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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 23-0623

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A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enable by the to Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or rResolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website.Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Councils rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(4) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 04/03/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 04/04/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 23-0623

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The results of Executive Directive 1 (ED 1) have been dramatically positive. The North Westwood Neighborhood Council supports the directive broadly and its codification permanently into the municipal code. However, we ask the City Council to codify the original December 16, 2022 revision of ED 1 that did not exempt single-family or more restrictive zoning, eliminating the exemption added in the June 12, 2023 revision of ED 1, by removing Section c.1 from the draft ordinance. This added restriction has had and will have a profoundly negative impact on the quantity of housing the policy will help build in our city's high-resource areas. Almost 75 percent of our city' land is zoned in single-family or more restrictive zones. Exempting such areas furthers racial and class segregation and actively prevents

housing from being built in most of our city. To further strengthen the ordinance, we ask for the following changes as well to the draft ordinance published by the City Planning Department: Removing Section c.2, the second eligibility requirement, which sets an unnecessary qualification minimum for lots. Refining the proposed open space, setback, and tree planting requirements To ensure that the ordinance is not materially inconsistent with our obligation to affirmatively further fair housing, exempting specified projects from limitations in Sections 8.i, 8.ii, and 8.iii As published, the draft ordinance would not allow many of the projects ED 1 made possible and would have resulted in several thousand fewer new and affordable homes for Angelenos. This seems to contradict the purpose of the ordinance as outlined in Section a. Finally, we oppose efforts to unnecessarily cap the number of waivers necessary for affordable housing projects to be constructed under this ordinance, as doing so will prevent affordable housing from fitting into certain lots, qualifying for loans and state funding, and maximizing units for those who most need them.

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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [23-0623](#)

Title: Executive Directive No. 1 (ED 1) / Expedition of Permits and Clearances / Temporary Shelters / Affordable Housing / Codification of Provisions

Position: For if Amended

Council File: [23-0623-S1](#)

Title: Executive Directive No. 1 (ED 1) / 100 Percent Affordable Housing Projects / Procedures and Performance Standards / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment

Position: For if Amended

City Planning Case Number: [CPC-2023-5273-CA](#)

Title: An Ordinance Amending Section 12.22 of Chapter 1 and Articles 9 and 13 of Chapter 1A of LAMC to Establish Procedures and Performance Standards for Admin Approval of 100% Affordable Housing Projects

Position: For if Amended

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Exempting such areas furthers racial and class segregation and actively prevents housing from being built in most of our city. As [the Los Angeles Times editorial board wrote](#), “We want affordable housing in every part of L.A., but there is an imbalance in the way it gets built across the city....The proposed ordinance should do more to encourage and provide incentives for affordable housing construction in more affluent communities close to good jobs, schools, and other opportunities.”

To further strengthen the ordinance, we ask for the following changes as well to [the draft ordinance published by the City Planning Department](#):

- Removing Section c.2, the second eligibility requirement, which sets an unnecessary qualification minimum for lots. If this requirement remains, about 8,000 normal-sized multi-family lots would become too small to build affordable housing.
- Refining the proposed open space, setback, and tree planting requirements
- To ensure that the ordinance is not materially inconsistent with our obligation to affirmatively further fair housing, exempting the following types of projects from limitations in Sections 8.i, 8.ii, and 8.iii:
 - Projects located in a high- or highest-resource census tract
 - Projects that provide specific accommodations or supportive services to tenants with special needs
 - Projects where at least 60 percent of the units have 2 or more bedrooms
 - Senior housing projects
 - Adaptive reuse projects

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