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Letter RE: Council File: 22-1545 and Executive Directive 1

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To The Honorable Council President, Paul Krekorian:

Please take a look at the letter from the Committee for Greater LA in support of Executive Directive 1 on behalf of the Committee for Greater LA.

Thank You,
Betsy Cardenas



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The Honorable Paul Krekorian
Los Angeles City Council President
CC: Los Angeles City Clerk
200 N Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Council File: 22-1545

**RE: Letter from the Committee for Greater LA Regarding the Expiration of
Mayor Karen Bass' Executive Directive 1**

Dear Honorable Los Angeles City Council President and Council Members,

The Committee for Greater LA and The Angeleno Project is a cross-sectoral group of civic leaders working to advance system changes and dismantle institutional racism. As the initial projected phase of Mayor Bass' Emergency Declaration comes to its six-month review, we urge the city council to continue the Emergency Declaration and work to expand access to the expediting measures for affordable housing.

We have seen significant results over the past six months and significant challenges to expedite bringing people inside and connecting people with permanent housing. We want affordable housing built faster and more efficiently by expediting approvals. As the [Los Angeles Business Council \(LABC\)](#) study demonstrated, the expediting of Executive Directive No 1, has greatly increased affordable housing starts and decreased wait times for approvals which translates into decreased costs. As the city council works to make this new approach permanent, the Emergency Declaration must remain in place to ensure that projects in the pipeline are completed quickly and without increased costs. We also urge the expansion of expediting projects that may be stuck for various reasons so that more affordable housing comes online faster.

The status quo cannot be fixed with minor changes. We need the bold actions of the Emergency Declaration and the related Executive Directives to achieve results that save lives and reverse the institutional and disproportionate exclusion of our Black, Brown, and Indigenous neighbors.



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Angelenos have been asking for bold and transformative action to solve the issue. [Our survey of Los Angeles](#) voters shows that 95% of them want to see more expedited results.

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ABOUT THE COMMITTEE FOR GREATER LA:

The Committee for Greater LA assembled civic leaders at the start of the COVID pandemic to prioritize the recovery of LA County's most marginalized communities. It is a cross-sectoral group of Angelenos who share a vision that our region's response to the COVID pandemic can advance systems change and dismantle the institutions and policies that have perpetuated institutional racism. Its goal is sweeping systems change to ensure vulnerable and marginalized communities will be better off than they were before the crisis— there is #NoGoingBackLA. For more information, visit nogoingback.la.