

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: This is Zeke Sandoval with PATH (People Assisting The Homeless), in favor of Items 8 and 9. We encourage the City to act with urgency in approving policy changes to streamline housing development, especially for affordable housing. Regarding Item 9, we thank Council President Martinez, Chair Harris-Dawson, Councilmember Raman, and City staff for their continued efforts to create an affordable housing overlay zone. Our City needs more housing of all types, but affordable housing developments face unique barriers to construction and operation that an overlay zone could help remedy. Land, for instance, is routinely the biggest expenditure in development, and affordable developers cannot hope to outbid private developers without help. DCP's recommendation to identify more and cheaper options for land in an overlay zone is welcome, then, and we hope the Council moves quickly to implement such policies. We also appreciate the recommendations' focus on equitable siting of affordable development, and would ask the Council carefully consider the design of affordable housing incentive structures to ensure an ordinance does not delay overall housing development in high-opportunity areas.