

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Support for 26-1341 (Yaroslavsky, Harris-Dawson, Padilla), which directs staff to explore fee relief targeted at for-sale housing units. Los Angeles has one of the worst housing markets in the country, particularly when it comes to homeownership. Here in LA, it is significantly more expensive to build condos and starter homes than it is apartments, in part because of costs imposed by the city. This motion initiates a process to investigate solutions to these challenges and to create more cost parity for development.



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Los Angeles City Council
200 S. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA, 90012

Re: CF 26-1341 (Yaroslavsky) to explore fee relief targeted to for-sale housing units and CF 26-1329 (Yaroslavsky) to support missing-middle housing construction - SUPPORT

Dear Los Angeles City Council,

On behalf of Abundant Housing LA, I write to express strong support for new efforts to meet the needs of middle-class Angelenos by encouraging the production of more naturally affordable for-sale housing.

Los Angeles continues to face an unprecedented housing shortage. It is especially imperative to create more housing options for sale, here in a city with one of the lowest homeownership rates in the country. Bearing these challenges in mind, two very important motions were introduced to the City Council File last month:

1. **26-1329 (Yaroslavsky, Harris-Dawson, Padilla)**, could expedite processing of for-sale multifamily housing permits, which will soon be headed to the PLUM Committee, and
2. **26-1341 (Yaroslavsky, Nazarian, Harris-Dawson)**, explores fee relief targeted at for-sale housing units, which is headed to the Housing Committee Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Combined, these motions meet the moment and would work in concert with one another. Specifically, CF 26-1329 directs the Department of City Planning, in consultation with other departments, to explore pathways to streamline determinations for new condominium and ADU condo projects. CF 26-1341, meanwhile, directs Planning and other departments to identify various options for fee relief for small-scale ownership projects—including, but not limited to, exemptions, reductions and deferrals. Councilmember Yaroslavsky has highlighted the unfair disparity between the high costs developers pay to build a for-sale project compared to those associated with building a rental one. The motion also directs city agencies to explore the economic benefits of turning a single-family property into a multi-unit small-lot subdivision with many more new homes.

Together, we can make it more affordable to buy a home in Los Angeles, but we must start by making it economically feasible for builders to get approvals for the units our city desperately needs.

Sincerely,

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