

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Real estate in Los Angeles is in short supply. Our concrete streets and buildings are too hot in climate change. There are not enough porous surfaces to absorb rain water. Dirty rain water flows into the ocean bringing garbage and oil. Some of the garbage ends up on our lovely beaches. There is a terrible need for more housing, shade trees, fruit trees, parks, vegetable gardens. In Los Angeles land is very expensive. Rent is expensive. And yet free parking persists. Free parking subsidizes private vehicle ownership. Parking minimum requirements for housing and shopping require developers to subsidize car ownership, and the costs are passed on to their tenants in the form of even more extortionate rent. Ending the practice of minimum parking requirements will have positive benefits all over our city: without free and easy parking, customers and residents will be incentivized to ride the bus, walk or ride bikes to their destinations. Less space given up to car storage could be used for tree and native plant space and more permeable surfaces that help recharge the aquifer and protect the ocean from routine mega doses of poisons. Developers could use the space for more housing units and rental space. Rental prices maybe would fall if more units were available. A lack of parking does not lead to more congestion, it does away with this pervasive subsidy for car ownership, and actually decreases car congestion.