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Council File No: 25-0572

Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of the Southern California Association of Nonprofit Housing (SCANPH), I am writing to express our strong support for Council File 25-0572, which would create a new Development Services Bureau within the Department of City Planning by consolidating zoning review functions from other departments to streamline permitting, improve coordination, and increase transparency. Council File 25-0572 reflects key lessons learned from years of challenges in affordable housing development caused by uncoordinated and fragmented permitting processes spread across multiple agencies. SCANPH has advocated for such streamlining since at least 2021, and we are pleased to see this reform moving forward. We urge PLUM Committee members to approve this item and vote “yes” when it comes before the full Council. A more efficient process will help us meet our housing goals faster and get people into homes sooner.

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RE: Support for Item #14 (CF: 25-0572)

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Ramirez", is written over a light blue circular background.

Emily Ramirez
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