyperion Avenue should be an Avenue III or less, rather than an Avenue II. We have collected comprehensive community feedback on roads in our neighborhood that we would be happy to provide for further evaluation of reclassifications that must be effectuated through the Hollywood Community Plan Update.

While we are eager for the plan to move forward so that we can update the out-of-date existing plan, we recognize that Hollywood Community Plan Update is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to plan for Hollywood and Los Feliz. We ask that you take our recommendations into consideration as the plan moves forward, and we look forward to continuing collaboration on this important effort. Thank you for your time and attention to our Neighborhood.

-APPROVED-

April 18, 2023

Yay: 18 Nay: 0