

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, Please see attached for Abundant Housing LA's letter SUPPORTING this motion. Regards, Anthony Dedousis



February 9, 2021

Councilmember Kevin de Leon  
Los Angeles City Council  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**CF 21-0063 - Identifying City-Owned Properties for Homeless Housing - SUPPORT**

Dear Councilmember de Leon,

**Abundant Housing LA** is a pro-housing, nonprofit advocacy organization working to help solve Southern California's housing crisis. Our organization supports more housing at all levels of affordability and reforms to land use and zoning codes, which are needed in order to make housing more affordable, improve access to jobs and transit, promote greater environmental sustainability, and advance racial and economic equity.

**We write to express our strong support for your motion to report on identifying underutilized, city-owned land that could be repurposed for affordable housing.** By calling for new information on the underutilization of all city-owned properties and the feasibility of converting them for temporary shelters or permanent supportive housing, your motion would facilitate new, much-needed housing opportunities on city-owned land.

Los Angeles is currently facing a devastating housing crisis. Despite numerous policies that address our homelessness crisis, most notably Measure HHH, homelessness has continued to rise in recent years. Moving quickly to create new shelters or permanent supportive housing would help to address this humanitarian crisis. We encourage you to also request a report back on the feasibility of converting some of the 111 public parking lots owned by the City into temporary shelters or permanent supportive housing; it's critical that we prioritize housing for people over housing for vehicles.

Thank you for bringing this important motion forward, which we are proud to support.

Sincerely,

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