

## Communication from Public

**Name:** steven meeks

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 09:13 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0102

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is beyond the point in time that something must be done to change the way of thinking and acting with law-enforcement in their response calls especially for people living on the streets - mental health/illness is a large factor and misunderstanding on how to respond not react to people suffering mental crisis episodes - as a humanitarian crisis of epic proportion we all know as evident in every neighborhood in the LA Metropolitan area informal settlements have proliferated out of control and have gone on too long without proper intervention with sustainable positive supportive services - law enforcement personnel should have had adequate mental health training years ago as a requirement to successfully graduate from any academy - spending valuable resources on armed officers responding to people living on the street who are having mental illness episodes is absurd - think again and think creatively

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Los Angeles Business Council

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 11:50 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0102

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmember Ridley-Thomas, On behalf of the Los Angeles Business Council (LABC), we are writing to express our support for the Right to Housing Motion seeking to identify the resources necessary for the goal of establishing a Right to Housing framework within the City. On any given night, over 150,000 Californians are homeless and the state has the highest rate of unsheltered homeless individuals in the nation. With over 40,000 homeless individuals and families in the City of Los Angeles – a number worsening due to the Covid-19 induced pandemic – we must craft solutions that meet the magnitude of the problem. Housing, unlike education and healthcare, is one of the few public goods that we treat as a commodity, rather than a basic human necessity. The US Department of Health and Human Services recognizes housing as a social determinant to health and economic stability and a growing number of studies continue to confirm these intersections. A Right to Housing framework would move the city toward providing the necessary infrastructure and resources to provide a roof over the head of every Angeleno. And as the State legislature looks to develop a legally enforceable mandate, requiring state and local governments to develop actionable plans to reduce homelessness by 90 percent by 2029, this motion gives the City of LA an opportunity to lead by example for the rest of the State, demonstrating how localities will need to respond to our homelessness crisis. Establishing a right to housing framework has been one of the key priorities for our Working Group on Urgent Homeless Solutions consisting of leaders from the private, nonprofit, and philanthropic sectors. We must find ways to encourage urgent and bold action, to hold our City accountable to create housing solutions that will move people off the street and into homes quickly and effectively. The current plan is not sustainable. Los Angeles needs to re-tool the process for creating housing in a more efficient and cost effective manner, while also focusing on moving people off the street into all forms of housing as quickly as possible. This motion will further push Los Angeles in the right direction. The LABC thanks you for your steadfast leadership on this issue and we are excited about continuing to work together towards addressing the critical need to provide housing opportunities for all Angelenos. Sincerely,  
Mary Leslie President LABC/LABC Institute



February 1, 2021

The Honorable Mark Ridley Thomas  
LA City Councilmember  
City of Los Angeles  
200 N Spring Street, Suite 430  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Los Angeles Business Council Support – Right to Housing Motion**

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Leslie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Leslie  
President  
LABC/LABC Institute

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ruth Schwartz

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 05:58 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0102

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to strongly support the development of a Right to Housing framework for the City of Los Angeles. Shelter Partnership is a nonprofit organization collaboratively solving homelessness in Los Angeles County through policy analysis, program design, resource development, and advocacy in support of agencies and local governments that serve the homeless. Shelter Partnership believes that a right to housing is an appropriately bold response to homelessness in the City, and will be an important step in ultimately ending this crisis. Thank you.  
Ruth Schwartz Executive Director Shelter Partnership, Inc.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sherri Ealey  
**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 06:30 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0102  
**Comments for Public Posting:** With regard to item 36- I believe It is time to re-imagine our collective vision for Los Angeles, and who has access to housing as a right. It is time for the City to make it their municipal obligation to provide Housing as a Right to those who need it most. Thank you for your consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tieira R.

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 09:24 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0102

**Comments for Public Posting:** ATTN: MIKE BONIN, District 11, President Nury Martinez Rezoning the westside of Los Angeles, close Santa Monica airport. Please support community lead projects, talk to residents in specific areas to ask them what they need. When it comes to affordable housing it should include both affordable rental options and homeownership. We need a rapid response to affordable housing. Please see my attached proposal for the Santa Monica airport that I believe is incorrectly zoned. Our working class, seniors, students, Black residents who are still being displaced including myself, our veterans all deserve affordable housing and access to open park space.

