## **Communication from Public**

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Comments for Public Posting: ACT-LA, a coalition of over 40 organization in Los Angeles

County, presents the following letter in support of the motion to nullify the currently existing parking replacement requirements. These administrative barriers serve as a hindrance to creating the

affordable units desperately needed in Los Angeles.



February 15, 2024

Los Angeles City Council 200 N Spring St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Support Removal of Parking Replacement on LADOT Facilities Utilized for Housing Council File Number: <u>23-060</u>

The ACT-LA coalition respectfully submits this letter in support of the proposed elimination of Los Angeles Administrative Code sections 22.482(a) and 22.602, which require parking space replacement in LA Department of Transportation (LADOT) facilities transferred to the LA Housing Department (LAHD) for the purpose of supportive or affordable housing.

ACT-LA is a county-wide coalition of over 40 organizations working on the forefront of economic, racial, and environmental justice. Our coalition members represent tenants' rights organizations, affordable housing developers, workers' centers, public interest law firms, and environmental justice advocates, among many others. ACT-LA helped lead the campaign to pass Measure ULA and is now working on implementing the measure so that the City can greatly increase its affordable housing supply. One of the priority needs our coalition has now identified is readying more public land for affordable housing construction.

In the course of delivering the affordable housing desperately needed by Angelenos, political and bureaucratic challenges woven into City and County policy often emerge and present as barriers. Los Angeles Administrative Code sections 22.482(a) and 22.602 are critical obstacles to remove, particularly as they have prioritized space for cars over space for people and families. In the midst of an unprecedented affordable housing crisis that is felt most acutely by people in lower income communities and communities of color, our city must deliver critically needed affordable housing on its land. Publicly owned lands including LADOT parking lots present an opportunity to develop affordable housing without the high cost or lengthy process of securing privately owned lands.

We commend this action to end the Memorandum of Understanding that stands as a barrier to the speedy creation of supportive, interim, and affordable housing in the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

ACT-LA