

**Fwd: Support for Council President Martinez's motion CF 20-1042**

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To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 17, 2021 at 11:29 AM

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From: **David Kitani** <dkitani@everyactionadvocacy.com>  
Date: Wed, Feb 17, 2021 at 11:23 AM  
Subject: Support for Council President Martinez's motion CF 20-1042  
To: <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Dear City Clerk Holly L. Wolcott,

I'm a constituent in your district writing to express my concern about our region's affordable housing shortage and its impact on the future of our city. I'm frustrated by increasing homelessness, by the burden that displacement and gentrification place on our neighbors, and by policies that promote exclusion and housing scarcity in our neighborhoods.

Exclusionary zoning and land use practices have led to an undersupply of affordable medium- and high-density housing near jobs and transit, and have perpetuated segregated living patterns and the exclusion of historically disadvantaged communities. The racist practice of redlining, which divided our city's neighborhoods by race and income, strongly influenced zoning laws that remain on the books today, defining where affordable housing may and may not be built. The housing and homelessness crisis, together with this year's COVID-19 pandemic, severe wildfires, and civil unrest, illustrate the need for a totally new approach to solving our city and region's housing crisis.

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That's why I support Council President Martinez's motion CF 20-1042, which instructs Planning to propose an equitable distribution of L.A.'s RHNA housing growth target across all neighborhoods, based on objective factors like access to jobs, transit, and past housing production. Incorporating this approach into the housing element will ensure that most new homes are concentrated near jobs, transit, and high-opportunity neighborhoods, while also addressing the significant need for affordable housing in disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Los Angeles needs a housing element update based on fair neighborhood-level housing growth targets. This will reduce traffic and carbon emissions, increase access to jobs and transit, open up exclusionary neighborhoods to Angelenos of all backgrounds, and foster economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, I urge you to vote in favor of Council President Martinez's motion.

Personally sent by David Kitani using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely,  
David Kitani  
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Wed, Feb 17, 2021 at 4:04 PM

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From: **Keith Sader** <keith@everyactionadvocacy.com>  
Date: Wed, Feb 17, 2021 at 3:50 PM  
Subject: Support for Council President Martinez's motion CF 20-1042  
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Personally sent by Keith Sader using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely,  
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Wed, Feb 17, 2021 at 10:02 AM

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From: **Andrew May** <[andymay@everyactionadvocacy.com](mailto:andymay@everyactionadvocacy.com)>  
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