

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello Council, Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend. Please consider those who may not have on the account of the lack of affordable housing. I am writing to ask that the City Council, through the Citywide Housing Incentive Program (CHIP) and Renter Protections Ordinance (RPO), fulfill our obligation to equitable development and the creation of much-needed affordable housing. As it stands, excluding single family zoned parcels maintains exclusionary zoning, and will contribute to needless demolition of RSO units in multi-family neighborhoods. Instead, it is time to combat disparities from past patterns of segregation and create affordable housing across the City. In the Citywide Housing Incentive Program (CHIP) this can be accomplished by applying the housing incentives, specifically the Mixed Income and Affordable Housing Incentive Programs, across the City, including single family zoned areas. I urge the Council to adopt Option 1, a move that is critical to meet our housing targets and begin to undo the harms of exclusionary housing development. In addition, Council should increase the provision of deeply affordable units, (ALI, ELI, and VLI) in the incentive programs in the place of moderate units, which are out of reach for the majority of Angelenos. Through the RPO, the City must do more to protect existing RSO units and ensure they are not needlessly targeted and lost through new development. Adopting a 2:1 replacement of RSO units with covenanted affordable units would help ensure our affordable housing supply continues to meaningfully grow. I ask that the members of the City Council take every opportunity to expand equitable access to housing across the City for Angelenos. Thank you.