

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: What's the point of submitting a resolution at the 11th hour? This bill has been around for months where discussion, analysis, and public input could and should have been considered.

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Comments for Public Posting: I write on behalf of the Eastside Chapter of Abundant Housing LA, which is a group with members from eastside neighborhoods as diverse as Boyle Heights and Silverlake, who all believe that we need more housing at all incomes levels and that housing for people is fundamental more moral than housing for cars. Attached is our letter of support for AB 2097. We urge the city council to support this measure!

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To Whom It May Concern,

We write to you as your constituents who are deeply concerned about our current housing crisis' impact on our community and neighbors. Every day, we see working- and middle-class residents of the Eastside become more rent-burdened, and home ownership becomes less feasible. **This year, you have a chance to help unwind this crisis by voting yes on AB 2097.** This bill would end the practice of imposing parking minimums on housing and business, [a requirement that drives up costs and makes new housing less likely to be built.](#)

Parking minimums in LA are one of the most significant cost drivers of new construction. Estimates show that adding each parking space can cost, on average, [\\$55,000 for new housing in LA](#). By some measures, [17% of all rent burden can be attributed to the cost of parking](#). And this cost is disproportionately borne by the poorest Angelinos, who are most likely to use public transportation, and [least likely to use mandatory parking spots](#). Moreover, studies have found that much of this parking sits empty at any given time, with some studies showing that [up to 33% of parking spots in residential complexes sit empty overnight](#).

Removing parking minimums is one of the best ways to increase more affordable housing development on the Eastside. San Diego [saw its affordable housing production increase by 6-fold when it removed parking minimums around transit](#). We know that there are currently 100% affordable housing developments proposed on the Eastside that are being blocked because of the city's requirements to provide parking. No one benefits when these projects are not built; working families are denied affordable units, and workers are denied good jobs.

Most of all, though, the Eastside would disproportionately benefit from seeing less driving in Los Angeles. Because of the historical legacy of racism, our neighborhood is disparately impacted by air pollution from freeways, leading to some of the highest asthma rates in the nation and tragically shortening the lives of thousands of residents. [A pedestrian is killed in LA once every three days, a rate four times the national average](#). The status quo is simply unacceptable. Our community has enough density to support walkable streets; car traffic is the only thing standing in the way. Parking minimums are as, if not more, onerous to the entrepreneurs in our community who often see [their business become unprofitable due to all the parking](#) they are required to provide. Research by the Heart Foundation of Australia found that [walkable streets benefit local small businesses](#), as pedestrians are likelier to engage in retail shopping and dining. Walkable streets [can yield economic benefits in our neighborhood](#), and [people who live in walkable places tend to cherish residing in them](#).

Therefore, we respectfully ask you to vote yes on AB 2097 and prioritize housing people over housing cars.

Sincerely,

Abundant Housing LA - Eastside Chapter

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