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

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Summary: The United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council (UNNC) is pleased that City Council is taking action on one of the Housing Element's most important programs, the Livable Communities Initiative (LCI). We support a balance of objectives: increasing our housing, especially affordable housing; reducing residents' displacement; locally-driven economic revitalization; conservation of neighborhood character; creating green, sustainable, amenity-filled, and walkable neighborhoods; and building generational wealth. We want our community to thrive. UNNC's Governing Board voted on Dec. 1, 2022 to support CF 21-1230-S2 with conditions: *1.) No existing land use overlay plans (e.g., HPOZs, CPIOs, Specific Plans, etc.) be negatively impacted; and any new incentive program differs from existing programs (e.g., TOC or DB) in significant ways that bring community benefit, not just paths to more waivers; *2). Action be taken to help communities retain their existing local small businesses and support smaller scale development by existing property owners, especially longtime stakeholders; and *3). The Report resulting from this motion include specific definitions of "HIGH OPPORTUNITY AREAS" as specified in the Housing Element as the target communities vs "SUITABLE TRANSIT-RICH CORRIDORS," as targeted in this motion. UNNC is deeply concerned that making waivers "by right" (such as setbacks) will mean no zoning development standards remain, including those that work and are beneficial to communities. We applaud any plan to make our community healthier and more sustainable, with greater housing opportunities for all. But we oppose any sort of automatic approval that removes standards and protections that our stakeholders have worked over decades to implement. Additionally, UNNC highly values establishing viable and significant tree canopies; any new LCI incentive program should promote, not diminish, that goal.