

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Please see attached for Abundant Housing LA's letter SUPPORTING the proposal to expedite deed-restricted affordable housing approval. Thank you, Anthony Dedousis



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Councilmember Nithya Raman
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

[CF 21-0658](#) - 100 Percent Deed-Restricted Affordable Housing Projects / Expedited Approval Process - SUPPORT

Dear Councilmember Raman,

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 proposed motion to expedite and streamline the approval process for permanent supportive housing and deed-restricted affordable housing. The motion would explore strategies to expand by-right approval, raise site plan review thresholds, and speed up the project permitting process.

Los Angeles' housing element update requires the City to accommodate 456,000 new homes by 2029, including 184,000 that are affordable to lower-income households. Achieving our City's lower-income RHNA target requires us to remove roadblocks to affordable housing production and make the development process faster, more predictable, and less expensive. This is a necessary step towards addressing our housing affordability and homelessness crises.

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

Sincerely,

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support this bill to streamline approvals for 100% affordable and supportive housing projects. Over and over, our city has voted to fund housing for people experiencing homelessness with large majorities--only to be frustrated when it takes years to deliver and costs the city exorbitant amounts of money. This is a vital step towards dealing with our housing crisis with the urgency it requires.