

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: This proposed amendment sets a bad and dangerous precedent as pertains to horse keeping. The zoning for horse-keeping lots were set about 30 years ago, after much work. The proposed amendment simply allows developers to build bigger houses, while also making the properties LESS viable for horse keeping by reducing the area available for the horses to move. Free movement is critical for horse health - in the wild, they walk 25 - 50 miles per day. Reducing available space for movement is bad for horse's health. Reducing the set-back from 25 to 15 feet is also bad for horses, as it restricts access to the horses. This is critical, especially in times of emergency evacuations. A truck and trailer is often as long as 25 feet - reducing it to 15 feet would mean that trucks would have to be parked 10 feet out onto the street in order to load them from the property. This would cause a dangerous situation in times of emergency. Noise from adjacent properties to the horse owning lots is also a concern - horses are easily startled, and a 5-foot distance would allow adjacent residents to contact, feed, and even harass horses on adjacent properties (e.g., if there was a party. There is no good reason for this amendment other than allowing developers to build bigger houses and smaller lots. Reducing the amount of space required adversely affects horses and people looking for horse property will not want to buy a small lot. If someone can afford to pay millions of dollars for a horse with horse property, they will also want to pay for enough property for the horse. This amendment would set a terrible precedent and there is no need for it. It is bad for everyone involved - except the developer. David Ramey, DVM President, Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee

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Comments for Public Posting: This specific plan amendment is an accommodation for the developer and sets a bad precedent for future horsekeeping lots in the City of Los Angeles. Once you permit a reduced front yard and side yard setback, developers will request this on future subdivisions in horsekeeping areas as it allows them to build more house, in this case, up to 1,000 square feet more of floor area. Just because this request does not “prevent “ horsekeeping due to the size of the lots, it makes horsekeeping on these lots LESS VIABLE in many ways. Most horse owners want more yard. The yard space can be used for storage and gives a greater buffer from adjacent properties. The further away from adjacent neighbors, the better, as noise from “nextdoor” can adversely impact horses. A reduced front yard from 25 feet to 15 feet will result in horse trailers with trucks sticking out in the street. Diminishing the usefulness of horsekeeping lots will adversely impact the future of horsekeeping areas such as Chatsworth. This amendment also conflicts with the zoning for Sub Area B, which is RE20, which requires (2) 10-foot side yard setbacks and a 25-foot front yard setback. Sub Area B has not been developed yet. Please deny the amendment for Sub Area B. Sub Area A has RE1 zoning (RE11?) which permits a 5-foot side yard setback. Sub Area A has already been built incorrectly. In this case an exception or amendment for Sub Area A is a less offensive accommodation after the fact. PLEASE OMIT SUB AREA B FROM THIS AMENDMENT!!!

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I note that the Planning and Land Use Management Committee did not seek comments from its City Council created Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee (LA EAC). I hope in future that consideration of issues related to equines will be brought to the LA EAC for the committee's insight, feedback, and advice. Having the required (2) 10-foot side yard setbacks and a 25-foot front yard setback allows for greater ease in load/unloading horses in accommodation of trucks with horse hauling trailers, for vet and farrier (hoofcare professionals) vehicle access as their vehicles are larger than average due to the equipment they must have at hand. The larger setbacks also allow for more storage of horse keeping related materials, such as tack, feed, supplements, training equipment, medicines, and larger paddocks so the horses may have more space. Allowing smaller setbacks makes it more difficult to keep horses on the property, discouraging such use. Horsekeeping in Los Angeles is being made more difficult on many fronts. Diminishing the practicality of horsekeeping lots will adversely impact the future of horsekeeping and horsekeeping areas/districts in Los Angeles and diminish the quality of life for those wishing to keep horses in their lives. Please retaining the existing RA Zone yards per LAMC 12.07-C requirement of: front yard - 20% of depth, not to exceed 25 feet Side yard - 10 feet Rear yard - 25% of lot depth, need not exceed 25 feet Please do not move forward with the proposed change in requirement: Front yard - average minimum depth of 20 feet but in no event less than 15 feet Side yard - One side yard of at least 10 feet; other side yard(s) at least 5 feet Please reconsider and, at the very least, OMIT Sub Area B from this amendment. In fact, denying setback reductions to horsekeeping lot requirements would be preferable. Allowing reduced setbacks in horsekeeping lots sets precedence for future developments to the detriment of the horsekeeping community. Our relationship with horses can be revitalizing and having well considered horsekeeping areas and trails within the city of Los Angeles is one of the things that makes the city special. Sabrina Silver Vice President, Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee - commenting as an individual