

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Evan Leibman

**Date Submitted:** 03/24/2025 03:32 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0247

**Comments for Public Posting:** The two staircase requirement in our current zoning laws is a huge impediment to affordable, dense, and profitable housing being built in our city. Single stair zoning reform is desperately needed, as it would lower building costs, make smaller (but still tall) buildings make commercial sense to build, and wouldn't make buildings any less safe given current fire standards. The two staircase requirement is archaic and getting rid of it would really accelerate the housing we desperately need to be building in LA given the current housing crisis!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John Rieth

**Date Submitted:** 03/24/2025 06:05 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0247

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to express my strong support for single-stair reform in Los Angeles. This common-sense policy change would meaningfully address our housing crisis while maintaining safety standards. Single-stair buildings have been safely constructed throughout Europe and in cities like Seattle for decades. By eliminating the requirement for a second stairwell, we can reduce construction costs and increase usable floor space, making housing more affordable and efficient. These savings can be passed on to renters and buyers, helping to address our severe housing affordability crisis. The current two-stair requirement unnecessarily limits housing production, particularly on small and mid-sized lots where a second stairwell consumes disproportionate space. With proper fire safety measures single-stair buildings maintain safety while allowing for more homes to be built. I urge you to follow the lead of other major cities and adopt this proven, safe approach to building design that will help address our critical housing needs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Wesley Tam

**Date Submitted:** 03/25/2025 09:30 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0247

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I am a resident of the City of Los Angeles and am in support of this building code update for single-stair buildings. Single-stair buildings have one staircase instead of the usual two. Currently, these buildings are illegal in Los Angeles, reflecting outdated fire safety concerns that have existed for decades. However, they were previously permitted in LA and are still legal in many cities around the world. Legalizing them again, as New York City, Seattle, and other cities have done, would be a significant environmental benefit. In a single-stair building, more space is allocated to residents rather than stairwells. This not only reduces the consumption of construction materials but also requires less land. Additionally, single-stair buildings typically provide more apartment units with windows on multiple walls. This design enhances natural light, allows for improved airflow and ventilation between windows, and ultimately reduces energy usage. Thank you for your consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Connor wryn

**Date Submitted:** 03/24/2025 11:24 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We need more housing, and solutions like this will help. This should just be square 1. Do big things. We need this. Don't stop.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nathan Adair

**Date Submitted:** 03/25/2025 01:13 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I believe that this change will make buildings less expensive to build while also creating more opportunities for communal spaces to be designed in which enhance the quality of life for people who live there.

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**Name:** Awoe Mauna-Woanya

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**Name:** Sydney OToole  
**Date Submitted:** 03/25/2025 12:33 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please support the motion, and legalize single staircases. We need to make it easier to build new housing. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael MacDonald

**Date Submitted:** 03/25/2025 12:35 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a California licensed architect, I am writing in support of the motion to study and present modifications to the LA Building Code to accommodate single-stairway, multifamily housing. Allowing for single stairway buildings would promote smaller scale and "missing middle" housing development to help to address the City's deficiency of affordable housing.

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**Name:** Erick

**Date Submitted:** 03/25/2025 03:36 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the single start way building code reform. Technology and building standards have come a long way over the years and are building code needs to keep up with that. The housing crisis continues to get worse. This is an obvious solution to help build more housing, bring in more tax revenue, and have more variety in our house and supply.

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**Name:** E Loring

**Date Submitted:** 03/25/2025 02:58 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This is a code change that has been deemed safe AND will facilitate more housing. Why wouldn't everyone want to support this and get it into law ASAP? I urge all Councilmembers to vote yes and expedite this change. Respectfully, E Loring CD4