

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 11/02/2020 07:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0197

Comments for Public Posting: Support! Help make our city less segregated and expand social housing stock in every district!

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Name: Alex C

Date Submitted: 11/02/2020 10:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: LA needs to make a continued effort to assist our houseless Angelenos and not pass laws to criminalize them. They should not have to choose between the street and jail. We need homekeys and not handcuffs. Where are they supposed to go when the system fails them ?

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Name: Bianca

Date Submitted: 11/03/2020 01:08 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Bianca and I live in North Hollywood. This is a great set of steps that would begin to address our housing crisis. As the motion says, we can no longer rely on the good will of the private sector to solve this crisis. They have never been the solution. I implore the city council to move forward with the solutions outlined in this motion! Also, shame on Buscaino, O'Farrell and Lee who consistently choose the path of incarceration, bigotry and hatred when addressing the housing crisis. You all make your utter disgust and loathing towards houseless people very apparent and though you may see them as disposable I would like to remind you that THEY are your constituents as well. They are real people that you represent and yet you have made zero effort to get to know them or reach out to them. You have all perpetuated a dehumanizing picture of YOUR constituents and YOUR neighbors and though you may paint houseless people as monsters, the real monsters are always the ones who treat other's lives with contempt. If your constituents living in the nice houses don't like seeing tents, I suggest that you begin educating yourself and your community on alternatives such as these. It is not too late for you.

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Name: Yuisa Alegria-Gimeno

Date Submitted: 11/03/2020 05:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Krekorian, I live in your district and urge you vote YES on Agenda Item #15 so that social housing can be studied and seriously considered as a viable solution to the homelessness catastrophe. This important motion, that has already passed the Housing Committee on August 26th, should have your full support. Social housing has been successful in other countries to provide safe, quality and permanent publicly owned housing for the community. If it can work in Europe and other continents than it could surely work in the City of Los Angeles. Please vote YES on Agenda Item #15 and urge your fellow councilmembers to do the same. I left you a voicemail at your North Hollywood and City Hall offices. And now I'm emailing you and will submit this for public comment. That's how important Agenda Item #15 is to me and so many others. The unhoused and all city residents concerned about homelessness have waited long enough for concrete solutions and have suffered enough. Use your power for the greater good, not delaying logical and sustainable policies like social housing to solve the homelessness crisis. Listen to the unhoused. Listen to your constituents like me. Listen to union members and L.A. County workers like me. Listen to the advocates and activists. Listen to cutting edge ideas. And act NOW. Social housing can save lives. In solidarity with the unhoused, Yuisa Alegria-Gimeno 7114 Ethel Ave #6 North Hollywood, CA 91605 (323)369-6343 yuisa5379@yahoo.com

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Name: Lauren Natoli

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm Lauren Natoli from AIDS Healthcare Foundation and I support this item for additional funding and resources for social housing. I agree with your option (A) for funding from state or federal funds or I recommend you look into community partnerships or aligning with community business organizations already vested in providing housing.

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Name: Jane Demian

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Comments for Public Posting: Social housing is VERY different from the failed policies of previous "public housing" models built in the US in decades past. The previous US public housing programs were segregated, suffered from lack of necessary investment, government agencies lacked the political will to maintain the housing in a workable condition for low income people, and market forces sought to remove public housing to build expensive luxury housing for higher income residents. Fast forward to 2020 / 2021 and we are seeing how the private housing market has failed a majority of working Americans, especially those who are rent burdened, and whose wages have not risen as quickly as housing costs in the private market. Social housing has been practiced very successfully in European cities, where tenants pay no more than 30% of their income on rent and include diverse residents of mixed income. The time has come for Los Angeles to embrace social housing and to utilize vacant buildings, such as empty hospitals and underperforming hotels, as a framework for social housing for Angelenos who otherwise have no access to housing. This is an URGENT need given the high numbers of unhoused families and individuals living on the streets. Please vote YES on social housing.

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Name: Anthony Dedousis
Date Submitted: 11/03/2020 04:23 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, Please see attached for Abundant Housing LA's letter SUPPORTING the social housing study motion. Thank you, Anthony Dedousis



November 4, 2020

Council President Nury Martinez
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUPPORT - Item #15 - Pathways to Establishing Social Housing

Dear Council President Martinez,

Abundant Housing LA writes in support of [Councilmember Mike Bonin's motion requesting a report on pathways to establishing social housing in Los Angeles](#). We are a pro-housing education and advocacy organization working to help solve Southern California's housing crisis. We support more housing throughout the City of Los Angeles, including publicly-owned and nonprofit-owned affordable housing.

