

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 21-0052 - Homeless Housing Goal - 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 calls for the creation of at least 25,000 new housing units by 2025 for Angelenos experiencing homelessness. In March 2020, LAHSA found that the City would need to have 45,941 permanent supportive housing units in order to functionally end homelessness in Los Angeles — 21,402 units more than the city's current number. A goal of 25,000 new units by 2025 will provide accountability and clear targets for the City to shoot for when addressing the homelessness crisis.

This motion asserts that its goal is to provide Angelenos with the basic human right of a home. All people deserve to have a home, and 25,000 new units by 2025 will push Los Angeles much closer to effectively addressing its homelessness crisis.

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

Sincerely,

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