

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon Council Members and PLUM committee I am here to speak of the conflict that the CEQA categorial exemption for this project does to both State and City mandated efforts to improve the environment and quality of Life of Angelenos. Garcetti's 2019 LA Green New deal is completely negated by TOC projects around the City. TOC is the most significant driver of construction that the City has seen in the past 15 years. Disguised under affordability, in 2019, the City has built over 260% or marker rate unit allocated by RHNA . The most recent City Planning update shows a decline of 62% in the number of affordable units approved. With TOC, the City's is missing a great opportunity to improve the quality of life of all its residents. The TOC ordinance is against Garcetti's plan. No TOC project requires solar panels, no TOC project requires wastewater recycling, no TOC project promotes open space for water percolation and replenishing our aquifers, no TOC project promotes the planning of large trees to improve the City's Tree Canopy. When will the City be serious about the environment? With TOC the City's also show that it has no real interest in improving housing equity. This project, like the other approved in our community is comprised of mostly studio and 1-bedroom. 83% of the 77 units are 1-bedroom. This project is replacing 9 RSO units where multi-generational families used to live: 1/3 of these units were 2-bedrooms. The proposed project only has (7) 2-bedroom units (19%) All TOC project in Venice, two of them by this same developer only propose ELI units. Including this development, City Planning has approved a total of 183 TOC housing units - 18 ELI. If you want to be housed in Venice, you shall be either extremely poor or extremely rich! No middle class, no working class! Due the overwhelming support of JJJ, I assure you that am not alone when I feel abused and played by the City. I trusted the City to do better for his citizen, to really work on equity, to really be progressive and give a chance to all of its residents. Yet, it seems, the City's only watched out for the most powerful and connected. TOC preclude public involvement and does not promote collaboration with communities. TOC projects are disliked throughout the City, not because of anti-density sentiment, but because when the community seek to improve them and their neighborhood, they are shut out of the conversation. The

2019 housing elements progress report, and the July City Planning Development Trend says it best.... Market rate units are up 221% and affordable units down 62%. Now... How can you we trust this City to be serious about equity and affordability? How can we believe that TOC projects are about affordability! Sincerely Paola Pini