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If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at NCsupport@lacity.org.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/01/2023

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 02/07/2023

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 21-1230-S2

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Chatsworth NC is OPPOSED to the LCI as it aims to by-pass public input by making LCI's by-right or administrative, override the community plans, specific plans, and overlays, and build in areas such as high fire hazard areas, historic districts and open space. See attached letter for more explanation.



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February 6, 2023

Re: Livable Communities Initiative (LCI)

Dear Councilmembers,

In a general meeting of the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CNC), the board voted unanimously to OPPOSE the Council motion CF#21-1230-S2. The CNC urges the city to consider the following concerns;

The CNC recognizes and supports expanding housing opportunities, reducing housing costs, increasing mobility, and making our neighborhood more walkable; however, we are deeply concerned with the following directives presented through the motion:

- The directive to the Los Angeles City Planning to consider by-right or administrative development and zoning standards. CNC encourages a discretionary review process as opposed to by-right or administrative to protect the unique nature of Chatsworth and other neighborhoods by allowing community input on projects in their community, especially in existing specific plan areas.
- The existing specific plans need to be complied with, protected, and not overlaid by an LCI. Under the current motion, there is no mention of protecting current plans, such as the Devonshire-Topanga Corridor Specific Plan related to Chatsworth.
- Having “mitigations” included for lots located within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ) is a significant concern for our community as well as the other categories noted, such as identified historic districts or areas designated as open space. We ask that subject lots be excluded from the LCI. The current motion reads, “Exclude and/or mitigate.” In short, we believe the LCI concept should only apply to commercially zoned properties and that environmental triggers should not be ignored.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hammond
CNC President