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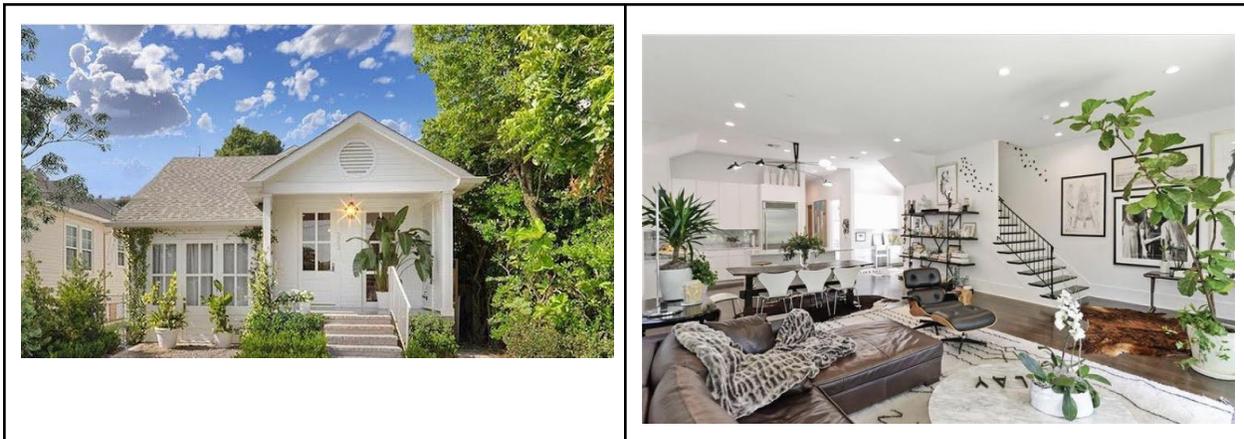
To: Asm. Richard Bloom  
Asm. Ben Allen  
Pending District 30 replacement, Holly Mithcell  
President Council Nury Martinez  
District 11 Council Member Mike Bonin  
Mayor of Los Angeles Eric Garcetti  
LDP & Commision  
HCID & HCLA

### **Regarding**

- Affordable Housing for district 11 working class residents, seniors, students, those living with disabilities, and others in need of affordable housing.
- District 11's incorrect zoning in relation to the Santa Monica airport, Santa Monica's intentional and continual displacement of working class residents on the westside.

### **Proposal**

Requesting closure of the Santa Monica airport by January 2022, with an intention to use the open & safe space of the airport as early as June 2021. In June, the goal should be to begin the process (if not sooner) to build affordable housing in the open airport space that includes both affordable rent and homeownership options. The community is being proposed as a walkable, affordable community that includes affordable bungalows, apartments, condos, and townhomes.





### Who

The working class, our seniors, our students, our veterans, and those living with disabilities are being denied their right to safe, clean, and affordable housing in the city of Los Angeles. Rent has gone up over 65% in the last 10 years, during that time the increase in the number of unhoused residents grew by over 50%. The working class is being pushed into poverty, WE CANNOT afford \$2,000 a month in rent for a studio apartment with no parking on a median income. *We need affordable housing that is community owned*, likely through a trust, that protects affordability of housing. If you look at the maps below, you can see where **Mar Vista** is shown below on the map, that is where I'm located. I'm in a small area that really goes unseen and we are in desperate need of more affordable housing and open park space. ***We literally have no open park space even though there are many children in the area!*** Santa Monica has taken too much land space from my area and Venice that runs into the open airport space off bundy.



### How this project can be funded

1. **The American rescue plan-** states “ the bill provides \$5 billion to provide rental assistance and supportive services, **to develop affordable rental housing**, to help acquire non-congregate shelter to be converted into permanent affordable housing or used in emergency shelter”.
2. Grants and any other state or federal relief.
3. Film series as a reality style project in partnership with T.V network HGTV. Should be shown in a positive light of creating affordable housing communities.
4. If the location is deemed to be in a tourist area and/or a percentage of residents from the community work in neighboring cities that have high tourist attractions that generate large sums of revenue, a portion of said revenue from tourism would go into the trust.

### Opposition/ Needs

- Zone council district 11 and assembly district 30 correctly. **By ending racial & classist zoning that is negatively impacting residents of the westside, working class residents of Mar Vista and Venice could get more open, public land space back in order to be used for affordable housing & park space that they desperately need.** The tip of Mar Vista where I live that runs into Venice beach should be in Asm. District 26 or 50 and part of Venice & coastal concerns. More of the Santa Monica airport space should belong to LA city if not all of it, Santa Monica's refusal to build enough affordable housing has displaced many working class residents on the westside, **including myself!**

Santa Monica city is currently showing off Belmar Park online, ***a beautiful space that was once home to black residents on the westside before the city displaced them.*** The city shows off this empty park space as many black residents & others are still displaced today! A resident in the city of Santa Monica recently mentioned that one of Santa Monica's affordable housing apartment buildings with over 200 units, is mostly housed ***with White senior residents from Eastern Europe***, so maybe it's a senior building, but can the city provide a list to show the demographics of the inhabited affordable units? I was a tech worker in the city for a period of time and I was not successful in obtaining affordable housing from the city.

- Overturn Measure LC in Santa Monica which requires a public vote on the use of the Santa Monica airport space if necessary. This may not be necessary if the district is zoned correctly and the land space is returned to LA City. ***No group of people should be able to deny others housing.*** It is a form of housing discrimination that a mostly white, well off population from Santa Monica that has housing, could vote on an issue and possibly deny other residents the right to the same basic need of housing. ***Also, if the assembly repeals article 34, that should take care of MeasureLC. Community members from Mar Vista and Venice need to spread out and we need more open park space. Long term residents in each of those areas should get priority for housing.***
- Regarding the FAA; Request that the city attorney challenge the rule that states no person can live at the airport while it's operating. There is plenty of open space that can be utilized now. (To begin building affordable housing in June 2021)
- Possibility of toxic air space needs that would require a remedy to keep water and air space clean for the community and surrounding neighborhoods.

