

Communication from Public

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Councilmember David Ryu
Los Angeles City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Rm 425
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council File #20-0002-S101 / Resolution Opposing SB 1120

Dear Councilmember Ryu:

We support your resolution opposing CA state legislation SB 1120 and urge you and co-author Councilmember Paul Koretz to move the resolution forward in the LA City Council.

We have serious concerns about the elimination of single-family zoning that this bill will cause statewide. The bill would allow four market-rate homes to replace one single-family home. Those four units could become eight units in areas that allow “accessory dwelling units” (ADUs).

There is *no* affordable housing requirement despite this egregious increase in density. Clearly the people of California who are facing dire economic times are in need of affordable housing, and we see this problem glaringly in Los Angeles. But without requirements to include affordable housing, this bill would be a gift to speculators and developers up and down the state who will build high-end units to maximize their profits.

We favor encouraging affordable housing, not just density for density’s sake. We also favor a more localized approach to planning and not SB 1120’s statewide, one-sized-fits-all mandate. In fact, Los Angeles is close to completing the new Local Coastal Program (LCP) for Venice, as well as Community Plans encompassing the whole Westside, both of which LA City planners are crafting with extensive community input and involvement. That’s the kind of local planning and guidance we believe should govern our housing decisions.

Thank you for recognizing and highlighting the destruction of the way of life of millions of homeowners at all income levels, with no guaranteed help for those most in need of affordable housing. Please continue to oppose SB 1120. Thank you for your efforts and consideration.

Sincerely,
The Board of Citizens Preserving Venice
Venice, CA

Cc: Councilmember Mike Bonin
Councilmember Paul Koretz