Los Angeles is experiencing a severe housing shortage - in fact, there is [a countywide shortage of nearly 700,000 homes](#) that are affordable to households with low incomes. Housing scarcity has caused the median rent in the City of Los Angeles to [increase 65% over the past decade](#). This burden falls heaviest on lower-income households, whose housing stability has also been seriously threatened by the harsh economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To solve this crisis, Los Angeles needs more housing - including housing that is funded and operated by local governments and nonprofits. Councilmember Bonin's motion asks city administrators to prepare a report on international examples of social housing, with recommendations for their applicability in Los Angeles, including funding sources and city-owned properties that could be used for a social housing demonstration. This report will ultimately facilitate the development of social housing in Los Angeles, which will help expand the availability of affordable housing.

It is essential that the City Council take the lead on policy innovation that expands housing availability and affordability. We urge you and your colleagues to vote in favor of Councilmember Bonin's motion, and introduce a short deadline for completing the report and acting on the report's recommendations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anthony Dedousis
Director of Policy and Research
Abundant Housing LA

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Name: Liz Hirsch

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion wholeheartedly. The health and wellbeing of this entire region is at stake because of decisions made decades ago to undermine working class tenants. Los Angeles has for so long taken great pains to prevent social housing from being built and has regularly sabotaged its limited existence. It is well past time the council hear a motion like this, and implement new models of public housing NOW which guarantee an end to homelessness and racist, profit-oriented housing development in this city. I hope that with this motion we are seeing a turn away from the pitiful inaction of the council in the face of rapid gentrification, displacement, and a global pandemic that is disproportionately harming African American and Latinx communities. Please waste no further time and money with weak half-measures like so-called "bridge" housing.

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Name: Eric Shevrin

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Comments for Public Posting: Keep going. This is a great start. Housing is a human right. Think broadly, use your imagination. Everyone deserves housing. The more people who are housed , the less poverty the less crime . Everyone wins. Applaud this effort

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Name: Sebastian Reyes

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Comments for Public Posting: City Council must take proactive measures to build social housing in the City of Los Angeles. Our housing crisis has only worsened through the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, and many more people are now struggling to remain in their homes. LA needs real alternatives to a profit-based housing system, one that prioritizes all peoples' ability to remain in their communities. Social housing could do much to solve the most pressing issues our city faces. I urge the council to adopt a measure to build supportive housing.

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Comments for Public Posting: Yes on item 15! We have a massive housing crisis in LA. We need quality affordable housing options on a massive scale. We must provide the unhoused with homes and ensure that the current financial crisis doesn't result in an entirely new group of people losing their homes.

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Name: Claire Phillips

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Comments for Public Posting: Social housing is a must for our city and county. I am so hurt by the cruelty of our present system. We lack viable housing options for people. My students have become homeless in recent months and I am desperate to see them get support. Do the right thing. Study social housing and change Los Angeles for the better.

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Name: Olga Lexell
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Comments for Public Posting: Please, we need social housing.

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Comments for Public Posting: Social housing is desperately needed in Los Angeles. We are struggling to survive and the City has done little to help renters stay in their homes for the long term. Eventually evictions will increase the unhoused population. The City's failed renters with the ERAS program. It's clear that private landlords are not willing to work with the city or renters. Social housing is one of the solutions to the inflated rental market. No one should be a slave to the landlords, it's time for change. The term affordable housing should not be used, we all know that term is deceitful. Social housing is a good step towards housing for all. We do not need landlords when the land was stolen in the first place. Land is for everyone, land belongs to the community to live on, not sit vacant or in a wealthy individuals' portfolios .

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Name: Andrew Petr

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Comments for Public Posting: As your constituent, I strongly urge you to commit to researching and building social housing throughout Los Angeles. Housing is a human right.

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Name: Megan Pinkston
Date Submitted: 11/03/2020 11:28 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to encourage you to commit to moving forward with social housing in Los Angeles. We need to start working toward solutions for affordable housing. The only way to address the homelessness crisis is through housing people in need and by keeping renters in their homes. Social housing could make a huge difference for this city, and this council should move forward with plans to implement it.