

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Hodos

Date Submitted: 11/04/2024 07:16 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 and synagogues 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. This is a brilliant project: houses of worship provide a humanizing service and benefit communally, morally and financially; families GET HOUSED! 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! Please show us you are serious about this.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Silverman

Date Submitted: 11/05/2024 08:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not remove opportunities for people to have housing. transition Age Youth, who benefit from this housing, are primary feeders into homelessness, incarceration and sexual exploitation. You can protect them, or keep them vulnerable. Please protect them.

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Name: Louis Abramson

Date Submitted: 11/05/2024 09:15 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Committee Members, Please don't reverse the Council's support for building affordable housing on the property of religious organizations. I am a member of IKAR. As a way of living our commitment to Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), we are working to build affordable housing for formerly homeless seniors as part of the development of our new synagogue sanctuary in CD5. More affordable housing is vital if LA is to reduce homelessness and meet its legally binding RHNA obligations. Neither can be accomplished without maximizing the spaces on which such critical assets can be built and minimizing the time it takes to build them. Creating streamlining for faith-based organizations to build such housing on property they already own is a win/win. I have been thrilled by what I understood as the Council's support for these efforts. I am disappointed to see its commitment to addressing the declared emergency that is LA's number one crisis -- homelessness -- in danger of being reversed. Please keep faith-based organizations in CHIPS.

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Name: Alison Klurfeld

Date Submitted: 11/05/2024 09:25 AM

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Name: Ilyse Pallenberg
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Name: Philip Burns

Date Submitted: 11/05/2024 12:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am the Chair of the Congregational Land Committee, a group of real estate, planning and design advisors that works with about 30 congregations seeking to develop affordable housing on their land, including 8 in the City of LA. We want to commend staff on their proposed Faith Based Organization (FBO) standards within the Citywide Housing Incentive Program (CHIP), and encourage the Council to adopt these regulations as currently drafted. The FBO standards provide important flexibility that our congregations are interested in, which are not present in SB4. For example, the FBO standards allow projects to be 80% affordable instead of 100%. This allows congregations to reserve a few units for pastors or members who need housing. The FBO standards also create the right incentives to allow low-cost, tiny-home villages within low-density areas, where SB4 does not. Finally, they are also more sensitive to single-family neighborhood compatibility and historic preservation than SB4. Ensuring the livelihood of construction workers is an important issue, but so is the actual production of affordable housing. Instituting prevailing wage requirements at 10 units will absolutely kill small projects which generally scrape through with creative funding sources. Even projects of 50+ units will be affected, as the public funding stream which often already requires prevailing wage is drying up and expected to remain dry for the next 2-3 years. But if a prevailing wage requirement is a necessary policy priority for this Council, we would suggest that it be implemented at 50 units, along with health care requirements.