

Communication from Public

Name: Westside for Everyone

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, As concerned community members on the Westside of the City of Los Angeles, we are writing to express strong support for an update to the City of Los Angeles' zoning codes as requested in City Council File #20-1042. Together, we are students, parents, renters, homeowners, small business owners, nonprofit workers, native Angelenos, immigrants, and most importantly community members who share a vision for a more affordable and accessible city. We could not agree more with Councilmember Martinez when she states "The city has a critical lack of housing for all income levels, however the zoning code prevents new housing from being built in much of the city particularly in job and transit rich communities." Zoning codes shape our neighborhoods and what homes are available in this area. Existing policies have limited the number of homes in our area, and competition to find a home makes it too expensive for most people to live here. More residents on the Westside are spending bigger portions of their earnings on housing, leaving less for things like child care, food, and healthcare. Our community will benefit from homes in all shapes, sizes and price points so that people can afford to create a home and stay here over time. Many high-opportunity neighborhoods on the Westside have historically avoided adding new housing through exclusionary zoning - we believe that if every community does its part to address our housing shortage and to accommodate our RHNA goals, we can reduce displacement in more economically fragile communities and create a more vibrant and accessible place to live right here. Specifically, we hope that the zoning code update will draw from the following principles: 1) Add more homes in areas where housing costs are high and where access to jobs and economic opportunities are higher, which will alleviate pressure on those looking for homes near jobs, schools and other resources. 2) In historically disadvantaged areas, allocate a higher percentage share of the total housing growth target towards affordable housing. 3) Allocate more housing closer to transit and in areas where more commuters are driving into the area, and allocate less housing in environmentally fragile areas. We also agree with environmental organizations like the National Resources Defense Council and Climate Resolve National that transit oriented development will help reduce our fossil fuel

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