

Communication from Public

Name: Evan Norrington

Date Submitted: 11/19/2024 11:01 AM

Council File No: 21-1230-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Evan Norrington, I work as a housing navigator in Los Angeles, and I'm a member of the California Chapter of the American Descendant of Slavery Advocacy Foundation. I am here in support of agenda items 2, 3, and 4. Regarding Item #2, I urge this committee to adopt the Exhibit D option in the City Planning Department's report, to upzone R1 neighborhoods. Per the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), the 2021-2029 Housing Element found that current zoning regulations in Los Angeles would result in insufficient housing production to meet state mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) goals. Currently, Los Angeles council district eight has seen a sharp decline in commercial space, and a sharp incline in permanent supportive housing developments. Currently there are four within a 2 mile radius, and in close proximity to elementary schools, senior homes, and liquor stores. Without the upzoning of single family residential zones, Los Angeles citizens, especially ADOS and Black American families will bear the brunt of the negative impacts of the density and tourism gentrification that has already began pricing us out of our neighborhoods that have long been in decline due to the immense lack of economic investment. ADOS citizens are overrepresented in homelessness, and make up 65% of those who are rent burden. I urge this committee to vote yes on items 2, 3, and 4. Without the upzoning of R1 neighborhoods, stronger anti-displacement measures, and rent protections our homelessness crisis will increase. Sincerely, Evan Norrington
ADOSAF California Chapter

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Name: Jordan W.

Date Submitted: 11/19/2024 02:16 PM

Council File No: 21-1230-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Jordan Williams, a pharmacy technician whose family currently resides in the greater Los Angeles area ; and member of the California Chapter of the American Descendant of Slavery Advocacy Foundation. I am here in support of agenda items 2, 3, and 4. Regarding Item #2, I urge this committee to adopt the Exhibit D option in the City Planning Department's report, to upzone R1 neighborhoods. Per the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), the 2021-2029 Housing Element found that current zoning regulations in Los Angeles would result in insufficient housing production to meet state mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) goals. Currently, Los Angeles council district eight has seen a sharp decline in commercial space, and a sharp incline in permanent supportive housing developments. Currently there are four within a 2 mile radius, and in close proximity to elementary schools, senior homes, and liquor stores. Without the upzoning of single family residential zones, Los Angeles citizens, especially ADOS and Black American families will bear the brunt of the negative impacts of the density and tourism gentrification that has already began pricing us out of our neighborhoods that have long been in decline due to the immense lack of economic disinvestment. In Los Angeles, ADOS and Black Americans at-large are only 8% of the total population, and make up 34% of our total population. Also, ADOS citizens are overrepresented in homelessness, and make up 65% of those who are rent burden. I urge this committee to vote yes on items 2, 3, and 4. Without the upzoning of R1 neighborhoods, stronger anti-displacement measures, and rent protections our homelessness crisis will increase. Sincerely, Jordan Williams
ADOSAF California Chapter

Communication from Public

Name: Western States Regional Council of Carpenters
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Comments for Public Posting: Western Regional Council of Carpenters supports SB 4 objectives



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503 Portland, OR
541 Eugene, OR
555 Colorado
562 Long Beach, CA
619 San Diego, CA
635 Boise, ID
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909 Ontario, CA
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Honorable John Lee
Chair, Planning and Land Use Committee
Los Angeles City Council
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Letter Supporting the Objectives of SB 4

Dear Chairperson Lee,

The Western States Regional Council of Carpenters is committed to preventing the exploitation of all construction workers while incentivizing the production of affordable housing. That is why we championed SB 4 in Sacramento alongside our allies in the faith-based and affordable housing communities, many of which are included in the attached list of supporters. We are enthusiastic about building housing with our faith-based allies in a manner that ensures non-union construction workers are respected, and not exploited by bad contractors, when working in places of worship.

Our shared strategy for SB 4 was to achieve two critical objectives: (1) ensuring that projects on properties owned by religious organizations are developed with high quality standards and a well-supported construction workforce receiving fair wages and healthcare benefits and (2) accelerating affordable housing construction by easing zoning regulations while preserving local jurisdictions' oversight of neighborhood-appropriate design and scale.

As such, we are in strong support of the City's recommendation to create an alternative pathway under the FBO to facilitate smaller, neighborhood-scale projects that promote new homeownership opportunities for those in need. This proposed modification encourages developers to build alternative housing types, such as townhomes, tiny homes, or modular homes, which would support homeownership pathways. And, crucially, no construction workers will be driven into poverty as a result. Instead, workers will be uplifted, housing will be built, and religious groups will continue to promote thriving communities.

We urge the Committee to adopt this recommendation to achieve a balanced outcome that supports the objectives of SB 4 while encouraging community-scale building incentives in the FBO.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Frank Hawk
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Senate Bill 4 – Affordable Housing on Faith Lands Act

SUPPORTERS

- Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California (NPH) (Sponsor)
- Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing (SCANPH) (Sponsor)
- Jewish Public Affairs Committee of California (JPAC) (Sponsor)
- California Conference of Carpenters (Sponsor)
- Inner City Law Center (Sponsor)
- United Way of Greater Los Angeles
- Los Angeles Family Housing
- Housing Action Coalition
- Many Mansions
- Abundant Housing Los Angeles
- Peninsula Solidarity Cohort
- Making Housing and Community Happens
- Move LA
- East Bay Housing Organizations
- East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation
- MidPen Housing Corporation
- Firm Foundation Community Housing
- San Pedro United Methodist Church
- San Francisco Foundation
- YIMBY Action
- Grow the Richmond
- Mountain View YIMBY
- Napa-Solano for Everyone
- Northern Neighbors
- Peninsula for Everyone
- Progress Noe Valley

- San Francisco YIMBY
- Santa Cruz YIMBY
- Santa Rosa YIMBY
- SLOCo YIMBY
- South Bay YIMBY
- South Side Forward
- Urban Environmentalists
- People for Housing Orange County
- How to ADU
- Generation Housing
- PATH (People Assisting the Homeless)
- City of Emeryville
- City of Berkeley
- Muslim Public Affairs Council
- Multi-Faith Action Coalition
- St. Francis Center of Redwood City
- San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR)
- Santa Monica Forward
- Active San Gabriel Valley
- Merritt Community Capital Corporation
- Walnut Creek Homeless Task Force
- Union Station Homeless Services
- Jewish Free Loan Association
- IKAR
- Venice Community Housing Corporation
- Jewish Family & Community Services

East Bay

- Hadassah Southern California
- South District of the California-Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

- Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice
- First Congregational Church of Berkeley, United Church of Christ
- Claremont United Church of Christ
- Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City
- Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo
- Congregational Church of San Mateo
- Destination: Home
- Novin Development
- First Congregational Church of Palo Alto, United Church of Christ
- The People Concern
- Faith and Community Empowerment
- San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness
- Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region
- Housing Opportunities Made Easier
- LA Voice
- Peninsula Sinai Congregation
- California YIMBY
- All Home