

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm saddened, though not surprised, to learn of Traci Park's motion to impede the creation of desperately-needed affordable housing in my district (CD11). While she campaigned on platitudes about helping unhoused Angelenos, her record before winning office was one of unbridled opposition toward the very housing programs needed to address the homelessness crisis. It's completely on-brand for her now to oppose this DCRC project as well. As her constituent, I urge Councilmember Park to reconsider her position as a roadblock toward progress, and I urge the entire Council to reject unhelpful, reactionary motions such as hers. Please proceed with the creation of this project, which will provide housing and services to Angelenos living on the financial edge of homelessness, or already dwelling on our currently very cold, very wet streets.

Communication from Public

Name: Judy Branfman

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Comments for Public Posting: This motion is an effort by incoming Councilmember Traci Park to block desperately needed 100% affordable housing for low income and unhoused tenants on the Westside. We are in the middle of a housing affordability and homelessness crisis, and instead of pushing for MORE affordable housing, Councilmember Park is trying to block one of the only projects that could allow some of our unhoused neighbors to secure housing in the community. The Disability Community Resource Center and City of LA have jointly owned the property located at 12901 Venice Blvd in Mar Vista since 1982. The DCRC has maintained and operated the property for over 40 years, the organization is extremely familiar with the type of housing and services needed, and it is highly unlikely that other buyers would be interested in purchasing a partial interest in the property. It was always contemplated that the DCRC would gradually take over ownership of the property. Now DCRC wants to do the right thing by developing new housing for unhoused people while also maintaining office space to provide on-site services. Park is trying to block this critical project by characterizing it as some sort of backroom deal and opening up the sale of an obscure tenancy-in-common interest to market-rate buyers. This obstructionist effort is misleading and a reprehensible use of city resources.