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Dear Clerk PLUM Committee,

I am an Angeleno writing to express concern about our region's affordable housing shortage and its impact on the future of our city. I am frustrated by increasing homelessness, by the burden that displacement and gentrification place on our neighbors, and by community members and elected officials continuing to promote exclusion 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 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.

Los Angeles has a valuable opportunity to address the need for more housing in a way that furthers equity, environmental sustainability, and housing justice. California's RHNA requires Los Angeles to plan for 456,000 new homes by 2029 through its housing element update, including 184,000 that are affordable to lower-income households. I believe every neighborhood must do its part to meet this goal.

Los Angeles needs a housing element update based on fair neighborhood-level housing growth targets. This will reduce traffic and GHG emissions, increase access to jobs and transit, advance income and racial integration, roll back exclusionary zoning, and strengthen the region's economy. Therefore, I respectfully urge you to pass the City Zoning Code Update Ordinance in order to ensure that we move away from land-use and zoning decisions that have result in 66,000 unhoused folks, that have 1 million people living in overcrowded homes, that continues to displace and push-out BIPOC communities, and contributes to urban sprawl which worsens both our climate and traffic conditions.

Thank you for your consideration.

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

Sincerely,

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