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Comments for Public Posting: Please see the attached letter on behalf of the Southern California Association of NonProfit Housing (SCANPH). We represent the nonprofit builders of affordable housing in the region. Thank you.

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Los Angeles City Planning
201 N. Figueroa Street, 4th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: LACP Processes and Procedures ordinance

To Whom It May Concern:

SCANPH is a nonprofit membership association representing affordable housing developers across the five counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura. Our mission is to facilitate the development of affordable homes across Southern California by advancing effective public policies, sustainable financial resources, strong member organizations, and partnerships.

Our members develop permanent, high quality below market rate homes for low and extremely low income residents. They focus on individuals and families in most need of affordable housing. While our members are active throughout our five county region, the city where they build the most housing by far is Los Angeles.

SCANPH supports the LACP Processes and Procedures ordinance. The City of Los Angeles needs to revamp this process, so we are very glad that the City and its dedicated staff are taking the time to carefully consider this update. SCANPH is strongly supportive of efforts to streamline the process and make it easier to understand. Thank you for your efforts.

We understand that this ultimately needs to go before the City Council, and SCANPH hopes to weigh in before then with some suggestions to make the Processes and Procedures even better. In particular we would like to see a prioritization of affordable housing through expedited timelines. We see that the ordinance will result in "60 unique review paths." We wish this were fewer, although we understand the incredibly complexity of the Los Angeles zoning code.

Thank you for your work. We hope you consider our incoming recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Francisco Martinez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Francisco Martinez

Policy Director

Southern California Association of NonProfit Housing (SCANPH)