

Communication from Public

Name: Tiffany Yu

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 09:37 AM

Council File No: 21-1230-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I am Tiffany and I am 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. 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. Therefore I urge the council to vote yes and support LCI. Thank you!

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Name: Kevin Scott

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 10:05 AM

Council File No: 21-1230-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Hello LA City Council, My name is Kevin Scott, I am a resident of Highland Park, and I strongly urge the council to support item 24, the Livable Communities Initiative. We desperately need to address our housing crisis, and the LCI can help do that by promoting mixed income and mixed use development along commercial corridors. Such development lets people live near where they work and shop, thus reducing dependency on cars and increasing demand for public transportation. Our streets need to be accessible to pedestrians, cyclists and buses—everyone! The LCI can go a long way to do that by suspending the development standards that favor cars such as minimum parking requirements. Relaxing these standards can increase density, which makes housing more efficient and more affordable. Please vote yes and support LCI! Thank you!

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Name: Ji Son

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 10:16 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you council members for your service to our community. My name is Ji Son and I'm a professor at Cal State LA, a cognitive scientist, and mom. I strongly support the Livable Communities Initiative. The legislation would promote mixed income and mixed use development along commercial corridors in Los Angeles, which can make a real difference towards addressing our community's housing crisis. A State Assembly report recently estimated 5% of University of California students, 10% of California State University students and 20% of California community college students have reported being homeless or housing insecure at some point in their education. This is untenable. Students who want to attend institutions such as Cal State LA, notable for being #1 in the nation in improving the social mobility of our students, are just as impacted by displacement, gentrification, overcrowding and homelessness as other Los Angelenos. UCLA graduate students are striking right now for higher pay, much of that would be spent on housing. And even if they had more money, without affordable units available in the surrounding community near public transit, their housing and transportation problems will not be addressed. Our students, their families, and surrounding community members need affordable options, and they need them fast. LCI is just one small step in providing much needed new units in Los Angeles. This is a concrete step toward higher urban density which can provide more homes, reduce per-unit costs, and reinforce greener travel modes like transit, walking and cycling. I urge the council to vote yes and support LCI. This will make a difference for many generations to come. Thank you!

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Name: Anthony Burton
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