

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Chair Lee and PLUM Committee Members, I am a long-time resident and creative small business owner in Downtown Los Angeles at 9th+Broadway at the intersection of the Fashion District and Historic Core. I am a member of the Skid Row Now and 2040 Coalition and a neighbor to Skid Row residents. Our Skid Row Now and 2040 Coalition began in the Summer of 2017 and over these seven years we have worked with the Department of City Planning's DTLA 2040 team in productive ways on the Downtown Community Plan, along with extensive outreach throughout our Skid Row neighborhood - residents, workers and other stakeholders. I am grateful for the department's work with us to date along with City Council and the Mayor to achieve plan adoption, including the recent report Council File Number: 22-0617-S3: Downtown Los Angeles Community Plan / IX1 Use District Modifications / Community Facilities / Skid Row Neighborhood. Along with my fellow coalition members, I have been waiting since May 2023 when our DTLA 2040 was approved to receive word that PLUM is reviewing the Department of City Planning and City Attorney reports so our DTLA 2040 can be adopted and implemented. I found out about the DTLA 2040 being on PLUM's agenda this Tuesday, October 15 and was not able to change my schedule that fast to be in person for public comment. I hope you accept this public comment remotely prior to Tuesday's meeting. Based in our coalition's Containment and Community policy paper as a framework and the Department's recent report, I advocate for City Council to: Retain the IX1 Zone with current boundaries and at 80% affordable housing, and clearly define affordable housing levels to remove moderate income units and prioritize deeply low income, extremely low income, very low income and lower income residents. Retain the Community Benefits Program as currently adopted in the community plan, and described in this report. Define representative members of the oversight committee for the Community Benefit Trust Fund so 30% of membership includes residents or workers with lived experience of being unhoused. Ensure funds from the Community Benefit Trust Fund are used within a 1-mile radius of Downtown Los Angeles development, not a 1.5-mile radius, with a priority benefit to Skid Row. As the adopted community plan moves through the City Attorney's review and subsequent implementation, I also continue to advocate for City Council to: Establish a Skid Row district council for self-representation by residents (housed and unhoused) and workers within the historical Skid Row boundaries. Implement elements of DTLA 2040 that foster a healthy and sustainable Skid Row neighborhood, alongside all Downtown Los Angeles neighborhoods including mine. Please contact me if you would like to discuss our coalition's advocacy further. Thank you, Sara
References:
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