

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Southern California Association of NonProfit Housing

**Date Submitted:** 10/04/2021 04:04 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0658

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members: SCANPH is a nonprofit membership association representing affordable housing developers across the five counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura. Our mission is to facilitate the development of affordable homes across Southern California by advancing effective public policies, sustainable financial resources, strong member organizations, and beneficial partnerships. Our members develop permanent, high quality below market rate homes for low and extremely low income residents. SCANPH is writing in strong support of Council File 21-0658, or Item #9 for the Council's meeting on October 5th, 2021. The motion from Council Member Raman's office, seconded by Council member Harris-Dawson, instructs multiple City departments to seek out ways to streamline the development of 100% affordable housing projects. These include lowering the threshold for site plan review, increasing departmental resources, and accelerating approvals for affordable projects to give them priority over market rate developments. As representatives of the region's developers of affordable housing, SCANPH encourages the City to inspect its own approval process for unnecessary barriers. Actions like these will lead to more affordable units in our city, a publicly subsidized good which serves our most vulnerable neighbors for at least a generation. We hope for your "yes" vote on this item. Thank you for your leadership in working to solve our city's housing crisis. The SCANPH members who build and operate affordable housing need bold solutions like these in order to continue their work throughout Southern California. Sincerely, Francisco Martinez Policy Director  
Southern California Association of NonProfit Housing  
(SCANPH)

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October 5, 2021

Los Angeles City Council  
200 N Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Support Letter for Item #9 on 10/5/21 meeting, Motion to Report on Strategic Plan to Streamline Affordable Housing Projects (Council File 21-0658)**

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Francisco Martinez

Policy Director

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