### **Affordable Rentals**

- Set a market rate of affordability for various unit types that never exceeds 30% of the average low wage workers total income after taxes. So low \$20,000 and high would be \$100,000. Lower & middle income workers would likely receive the large majority of the affordable housing units, so those in the income bracket of \$20,000-\$75,000. A percentage should be left for those with *limited to no income*. ***Priority for housing would go to long term residents in Venice, Mar Vista, and possibly some Santa Monica city workers & those on the cities waitlist for housing depending how much land space is given to use at the airport for LA City.*** I do not believe in setting ***restrictions*** on how much anyone makes once they are in housing, but each year they would verify what they made. Bachelors could start at \$600, but if you're making \$50,000 you would likely pay closer to \$800. \$600 would just be the base, the lowest that could be charged for the lower income worker that is self-sufficient. (TBD)

### For those with limited to no income

- I think this project should work **as its own housing program** that simply receives funds from HUD/HCID for some of the renters that need additional financial\*\*\* support. Example, if we set bachelor apartments at \$600 but a potential renter couldn't afford that market rate we set because they had limited or no income, then the funds from HUD would cover whatever costs the renter couldn't afford. This would likely be for seniors, single parents, students, those living with disabilities, veterans, and/or chronically homeless but self functioning. This project, let's call it "**District 11 airport**", could possibly\*\* "**request from HUD the actual market rate cost of a unit**" (EX: We set a market rate of \$600, but maybe\* a bachelor *should*\*\* cost \$1,200 in Los Angeles, HUD would cover the difference in the housing projects trust fund. Money to be used for expenses related to rent, including admin, onsite safety & security if necessary as well as maintenance for rental units.)

### Affordable homeownership

- Public bank that offers low financing to potential homeowner(s)
- Set a market rate for the total cost of a home that the homeowner would pay. When it comes to **restorative justice & equity**, the city would offset any cost that went above the actual ***inflation rate of what a home should be for the income bracket listed above.***
- Home types can be single bungalows or attached/detached townhomes. The homes *could*\*\* function similar to that of homes that are in HOA's. (TBD)
- There would be resell requirements for said homes to protect affordability.
- Income limits should be set for the working class, residents in Mar Vista and Venice get priority. **30% of the housing should be offered to African Americans as a restorative, affordable housing initiative that returns homeownership opportunities to black displaced families on the westside, as a right to return.** This would not replace any federal reparation payment. I do believe that restorative justice & equity as a whole should include homes that are not required to follow resell requirements, that can be done as a larger restorative housing program but likely would not be part of this specific proposed project. TBD.
- Request consideration of **affordable homeownership** for the millennial generation, or a percentage of the core group, as they own less than 18 percent of the real estate in Los Angeles. (EQUITY)

*"Equity is defined as "the state, quality or ideal of being just, impartial and fair." The concept of equity is synonymous with fairness and justice."*

**I ask you to please consider this request, to start the process of building affordable housing that belongs to the working class as early as June 2021. We cannot wait 8 more**

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years for the airport space to close as the wealthy in that area occupy too much of the open space in comparison to surrounding cities and they also use the space to drag their cars over in the airport area while we are all in desperate need of housing, housing that we needed it 10 years ago! No resident should have to beg for housing that they can afford, no elected official or Gov't should have that type of power that can deny the basic need for housing. ***To the elected officials, thank you for taking the time to read this request from a community housing advocate in Mar Vista that has been displaced, I'm looking forward to your response! As a courtesy, I've sent this letter to officials in the city of Santa Monica.***

**Best,**

**Tieira Ryder**

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**Links**

**[https://www.surfsantamonica.com/ssm\\_site/the\\_lookout/news/News-2020/August-2020/08\\_28\\_2020\\_Santa\\_Monica\\_Names\\_New\\_Sports\\_Field\\_After\\_Once\\_Thriving\\_Black\\_Neighborhood.html](https://www.surfsantamonica.com/ssm_site/the_lookout/news/News-2020/August-2020/08_28_2020_Santa_Monica_Names_New_Sports_Field_After_Once_Thriving_Black_Neighborhood.html)**

**<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/livable-city/la-oe-sharp-santa-monica-airport-housing-20190331-story.html>**

*“Santa Monica’s estimated population of 92,478 residents in 2019 was only a blip above what it was in 1970, when 88,289 people called the city home. This growing imbalance between jobs and housing has created a massive influx of daily commuters into Santa Monica (even well-compensated tech employees) who either can’t find or can’t afford housing near these job centers. Meanwhile, the population in neighboring jurisdictions has swelled, displacing lower-income residents.”*

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