

Communication from Public

Name: Tieira Ryder

Date Submitted: 06/23/2021 03:29 PM

Council File No: 20-0102

Comments for Public Posting: Mar Vista District 11 Housing advocate; www.HTWWS.org All residents deserve safe, clean, and affordable housing! The working class, our seniors, our students, those with low or no income, and many, many others deserve much better when it comes to adequate housing in LA City. We support a cohesive framework to organize the City's response to the homelessness crisis, including strengthening prevention, street engagement, interim housing, and permanent affordable and supportive housing. Ultimately, in order to reduce & prevent homelessness, the City needs to immediately & fundamentally reform zoning and land use to encourage new housing production at all levels of income. Adopting a transformative Housing Element this year would be a good start.

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Name: Carey Bennett

Date Submitted: 06/23/2021 05:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As an LA resident I support a cohesive framework to organize the City's response to the homelessness crisis, including strengthening prevention, street engagement, interim housing, and permanent affordable and supportive housing. In order to reduce & prevent homelessness, the City needs to immediately & fundamentally reform zoning and land use to encourage new housing production at all levels of income. Adopting a transformative Housing Element this year would be a good start.

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Name: Denise

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Comments for Public Posting: The City's response to the homelessness crisis, should include strengthening prevention, street engagement, interim housing, and permanent affordable and supportive housing. We all deserve to live in a healthy, safe and sound environment. This can only help us continue to be able to manage this crisis we are facing and will continue to face if population and economics are going in the direction they are not to mention the public health crisis.

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Name: Olga Lexell

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Name: Los Angeles Business Council

Date Submitted: 06/23/2021 02:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: RE: Los Angeles Business Council Support – Right to Housing Motion Dear Chair Ridley-Thomas, On behalf of the Los Angeles Business Council (LABC), we are writing to express our support for the Right to Housing Motion seeking to identify the resources necessary for the goal of establishing a Right to Housing framework within the City. On any given night, over 150,000 Californians are homeless and the state has the highest rate of unsheltered homeless individuals in the nation. With over 40,000 homeless individuals and families in the City of Los Angeles – a number worsening due to the Covid-19 induced pandemic – we must craft solutions that meet the magnitude of the problem. Housing, unlike education and healthcare, is one of the few public goods that we treat as a commodity, rather than a basic human necessity. The US Department of Health and Human Services recognizes housing as a social determinant to health and economic stability and a growing number of studies continue to confirm these intersections. A Right to Housing framework would move the city toward providing the necessary infrastructure and resources to provide a roof over the head of every Angeleno. And as the State legislature looks to develop a legally enforceable mandate, requiring state and local governments to develop actionable plans to reduce homelessness by 90 percent by 2029, this motion gives the City of LA an opportunity to lead by example for the rest of the State, demonstrating how localities will need to respond to our homelessness crisis. Establishing a right to housing framework has been one of the key priorities for our Working Group on Urgent Homeless Solutions consisting of leaders from the private, nonprofit, and philanthropic sectors. We must find ways to encourage urgent and bold action, to hold our City accountable to create housing solutions that will move people off the street and into homes quickly and effectively. The current plan is not sustainable. Los Angeles needs to re-tool the process for creating housing in a more efficient and cost effective manner, while also focusing on moving people off the street into all forms of housing as quickly as possible. This motion will further push Los Angeles in the right direction. The LABC thanks you for your steadfast leadership on this issue and we are excited about continuing to work together towards addressing the critical need to provide housing opportunities for all Angelenos. Sincerely,

Mary Leslie President LABC/LABC Institute



The Honorable Mark Ridley Thomas
LA City Councilmember
City of Los Angeles
200 N Spring Street, Suite 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Leslie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Leslie
President
LABC/LABC Institute

Communication from Public

Name: Brad Foley

Date Submitted: 06/23/2021 02:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am really excited about Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas's motion to develop a Comprehensive Crisis Response Strategy to provide a Right to Housing for all Los Angeles residents. Housing everyone in LA is the right thing to do, for human rights reasons. It's important for the quality of life for the currently-unhoused. And it's important for the quality of life, health, and safety of all Los Angeles residents. I'm happy to see homelessness prevention, interim housing, and renter protections applied in a strategic way. We can't just keep throwing money at half measures, and (expensive) band aid solutions. But in doing this, we need to identify, clearly, the root of the homelessness crisis, and the housing affordability crisis. That is: we need to approve and build more housing, at all levels of affordability. We need to stop blocking new housing, which is typically tied up in litigation for years. We need to rezone a significant, and large, proportion of our city away from mandated single-family-only zoning, to allow by-right dense infill development. We need to allow duplexes, fourplexes, and condos into our neighborhoods, to allow cheaper housing for everyone. A set of ambitious, and meaningful, targets and strategies in the Housing Element this year would be a good start. Something that actually moves the needle on our lack of housing supply. Brad