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RE: Los Angeles Citywide Housing Element 2021-2029 Update and Safety Element Update
**Case Nos. ENV-2020-6762-EIR;
CPC-2020-1365-GPA; and
CPC-2021-5499-GPA**

Dear PLUM Committee members and Planning Department Staff:

Please note that the agenda post that indicates that the Westside Neighborhood Council is opposed to the Housing Element does not correctly reflect our recent CIS issued related to the Housing Element. The Westside Neighborhood Council understands that the City must adopt a Housing Element document to meet the State's requirement for filing by mid-February. What we oppose is the fact that the rush to approve the Housing Element has been done without a genuine effort to solicit and consider public input.

For the recent Housing Committee meeting held on 10/27, the City Clerk failed to send out notices to "interested parties" in advance of the meeting. When the Planning Dept. learned about this, they sent out a notice for the meeting after 12 noon for a meeting that same afternoon. I believe that I was the only neighborhood council representative that spoke that day. Further, limiting public comment to a 20-minute period for all the items on that day's Housing Committee agenda was an inadequate period of time for an issue of such magnitude.

Looking to the PLUM Committee agenda for November 2nd, the Housing Element, Safety Element and Health Element are listed as the 14th, 15th and 16th agenda items at the end of the Committee's agenda. Had it occurred to anyone that documents of this importance might deserve a public hearing at PLUM wherein these were THE sole items on the agenda? Or, is PLUM merely saving us the agony of sitting through a meeting when the Committee has no interest in considering any substantive changes to the documents?

Communities that happen to be undergoing our community plans now, during this Housing Element cycle, are highlighted to take an inordinate amount of up-zoning and will be further targeted (unless exempted from even more citywide up-zoning planned to make up for the zoning gaps not filled by the community plans). We have been told that the proposed up-zoning as written is not necessarily the up-zoning that will be adopted and that those locations will be confirmed in the coming three-year work project of rezoning to meet RHNA. However, we would like to know whether sites NOT included on Appendices 4.1 and 4.7 can later be added and considered; there are many areas that have not been adequately considered that are not in communities identified as those to be protected from gentrification, high fire severity zones and sea-level rise endangered areas.

There have been no Planning Dept. outreach meetings to help communities review and understand Appendices 4.1 and 4.7 -- especially to help us to understand the potential allowable levels of up-zoning. Appendix 4.7 was not released prior to the deadline for comments due on the Housing Element DEIR-- clearly a violation of CEQA. When first released it was unusable -- a gigantic file that crashed most of our laptops and was not sortable.

For your info: Our motion submitted on the day of the Housing Committee meeting for which no City Clerk notice was sent to "interested parties" follows:

Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at NCsupport@lacity.org.

This is an automated response, please do not reply to this email.

Contact Information Neighborhood Council: Westside Neighborhood Council
Name: Joseph Roth Phone Number: Email: wncseat18@gmail.com
The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea (16) Nay (0) Abstain (0) Ineligible (0) Recusal (0)
Date of NC Board Action: 10/14/2021
Type of NC Board Action: Against Impact Information Date: 10/27/2021
Update to a Previous Input: No
Directed To: City Council and Committees
Council File Number: 21-1230

Summary: In a regular monthly meeting of the Westside Neighborhood Council, the board voted: 1) to authorize Land Use Co-chairs Kim Christensen and/or Barbara Broide to speak at Council proceedings regarding any and all points raised by the WNC in its written communications regarding the Housing Element; and 2) to oppose the Council motion and the Housing Element until adequate notice for public comment and participation is provided.

Please correct the manner in which our position is listed. We oppose deliberation without adequate outreach and consideration of public input.

Please also note that the Westside Neighborhood Council submitted two separate detailed letters to the City addressing specific substantive topics regarding the Draft EIR on September 7, 2021 and regarding the Housing Element on September 23 2021 which we are not repeated in this letter.

Sincerely,

Terri Tippit

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