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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Council File Number: 21-0052

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council (EHNC) is in support of the motion to increase the number of new housing units by at least 25,000 by the year 2025 with some recommendations. With more than 41,000 people experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles at the time of the 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, and thousands more households on the brink of eviction due to the economic implications of COVID-19, our current system for funding and building interim, temporary, affordable, and supportive housing is clearly not working.



The Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

4/13/2021

Re: Council File: 21-0052 - 2025 Homeless Housing Goal / 25,000 New Housing Units /
Homeless Services System Analysis

Position: Support with recommendations

Dear Councilmembers,

The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council (EHNC) is in support of the motion to increase the number of new housing units by at least 25,000 by the year 2025 with some recommendations. With more than 41,000 people experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles at the time of the 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, and thousands more households on the brink of eviction due to the economic implications of COVID-19, our current system for funding and building interim, temporary, affordable, and supportive housing is clearly not working.

We urge the City Council to not only commit to building 25,000 new units, but to also reflect on the broken system that has led to the failure to meet housing development goals set forth initiatives such as Measure H, Proposition HHH, A Bridge Home, and most recently, Project Roomkey. Instead of continuing to pour money into a broken system and expecting different results, we hope that the City Council identifies and implements innovative solutions to build more housing, more quickly and more cost-effectively than ever before, as well as funds programs to keep low-income households in their current homes and prevent future displacement.

Additionally, we ask that the City Council takes steps to gather community input from the people most impacted by this housing crisis, including people who are currently or formerly experiencing homelessness, to gain a better understanding of the types of housing interventions and supportive services that would best meet the needs of our unhoused neighbors. All too often, the interim housing options provided are in undesirable areas, making it difficult for people to obtain services, stay in contact with family members, or access public transit, do not allow families or couples to stay together, do not allow pets, have requirements on how many

belongings residents can bring, do not offer privacy, or have strict rules that residents must follow-- all of which deters unsheltered people from wanting to accept shelter and demonstrates that lawmakers did not gather community input from the people who would be living in interim housing.

A goal of 25,000 new housing units should be the bare minimum, not the new "North Star" that we aspire to. We strongly urge the City Council to take swift action to address our current shortage of housing, and instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst to provide policy recommendations to create actionable steps toward achieving this goal.

Sincerely, *Ninoska Suarez*

East Hollywood Neighborhood Council

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