

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Vocos

Date Submitted: 09/24/2024 12:00 PM

Council File No: 23-0038-S8

Comments for Public Posting: We urge the City Council and Mayor Bass to adopt the ULA program guidelines as recommended by the ULA COC without amendments, retaining permanent affordability requirements and keeping families in Los Angeles housed for generations.



September 24, 2024

City of Los Angeles Councilmembers
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council File 23-0038-S8 - Support ULA Permanent Program Guidelines without amendments

Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

United Way of Greater Los Angeles supports the ULA Permanent Program Guidelines as recommended by the ULA Citizens Oversight Committee (COC), without amendments. These program guidelines were developed and adopted by the ULA COC through extensive collaboration with subject matter experts in the City of LA Housing Department, the United to House coalition, Mayor Bass's office, and the offices of both the Housing & Homelessness and Budget, Finance & Innovation Committee Chairs. As recommended by the COC, these program guidelines comprise the necessary requirements to help address the roots of the affordable housing and homelessness crises in our city, and to achieve ULA's transformative goals, the first of which is to improve residents' access to permanently affordable housing.¹

From creating pathways out of poverty and homelessness to leading the movement for education equity for all LAUSD students—our work is focused on the people who are most in need of support. For 100 years, generations have trusted United Way of Greater Los Angeles to help navigate natural disasters, economic hardship, housing instability, and so much more.

The affordable housing sector's use of time-limited affordability covenants contributes to the affordable housing crisis. Currently, the City of LA has 5,929 affordable units that will expire by December 31, 2027.² Residents in those homes now face uncertainty about their future rents and may be at risk of displacement. With these program guidelines, we have a rare opportunity to establish a better paradigm, recommended by experts, that keeps homes affordable for

¹ Measure ULA: Los Angeles Administrative Code, Div. 22, Ch. 24, Art. 9, Sec. 22.618.1. PURPOSE.

² https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2023/23-0311_rpt_lahd_11-09-2023.pdf

generations and that maximizes the public's investment in these homes by keeping them affordable in perpetuity.³

We urge the City Council and Mayor Bass to adopt the ULA program guidelines as recommended by the ULA COC without amendments, retaining permanent affordability requirements and keeping families in Los Angeles housed for generations.

Sincerely,

Andrea Vocos
Housing Coalitions Manager
United Way of Greater Los Angeles

³ <https://vhcb.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/articles/permanentaffordability06.pdf>

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Name: Jessica Melendez

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Re: Council File 23-0038-S8 - Support ULA Permanent Program Guidelines without amendments

Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

T.R.U.S.T. South LA supports the ULA Permanent Program Guidelines as recommended by the ULA Citizens Oversight Committee (COC), without amendments. These program guidelines were developed and adopted by the ULA COC through extensive collaboration with subject matter experts in the City of LA Housing Department, the United to House coalition, Mayor Bass's office, and the offices of both the Housing & Homelessness and Budget, Finance & Innovation Committee Chairs. As recommended by the COC, these program guidelines comprise the necessary requirements to help address the roots of the affordable housing and homelessness crises in our city, and to achieve ULA's transformative goals, the first of which is to improve residents' access to permanently affordable housing.¹

T.R.U.S.T. South LA's mission is to stabilize families in South LA; serve as a steward for community controlled land; to be a catalyst for values-driven, community serving development; to build awareness and community leadership in issues of housing, transportation and recreation; and to create programs and initiatives that encourage community building and economic opportunity. It is crucial that ULA's social housing programs (Alternative Models and Acquisition Rehab) require permanent affordability to ensure that our BIPOC, low-income, and immigrant residents in South LA can afford to remain in Los Angeles for future generations without the fear of displacement.

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Sincerely,

Jessica Melendez
Director of Policy
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Communication from Public

Name: Maria Patino Gutierrez

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Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached, SAJE's letter re 23-0038-S8



9/23/2024

City of Los Angeles Councilmembers
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council File 23-0038-S8 - Support ULA Permanent Program Guidelines without amendments

Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE) supports the ULA Permanent Program Guidelines as recommended by the ULA Citizens Oversight Committee (COC), without amendments. These program guidelines were developed and adopted by the ULA COC through extensive collaboration with subject matter experts in the City of LA Housing Department, the United to House coalition, Mayor Bass's office, and the offices of both the Housing & Homelessness and Budget, Finance & Innovation Committee Chairs. As recommended by the COC, these program guidelines comprise the necessary requirements to help address the roots of the affordable housing and homelessness crises in our city, and to achieve ULA's transformative goals, the first of which is to improve residents' access to permanently affordable housing.¹

For almost 30 years, SAJE has worked with community members to build leadership for economic justice and build community power. In the City of Los Angeles in which over 63%² of LA City Residents are renters, the Measure ULA guidelines as proposed are a once in lifetime lifeline to keep homes affordable for the majority of the city residents. The current housing crisis disproportionately impacts low-income communities who are more vulnerable to displacement and rent hikes. Without robust and lasting protections, we risk deepening the housing inequities that impact our city. The guidelines, as recommended by the COC, provides a necessary framework to address these inequities, ensuring that the most vulnerable Angelenos have access to stable, affordable homes. By embedding permanent affordability in the ULA guidelines, Los Angeles can take a critical step towards correcting the affordability crisis.

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² Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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We urge the City Council and Mayor Bass to adopt the ULA program guidelines as recommended by the ULA COC without amendments, retaining permanent affordability requirements and keeping families in Los Angeles housed for generations.

Sincerely,

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