

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my strong support of the City Council resolution to support Assembly Bill 2097, which will eliminate requirements that homes and commercial buildings near transit or in neighborhoods with less car use be built with more parking than is necessary. By reducing the over-building of parking, this bill would reduce traffic, greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution, reduce the cost of housing to renters and homeowners, and improve the prospects of small neighborhood businesses fighting to survive during the pandemic. On-site parking: Reduces the housing supply by taking up space that could otherwise be used for additional apartments. Is very expensive, costing \$30,000 to \$75,000 per space to build. This cost is passed on to renters and home buyers, regardless of whether they own a car. In fact, a recent study by Santa Clara University, researchers found that the cost of garage parking to renter households is approximately \$1,700 per year, or an additional 17% of a housing unit's rent. In response to the pandemic and the closure of restaurants and small shops, local governments have allowed businesses to expand into on-site and street parking spaces to allow for safe outdoor dining and shopping. These new and more productive uses of parking spaces have shown us the way forward to create more inviting and sustainable neighborhoods, and allow small businesses to survive and in some cases thrive. This bill would remove arbitrary restrictions that prevent small businesses from using their property for its most productive use. AB 2097 will: Prevent the wasteful overproduction of parking spaces, and reduce car dependency and carbon emissions. Encourage greater transit usage and more housing and business growth near transit, helping to create revitalized and pedestrian-friendly commercial corridors and downtowns throughout California. Increase the development of Affordable Housing. San Diego has already seen a significant increase in Affordable Housing development as a direct result of removing its parking minimums near major transit. This bill does not prohibit property owners from building on-site parking. Rather, it gives them the flexibility to decide on their own how much on-site parking to provide, instead of requiring compliance with a one-size-fits-all mandate. For these reasons, I humbly ask for your vote in favor of the Resolution to support AB 2097. Please -- we have destroyed the city of Los Angeles with endless

sprawl and car-oriented development. SUPPORT AB2097!