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On September 25, 2024, the Council adopted the Boyle Heights Community Plan Update (CF No. 23-0861). Since 2012, the Plan has evolved significantly in response to public feedback, ranging from thoughtful individual stakeholder comments to comprehensive analysis provided by organized stakeholder associations.

The Plan focuses on protecting existing residential neighborhoods while directing most new housing growth to transit corridors and commercial areas; preserves industrial zones for jobs but allows targeted housing development in opportunity areas near the Los Angeles River; introduces a Community Benefits Program to ensure new housing includes affordable and family-sized units, particularly for extremely low-income households; establishes regulations to address environmental justice issues such as industrial-residential compatibility, air quality, and soil contamination; and aims to maintain Boyle Heights' neighborhood identity by preserving historic corridors, supporting small businesses, and allowing limited neighborhood corner stores (*tienditas*) in residential areas.

In conversations with Boyle Heights community partners about the Plan in recent months, our Office has become further aware of concerns about the mandatory inclusionary housing set-aside requirements in the Plan and the need for greater affordability level requirements in River-adjacent areas of Boyle Heights, which is currently proposed at 13% for Acutely Low, 15% Extremely Low, 17% Very Low, and 50% Low; while balancing the economic feasibility of developing critical affordable housing along the River-adjacent area.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare and present any necessary proposed ordinances to amend Chapter 1A of the Municipal Code to change the mandatory inclusionary housing set-aside requirements in the Boyle Heights Community Plan Update (CF No. 23-0861) for Very Low Income Households from 17 percent to 22 percent in the River-adjacent area utilizing the Housing Department's Rent Schedule 6.

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