

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Allowing SMALL LOTS BIG IMPACTS program to pass is a very bad idea. LA city is so far behind understanding how urgently we need our green spaces for our future health and survival. Please read SHADE by Sam Bloch and see what cities worldwide have been doing. LA needs to wake up to our warming future! We are already and will be baking here in LA. We need shade and trees and open spaces. Building every single green lot, means denuding the land of its protected and mature trees. our canopy is dwindling daily with extreme street trees trimming and unregulated removal of mature private trees. I am asking the city to protect our last green small lots, and instead protect them, create small parks or Oaks woodland with the help of the ample Quimby funds you have sitting there and not being used for this exact purpose. Oaks and any other green plants are important for shade, cooling air purifying, our ecology, holding steep hillsides, and our health! OAKS can also protect our homes from fires. It has been shown again and again. Putting more homes in high severity fire zone and other areas, means more cars and congestion on substandard roads. It means that fire trucks may not reach homes in time and that people cannot evacuate. It will mean more loss. Has the city not learned anything from the past fires? it has been shown in scientific studies that home density, more than any other factor, is responsible for fire intensity and spread. How can the city possibly see what happened and call for more density and green spaces loss?