

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Please carefully consider my comment related to CPC-202305273-CA. Please add the entirety of this comment to the public record on this matter, and to the planning case file for Westchester Playa. Mayor Bass' Executive Directive 1 (ED-1) and the Affordable Housing Streamlining Ordinance (AHSO) specifically safeguard R1 single-family homes and more restrictive zones. The City is rezoning R1 and restrictive residential zone properties in Westchester to covertly allow for fast-tracked shelters and 100% affordable housing developments. ED-1 was revised to include protections for single-family homes and more restrictive residential zones for a reason. The fact that the City is upzoning entire neighborhoods of homes in Westchester to get around these important protections raises many ethical concerns and has created a plan for Westchester that is deeply flawed, arbitrary, and capricious. I am for equitable and fair housing. I am against the City deciding that entire Westchester neighborhoods and thousands of homes are expendable. The specific neighborhoods chosen for upzoning happen to be areas that offer entry-level homes that are suitable for first-time buyers and young families. Decimating these neighborhoods will result in the disappearance of entry-level homes in Westchester, further perpetuating systemic racism and economic inequalities in Los Angeles. I believe there are numerous strategic and sensible locations for the creation of high-density housing that does not entail the disruption of established residential communities. The neighborhoods under consideration are inhabited by a diverse range of residents, many of whom intentionally chose to purchase or rent homes in areas where high-density apartment complexes were not part of the landscape. If these high-density developments are introduced into our neighborhoods, I foresee a drastic shift in quality of life and reductions in homeowners' property values, resulting in adverse financial repercussions. I firmly oppose any attempts to upzone Westchester's single-family R1 and du/tri/fourplex properties and thus eliminate the protections afforded by ED-1 and AHSO.