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Comments for Public Posting: Please see the attached letter that outlines our support for this essential motion to codify Mayor Bass' Executive Directive 1 into City law.

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Los Angeles City Council
200 N Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: SCANPH Support of Codifying ED 1 (Item #19 on 6/27/23 agenda; CF 23-0623)

Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers:

It is with great enthusiasm that the Southern California Association of NonProfit Housing (SCANPH) expresses our strong support for Item # 19 on City Council's June 27th Agenda: Councilmembers Yaroslavsky, Raman, and Krekorian's motion to solidify Mayor Bass' Executive Directive 1 (ED 1) as a permanent process (CF 23-0623). The positive outcomes achieved through ED 1 have been remarkable, enabling affordable housing projects to move through the permitting process in record time. This new efficiency should be made permanent through codification as soon as possible.

SCANPH is a nonprofit membership association representing affordable housing developers across the five counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura. Our mission is to facilitate the development of affordable homes across Southern California by advancing effective public policies, sustainable financial resources, strong member organizations, and beneficial partnerships.

ED 1 has brought unprecedented alignment and coordination to the City's development services departments, and has greatly improved the way Los Angeles processes affordable housing projects for our members. We extend our deepest gratitude to these departments, Mayor Bass, and the Council for their commitment to expediting the much-needed development of affordable housing.

To ensure the sustained success of ED 1, we urge the City Council to approve this motion to draft an ordinance that will cement these directives within the city's legal framework. By codifying these provisions, we can provide developers with the stability and confidence they need in the development timeline. Moreover, it will serve as a tangible testament to the City's unyielding dedication to tackling the housing crisis and securing long-term access to affordable housing for Angelenos.

We firmly believe that the people of Los Angeles will witness and appreciate the increased production of affordable housing resulting from this motion, and we urge you to rally behind Item #19 on June 27th to sustain these crucial efforts.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Green

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tiffany Green", is written over a light blue background.

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