

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I 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. The first goal of ULA is to “improve access to permanently affordable housing for vulnerable populations including but not limited to seniors in Lower Income Households, formerly homeless, persons with disabilities, veterans, single-parent households, youth in transition, and survivors of domestic violence.” Indeed, ULA’s Alternative Models for Permanent Affordable Housing program has the term permanent in its name. This was a clear policy choice by ULA drafters in response to the ongoing crisis of expiring covenants in the city. As the ULA COC recommends, improving access to permanent affordable housing should be achieved by requiring permanent affordability covenants in developments that use ULA’s social housing program funds. This would prevent those residents from experiencing housing insecurity and from risking displacement from expiring covenants. Currently, the City of LA has 5,929 affordable units that could expire by December 31, 2027. By supporting ULA COC recommendations without amendments, the City would set a new course for the housing sector in Los Angeles, do away with time limited covenants with ULA-funded social housing, and effectively stem the tide of displacement from expiring covenants with social housing in LA.