

Communication from Public

Name: Valerie M.

Date Submitted: 12/06/2022 01:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of CD4 and submit this comment in support of the Livable Communities Initiative.

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Name: Michael Manville

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Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly in support of the LCI Motion being taken up by the City Council. I am an Associate Professor in UCLA's Department of Urban Planning, and I have extensively studied the relationships between transportation, land use regulation, and housing affordability. This is a complex problem, and there are no silver bullets, but the LCI represents an important step forward. The city of Los Angeles has exhibited some modest enthusiasm in the past for building housing along our commercial corridors, and since the city desperately needs housing such support is better than opposition. But our commercial corridors are not human-scaled places that are well-suited for habitation. They are noisy, dangerous and polluted. If we want to build on them (and we should) we should also want to transform them, and make them areas where people from all walks of life will have the ability and desire to live and flourish. If we do not do that, our housing strategy is doomed to be environmentally unjust: sending apartment buildings to polluted dangerous corridors so we can protect the integrity of multi-million dollar single family home neighborhoods. If LA wants to protect its single family home neighborhoods, then it needs to make its other neighborhoods every bit as livable and desirable. The LCI offers a sensible, flexible path toward that outcome, and if you are serious about traffic safety, housing affordability, and environmental justice, you will adopt it. Please let me know if I can answer any questions.

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Name: James L. Yu

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of the Palms Neighborhood in West LA, I want to offer my support to the Livable Communities Initiative that the city council is considering tomorrow. Two things plague my neighborhood on a regular basis: the lack of affordable housing that prices out my friends and forces them to move far, and the dangerous unwalkable residential streets that drivers treat as a freeway (my pregnant wife and I were nearly hit by a truck recently that didn't bother to look before turning right at the crosswalk). For these reasons, our city needs to take a much stronger stance in addressing affordable housing and walkability. I fully support the Livable Communities Initiative and its goal of increasing housing development in commercial zones and making sidewalks and streetways more walkable and safe for pedestrians. I also want to challenge the city council to oppose the rampant NIMBY interests in affluent neighborhoods like my own, which stymie much-needed development, placing the strain of new housing disproportionately on lower-income communities of color. This is something that matters a great deal to me. The lack of housing supply is a manmade dilemma that affects every strata of Los Angeles, from the homeless person priced out of low-income apartments, to my graduate student friends from church, who recently packed up their lives and moved across the country to North Carolina, because they realized they would never be able to afford a house here. Something needs to be done to reverse this trend, and I believe that the Livable Communities Initiative is one of many steps that need to be taken to move our city in the right direction. I urge the city councilors to support this initiative, as well as all future pro-housing initiatives that will pave the way for our city to be more dense and livable for EVERYONE, not just the privileged few. Thank you, James Longine Yu

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Name: Tiffany

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I am Tiffany and I am calling/writing to strongly support the Livable Communities Initiative. The legislation would promote mixed income and mixed use development along commercial corridors in Los Angeles, which is a desperately needed part of solving our housing crisis. As a homeowner in West Los Angeles, it is clear that there is a great need for more affordable housing and different types of housing to address the homelessness issue in our neighborhood. The Livable Communities Initiative will allow for space to be used in more diverse and creative ways. Mixed-use housing development allows people to live closer to jobs, stores and services, which reduces their transportation costs and environmental impacts related to driving. Building close to major transit stops and high-frequency bus corridors expands on these benefits by providing convenient access to transit. Creating complete streets that balance the interests of people using various modes of transportation through measures like wide, well-maintained sidewalks, accessible curb ramps, street trees, protected bike lanes, and transit priority lanes creates a safer, more equitable and more sustainable transportation system. Relief from development standards such as minimum parking requirements makes housing more affordable to build and further reinforces LCI's vision of decentering travel in private cars. When homebuilders are allowed to build at a higher density they can divide the cost of LA's expensive urban land over more homes, reducing per-unit costs, and this also reinforces travel modes like transit, walking and cycling.

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Name: Jacob Pierce

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Victor Heights resident