

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I would like to suggest the creation of an emergency rezoning task force that could help review and quickly rezone properties from office to office/residential. Since many companies have moved to remote work, we have more offices than we need and not enough housing, but it can take a very long time to change the zoning. By having a number of people whose full time job it is to quickly and efficiently review zoning change requests, we could provide more housing from the structures we already have. It could be on a case by case basis, for example there are residential streets with offices tucked into them that would make sense. There could be a checklist of requirements for the change, etc. These offices could be purchased by developers or end users and flipped into apartments, providing more housing. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: This is my public comment for 1/8/2025. City Council should restore call-in comment, which was unceremoniously eliminated without notice or warning to the public by unpopular Council President Marqueece Harris-Dawson. This of course has been eliminated during a week with high winds, power outages, and for some residents of the city, evacuation orders. Many people just don't have the time or even ability to get to City Hall to get their maximum of 4 minutes to address the few Councilmembers who are even paying attention. Call-in comment makes public comment more equitable and accessible to the public. Does this Council even have any plans to further help protect the people who will be most affected by the incoming Trump administration? At the very least, you should be setting an example for the country for what should be done legislatively. You should be passing legislation that helps and supports unhoused people rather than basically doing something that is effectively a slightly less bad version of what Trump is proposing. You should be getting unhoused people housing and services instead of doing sweeps and criminalizing their existence. You should be working to further help and protect the LGBTQIA+ community. Instead, you're basically putting Trump in charge of law enforcement in this city for the next 4 years because the National Security Special Event designation has already been made in preparation for the numerous sporting events you insisted on having in the city over the next few years, including the Olympics in 2028, which everyone knows Trump is going to use as a way to put on a militaristic propaganda event for his agenda, hate, and self-ego, and he'll be assisted in that effort by the City of LA using funds coming from local taxpayer dollars, something that none of you have raised any concerns about at this point. Trump will use the NSSE designation to send in ICE to terrorize the immigrant community and he'll send in his law enforcement to harm really anyone he doesn't like, and he'll do it whether you support or approve of it or not, all thanks to your insistence on having basically every major sporting event here over the next 4 years. Please restore call-in public comment and expand it to all committee meetings. You have a chance to show the country what real leadership and care for the people looks like.