

Communication from Public

Name: Southeast San Fernando Valley Chapter of Abundant Housing LA
Date Submitted: 09/18/2023 12:55 PM
Council File No: 23-0835
Comments for Public Posting: Please see the attached letter in support of the appeal of LA City Planning's Determination of Incomplete Application for the project proposed at 5511, 5501 North Ethel Avenue (CPC--2023--3809--DB--PHP--VHCA--1A).



September 18, 2023

Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair
Councilmember John Lee
Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky
Councilmember Imelda Padilla
Councilmember Heather Hutt

RE: Council File 23-0835 – Pro-Housing Neighbors Support Appeal Consistent with State Housing Law

Chair Harris-Dawson and Members of the PLUM Committee,

We, as volunteers of Abundant Housing LA's Southeast San Fernando Valley Chapter, support the appeal of LA City Planning's Determination of Incomplete Application for the project proposed at 5511, 5501 North Ethel Avenue (CPC-2023-3809-DB-PHP-VHCA-1A).

Abundant Housing LA (AHLA) is a grassroots nonprofit organization working to solve Southern California's housing crisis by advocating for more housing at all levels of affordability. AHLA envisions a Los Angeles County where everyone can find a home they can afford, that meets their needs, in their neighborhood of choice, and where we can live in sustainable and diverse communities.

The applicant is proposing a 200-unit apartment building, consisting of 158 low-income units, 1 very low-income unit, and 40 moderate-income units. This would create much needed deed-restricted affordable housing just outside of LA Valley College near the Orange/G Line station. [It is our understanding that the project was proposed in June 2023 but days later the City revised their guidelines on Executive Directive 1 \(ED1\) to exclude single-family zones.](#) We, the pro-housing volunteers organizing in the San Fernando Valley, support more housing in all neighborhoods -- especially 100% affordable housing! [The determination appears to be inconsistent with State Housing Law, in which the standards in place at the time the application was submitted are locked in.](#) We believe this appeal is warranted. No subsequent process should occur. Simply put, housing delayed is housing denied. The project should continue forward as proposed. Given these reasons, we respectfully ask for your support on the appeal.

Sincerely,

Southeast San Fernando Valley Chapter
Abundant Housing LA

cc: Councilmember Nithya Raman

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Name: Andreas Andrea

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles and I urge the council to support the appeal and allow the 100% affordable projects at 5501, 5511 Ethel Avenue to move forward as proposed. The city is in a housing crisis and these are much-needed affordable homes for Los Angeles families.

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Name: Toby Muresianu

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Comments for Public Posting: Please support the appeal and allow the 100% affordable projects at 5501, 5511 Ethel Avenue to move forward as proposed. This is in my old neighborhood, where my rent doubled in ten years while other options dried up, and where many other friends and artists live. I don't need to remind you how the city is in a housing crisis and these are much-needed affordable homes for Los Angeles families, so I hope you will support them. PLUM Council File 23-0835