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Comments for Public Posting: Good morning, this is Zeke Sandoval, speaking on behalf of PATH (People Assisting The Homeless), in support of Item 9. As we all know, LA's homelessness crisis is inextricably tied to our housing crisis. By streamlining the process of building affordable housing, the City can address both crises, making it easier to get folks into homes and let them stay there. At PATH, we're working to address both the symptoms and causes of the housing crisis. In addition to services like outreach and case management, we also build and maintain affordable housing through our PATH Ventures arm. Like many other developers of affordable housing, we experience significant and costly delays in the permitting process. We understand that it takes time for professionals to conduct their due diligence; at the same time, every unnecessary delay only makes it harder to get our clients experiencing homelessness into the homes all of us deserve. The faster we build, the more people we can house. We're relieved and grateful to Councilmembers Raman and Harris-Dawson leading on this issue. Thank you.