

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: September 18, 2023 Hon. Paul Krekorian, Pres. LA City Council and Members of the Council RE: CF 23-0930 Saving affordable housing in Los Angeles is of paramount importance. Fix The City has several recommendations to save and replace affordable RSO units in new developments: 1. DCP bases its affordable RSO replacement requirements on the PRELIMINARY determination of the Housing Department which uses a formula and not on the FINAL determination which is based on tenant income. The formula employed for preliminary determinations should only be used if there is no tenant income information. 2. DCP double-counts RSO affordable replacement units first under the RSO ordinance, and again as “additional” affordable housing required to qualify for a density bonus under DB or TOC. This results in: a. losing, not gaining affordable units, and b. denying current RSO affordable unit tenants from the right of return because the units are not labeled as RSO affordable units. 3. We therefore recommend that RSO affordable replacement determinations be based on tenant incomes, not be double-counted, and be covenanted as RSO affordable units in the new project so that current tenants can return to the new affordable RSO units. Sincerely, Laura Lake, Ph.D. FIX THE CITY Laura.Lake@gmail.com