

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of United Way of Greater Los Angeles, I ask that on item 16 you reject the amendments to the Health Los Angeles Plan. As we continue to work tirelessly to address the housing and homelessness crisis, the City of Los Angeles must address the foundational ways that our racist and exclusionary policies are driving the systemic injustices we see in our city and on our streets today. SB1000 requires the City of Los Angeles to adopt an Environmental Justice element, or integrate related policies into the General Plan. SB1000 also encourages community members to be meaningfully involved in land use decision-making processes that directly impact their neighborhoods. The amendment to the Plan before you today was rushed and did not accomplish these things. The Planning Department did not keep its commitment to meaningfully address the effect our City's racist and exclusionary land use policies have had on low-income communities and communities of color. Additionally, there was a lack of public process that informed these amendments. It is critical that the City engages with disadvantaged communities, specifically frontline communities who bear the brunt of climate impacts and environmental harm as we begin an unprecedented, 3 year rezoning program. We call on City Council to reconsider this non-compliant and rushed update to the Health Element and: - Create a comprehensive update and review of an Environmental Justice Element; and - Conduct meaningful outreach and engagement with stakeholders, particularly in Los Angeles' disadvantaged communities (DACs) Thank you.