

Communication from Public

Name: Phyllis Ling

Date Submitted: 05/11/2026 09:05 AM

Council File No: 26-0047

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Phyllis Ling. I'm a resident and property owner in Chinatown/Solano Canyon, founder of Stop The Gondola, and a former board member of the Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council, when it included Little Tokyo. The concerns that Little Tokyo community members are sharing about this project, are those I heard years ago in the neighborhood council regarding both Little Tokyo and Chinatown, such as questions about whether our historic asian-american communities can continue to exist under gentrification and other pressures. Decades ago, the powers that be decided to build jails in Chinatown and Little Tokyo. And now, our communities are targeted for megadevelopments that ignore human scale and do little to integrate with our existing communities. Our communities are continually being chipped away and pushed out by efforts to "upscale" and upsize development. Efforts to support the legacy businesses and help residents stay in the neighborhoods they've known for decades are too often undermined by new luxury developments that accelerate gentrification while being completely out of scale of out of touch with the existing needs in the neighborhood. What's even more frustrating is that our communities are asking for more deeply affordable housing when other neighborhoods don't want it. In Chinatown, there are some victories, like the New High Village project, which will be on county land and be 100% affordable, between 30-60% AMI. I'm a member of the Community Advisory Committee for that project, and would urge the City to consider options that have been proposed by Little Tokyo community members for increasing the percentage of affordable units in this project. I urge you to support the Little Tokyo Community Council's ("LTCC") appeal of the City Planning Commission's approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 82974-CN-HCA. I request that the Planning and Land Use Management Committee deny all other requested entitlements and approvals for the proposed Fourth and Central ("Cold Storage") Project ("the Project"). I also express strong support for LTCC's comprehensive community comment letter.

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Name: Leslie A. Ridings

Date Submitted: 05/11/2026 02:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear PLUM Committee Clerk, Please find attached my letter, submitted as public comment in strong support of the Fourth & Central project, regarding CF 26-0047-S2 / CPC-2021-4069. I respectfully request that the attached letter be included in the Council File for the project. Thank you for your time and assistance. Respectfully submitted, Leslie Andrew Ridings
Chapter Chair Downtown Los Angeles for All



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May 11, 2026

Via Email

PLUM Committee Clerk
Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

CC: Tamar Gharibian; Councilmember Ysabel Jurado; Honorable Members of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee

Re: **Public Comment in Support of Fourth & Central — CF 26-0047-S2 / CPC-2021-4069**

Dear PLUM Committee Clerk, Chair Harris-Dawson, Councilmember Jurado, and Honorable Members of the PLUM Committee:

Please accept this letter as public comment in strong support of the Fourth & Central project.

My name is Leslie Andrew Ridings, and I write as Chapter Chair of Downtown Los Angeles for All, a group of Downtown residents and pro-housing advocates committed to making DTLA a denser, more livable, more inclusive, and more opportunity-rich urban core. Our perspective is simple: Los Angeles should build more homes where infrastructure, transit, jobs, culture, and public life already come together. Fourth & Central is exactly the kind of project this city should be saying yes to.

Downtown Los Angeles is not a suburb resisting change, but the civic, cultural, economic, and transit heart of the region. It is also a real and rapidly growing residential community, home to roughly 90,000 Angelenos across incomes, backgrounds, and stages of life. Downtowners understand that density is not something to fear. It is how a great city creates opportunity, sustains small businesses, supports transit, fills sidewalks, improves safety through activity, and makes everyday urban life possible.

Fourth & Central is a model for precisely the kind of development we should be pursuing and incentivizing in DTLA. The project would deliver 1,589 new homes, including affordable homes consistent with Measure JJJ; approximately two acres of publicly accessible open space; new restaurant and retail space; office space; 439 new trees; pedestrian plazas and walkways; extensive public art; more than 10,000 union construction jobs; and approximately \$2 billion in private investment. It would do so on an underused infill site within walking distance of mass transit and without residential displacement. That combination—housing, jobs, open space, transit access, and no displacement—is precisely what equitable urban development should look like in Los Angeles.

This project is not only about adding units; it is about building the kind of Downtown where more people can live close to opportunity. A Downtown with more homes means more customers for local businesses, more riders for transit, more support for neighborhood-serving retail, more activity on our sidewalks, and more people invested in the success of the urban core. It means converting underused land into a mixed-use district



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that can help stitch together Little Tokyo, the Arts District, Skid Row, and the Historic Core with new pedestrian connections and active public spaces.

Housing justice is not served by scarcity. It is not served by leaving centrally located land underused while Angelenos are pushed farther from jobs, transit, culture, and community. It is served by building more homes in the places best equipped to absorb growth—especially Downtown Los Angeles, where density is not an imposition but the defining promise of the neighborhood.

The project team has also made meaningful revisions in response to community concerns, including reducing building heights, increasing affordable housing provisions, providing reduced-rent commercial space for legacy businesses, improving pedestrian connectivity to Little Tokyo, and removing haul routes through Little Tokyo. Those changes reflect a serious effort to listen while still preserving the housing, jobs, public space, and investment Los Angeles urgently needs.

Downtown's future should not be defined by vacant lots, darkened streets, and missed opportunities. It should be defined by homes, families, storefronts, sidewalks, transit, public space, and neighbors. Fourth & Central moves us toward that future. It aligns with the vision of a more complete, mixed-use, transit-oriented Downtown and with the broader goal of making Los Angeles a city where more people can live near opportunity.

I respectfully urge the PLUM Committee to support Fourth & Central and move this project forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Andrew Ridings
Chair, Downtown Los Angeles for All
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