

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge you to support Motion 24-0490. I am a member of the West Adams Heights/ Sugar Hill Community. Sugar Hill is in the Harvard Heights HPOZ. In addition, my husband and I own rental property in the Harvard Heights HPOZ and Pico-Union HPOZ. The duplex in Harvard Heights is rented to two veteran families with housing vouchers, the home in Pico Union is rented to the Salvation Army who uses it as a shelter for families experiencing homelessness. We NEED affordable housing and I strongly support having more affordable housing in ALL communities in Los Angeles. But we also need to save our communities history. The Harvard Heights HPOZ's has a collection of magnificent historic homes, big and small as well as multifamily properties that are nearly all rent controlled. To stay in the community, many empty nester homeowners are renting out rooms in their homes at a much lower rent than any apartment in Los Angeles. What a wonderful way to allow seniors on a fixed income to stay in their homes and offer housing for individuals who otherwise could not live in Los Angeles. Please do not take away HOPZ's ability to keep our older homes and building from being demolished and replaced with apartment buildings that do not fit the character of the community. Please support keeping existing rent-controlled apartments. Please prevent the eviction of long-term tenants from their rent-controlled apartments so affordable housing, with much higher rents than current tenants are paying, can be built. Please support owners of historic homes who rent out rooms in their homes, allowing them to stay in the city, allowing them to offer affordable housing to students, seniors and other individuals who cannot afford to rent an apartment in LA and who would otherwise be homeless. Thank you. Dorit Dowler-Guerrero