

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Zamm

Date Submitted: 11/04/2024 11:07 PM

Council File No: 21-1230-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't remove the incentives to build affordable housing on church property. Please give interested churches every bit of aid that you can. We need to build affordable housing now, and as I have seen, it's a win/win. By streamlining the process you save the church thousands of dollars. As well, these incentives can make the project possible. I am shocked at the possibility that the council would continue to put up or keep up the barriers to creating the NUMBER ONE solution to homelessness - affordable housing! I strongly support this cause to provide affordable housing on church property. It is essential to the well being of so many lives in need.

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Name: Dove Pressnall

Date Submitted: 11/04/2024 04:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As our Councilmembers are well aware, expanding affordable housing is an absolutely necessary solution to homelessness. Yet, churches who wish to put their unused facilities and property to help with the homelessness crisis are facing City Council action to remove of the Faith Based Incentives to build affordable housing on church property? We need to build affordable housing now, and churches building on their underutilized properties is a win/win - churches generate much needed revenues to continue their community work and residents have a safe, comfortable place to live. Incentives and a streamlined process make these critical projects possible. I am *so* disappointed to learn that members of the Los Angeles City Council are working to maintain existing and impose new barriers to churches building affordable housing. Please maintain the incentives to build affordable housing on church property and give churches that are willing to step up for our communities in this way every bit of support possible. Thank you!

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Name: Dexter O'Connell, Safe Place for Youth

Date Submitted: 11/04/2024 04:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello! Altering existing incentives for housing on faith lands will make it more difficult to build affordable housing, especially the kind of flexible housing which our young people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity prefer and desperately need. Thanks, Dexter O'Connell Director of Youth Policy and Advocacy Safe Place for Youth

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Name: Andrés Cantero, Jr., Esq.

Date Submitted: 11/04/2024 04:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: SB 4 should not be the only housing incentive mechanism that is in place to promote housing in Los Angeles. It is unrefutably proven that the root cause of our homelessness problem here in Los Angeles is the lack of housing. What you might think is simply streamlining incentive programs is actually unhousing high performing housing insecure young adults on church campuses now. Your actions now would create more homelessness tomorrow. If you can live with that then proceed, but I urge you to reconsider. We cannot simply in broad strokes simplify incentive programs once created without carefully and deeply investigating the collateral damage. This isn't just less housing units, these are lives impacted forever. There should be more efforts to reevaluate the Citywide Housing Incentive Program and ensure that any incentives to churches for housing opportunities are maintained. This not only expands who is developing these projects, but ensures they can continue providing them as well. Please do your part and ensure we always choose the path that creates more housing, not less.

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Name: Val Carlson

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Name: melissa tillman

Date Submitted: 11/04/2024 06:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Planning and Land Use Management Committee, I urge you to retain the incentives for building affordable housing on church-owned properties. Many churches are eager to contribute to addressing our housing crisis by developing affordable units on their land, and these incentives are critical to making these projects financially viable. Streamlining the approval process saves churches substantial costs, allowing them to reinvest in their communities and bring affordable housing to those who need it most. Affordable housing is the most effective solution to homelessness, and removing these incentives would only increase the barriers to creating sustainable, community-based housing options. I am concerned that the council would consider actions that hinder the development of affordable housing, especially when churches are willing partners in this mission. Please maintain support for these incentives, and help us work towards a Los Angeles where affordable housing is accessible to all. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: helen m eigenberg

Date Submitted: 11/04/2024 06:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: By removing FBO's from the CHIPS program we will be removing the ONLY substantial expansion of multi family housing into SFH neighborhoods! And the city has no other viable alternate path for reaching its RHNA's goals. To bring this for a vote on election day is also so nefarious---who's paying attention. It was added last minute to agenda last Friday. When is the city going to do the right thing and get affordable housing build in job rich areas? When will elected officials use their political power to do what they promise when they run and then hide when it comes time to use it. We need housing. We need housing in job rich areas. We need to stop segregating our neighborhoods. Please do the right thing. Let FBO's remain in the CHIPS program. It helps our Faith based organizations thrive and it helps us get more affordable housing.

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Name: Erin Rottman

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Comments for Public Posting: Please don't remove the incentives to build affordable housing on church property. As you know, our city is in desperate need of affordable housing. You have the power to give interested churches aid. We need to build affordable housing now, and this is a win/win. By streamlining the process you save the church thousands of dollars. As well, these incentives can make the project possible. I am shocked at the possibility that the council would continue to put up or keep up the barriers to creating the NUMBER ONE solution to homelessness - affordable housing!

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Name: Brianna Shepard

Date Submitted: 11/04/2024 07:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I was shocked to learn that you are having a hearing tomorrow that might remove Faith Based Organization incentives from the City's housing plan. This would be a real blow to our community. Please don't remove the incentives to build affordable housing on church property. Please give interested churches every bit of aid that you can. We need to build affordable housing now, and as I have seen, it's a win/win. By streamlining the process you save the church thousands of dollars. As well, these incentives can make the project possible. I am shocked at the possibility that the council would continue to put up or keep up the barriers to creating the NUMBER ONE solution to homelessness - affordable housing! Thank you, Brianna Shepard IKAR member

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Name: Jo Pitesky

Date Submitted: 11/04/2024 08:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I don't understand why the council is considering removing incentives for faith-based communities to build affordable housing on their properties. Although this isn't a total solution for the city's housing crisis, it's certainly a useful and affordable idea benefitting the community, the organizations, and people searching for affordable housing. Please keep this program!

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Name: Alejandra Ponce de Leon

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly encourage council not to remove the incentives to build affordable housing on church property. We need to build affordable housing NOW. We need to be enabling the creation of affordable housing, not putting up barriers. Please give interested churches every bit of aid that you can. Streamline the process and provide the incentives. This city needs every possible affordable unit it can get.

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Name: Paula Rosen

Date Submitted: 11/04/2024 08:29 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please save the incentives to build affordable housing on church property. This assistance is impotent to the churches' mission and to providing affordable housing in our city. By streamlining the process, people who cannot afford housing and having vibrant faith based communities all benefit. There is no excuse for not saving churches thousands of dollars to help them be part meeting the critical goal of providing affordable housing. I am stunned by the idea that the council would continue to erect or keep up the barriers to the number 1 factor in reducing homelessness—affordable housing.

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Name: Paul Freese Jr

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Comments for Public Posting: We need all the housing L.A. can create to address the ever growing homeless crisis and the crisis our youth aging out of foster care confront to afford housing. The faith community is stepping up to help the City address this crisis and it is astounding that the City would not welcome, encourage and honor their initiatives to convert church property to create housing. I'm particularly troubled that Tim McCoster has sponsored this motion as I have always found him to side with those facing oppressive circumstances such as our poor, disabled and traumatized populations who increasingly end up on streets because we fail to expand the base of affordable housing. Paul Freese, Board President, Human Trafficking Legal Network 310 228 8923 www.htln.org

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer MikoLevine

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I write as a member of IKAR synagogue and a proud Angeleno eager to see a resolution to our homeless crisis. Please don't remove the incentives to build affordable housing on church, and other communities of faith, property. Please give such communities every bit of aid that you can. We need to build affordable housing now, and as I have seen, it's a win/win. By streamlining the process you save the church/synagogue/mosque substantial funds. As well, these incentives can make the project possible. I am dismayed at the possibility that the council would continue to erect barriers to creating the NUMBER ONE solution to homelessness - affordable housing! Thank you, Jennifer MikoLevine (Eagle Rock)