

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Please see attached for Abundant Housing LA's letter SUPPORTING this motion. Thank you, Anthony Dedousis



February 19, 2021

Councilmember Kevin de Leon
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

CF 21-0041 - Homeless Shelters / Design Standards - SUPPORT

Dear Councilmember de Leon,

Abundant Housing LA is a pro-housing, nonprofit advocacy organization working to help solve Southern California's housing crisis. Our organization supports more housing at all levels of affordability and reforms to land use and zoning codes, which are needed in order to make housing more affordable, improve access to jobs and transit, promote greater environmental sustainability, and advance racial and economic equity.

We write to express our strong support for your motion, which creates more flexible design standards for shelter facilities. Under the current rules, all new construction must follow the Los Angeles Building Code, but these regulations are intended to be applied to the construction of permanent structures. This motion calls on the City to invoke AB 2553 powers to create new, more flexible design standards for temporary shelters, and to draft an ordinance establishing these new standards in order to allow for faster and more cost-effective creation of temporary housing.

Short-term housing solutions are essential to house as many people as possible, particularly given that 41,290 people in Los Angeles were experiencing homelessness as of January 2020. The flexibility afforded to the construction of temporary shelters through this motion will lead to a reduction in cost and increased available housing for unhoused Angelenos.

Thank you for bringing this important motion forward, which we are proud to support.

Sincerely,

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