

Communication from Public

Name: MAR VISTA VOICE

Date Submitted: 01/06/2023 08:29 PM

Council File No: 22-1328

Comments for Public Posting: This motion is simply 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, our Councilmember 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.

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Name: N Filiatrault

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Communication from Public

Name: Devon

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Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly against Park's efforts to block affordable housing. As a resident of Mar Vista I am very familiar with the high price of housing in the area. 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. We need to be building more affordable housing, not less. These projects are good for the people who actually live in the area instead of select few who don't need extra help from the city.

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Name: Peggy Lee Kennedy

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Comments for Public Posting: Reject this motion! I'm not surprised but disgusted that Councilperson Park is trying to reverse an affordable housing project with this motion - when LACity is in a homelessness crisis, the Mayor of LACity just declared an emergency, and the city is suffering a terrible low-income housing crisis. The majority of the people living without housing are people of color and disabled people. It's really shameful and needs to be rejected by the LA City Council.

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Name: Ben Warga

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