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Comments for Public Posting: To the City Council, in lieu of in-person attendance due to mandatory work duties at the time of the hearing, We who reside across the street from the existing lot proposed for development and construction strongly reject the Proposed Project for Very Low Income Housing across the street from our building. There are many occupants already residing here who are raising young children, or working as police officers, firefighters, or doctors who live in this building who chose this location for its safety and family-friendly appeal. Our building specifically caters to applicants like those listed previously, but also reserves a portion of its units for low-income applicants, and unfortunately, this has become evidently related to the number of early morning/late night police/ambulance calls that pull up outside our building and cause a concern in our otherwise respectable community of hard-working professionals trying to contribute to the City of Los Angeles and have a safe place to call home. There is also a strong concern that the amount of construction that would result from the Proposed Project would lead to environmental air quality issues, and force many existing occupants to have to leave their home. This would be unjust, of course, as there are many here who have resided for years. As a healthcare worker myself, I am concerned about the noise during the construction of the Proposed Project, and the impact it would have on my ability to contribute to the care of thousands of patients across LA County, many of whom are low-income and otherwise at-risk in our society. I ask that consideration be taken by the City Council on the impact the Very Low Income Housing could play in changing the nature of our developing neighborhood, and the fact that our street currently stands on the precipice of becoming one of the more safe, habitable, and respectable streets in Arts District versus teetering over the edge because of the initiation of this Proposed Project for strictly Very Low Income Housing. Perhaps other projects could be considered in its stead, or at least, consideration that the building is not strictly limited to Very Low Income. It would be a true shame to have the creation of a new Proposed Project tar the burgeoning positivity created by the other pre-existing buildings on this street, and create an unsafe environment that would lead to a mass exodus in the current working professional community that has taken roots at AVA Arts. Many of us chose our home because

of the relative safety around our building, the fact that mail theft is much lower at our place than other similar buildings across DTLA and Arts District, and the scarcity of the unhoused in the direct vicinity of our building. You can refer to the countless literature on the impact of Very Low Income Housing on changing the landscape of a growing neighborhood. We ask you at City Council to please, take into account the existing residents when considering the Proposed Project. If it were up to us, who live across the street, we would say no. Instead, turn your eye to the many abandoned buildings along Skid Row that can and should be renovated, which would be a two-in-one improvement for the city of Los Angeles.