

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Thomas, and I am a member of Abundant Housing who lives and works on the Eastside of LA. I wanted to call in today because I have spent the last decade seeing the effects of LA's housing crisis in my community. I see the impact of the housing shortage on my friends, my neighbors, the kids I coach at Lincoln high school, and the people who go to my church. The housing element update is our opportunity to build a better Los Angeles with lower housing costs, a growing regional economy, greater access to opportunity, and greater socioeconomic diversity. I commend City Planning for the good work on this thus far. But additional improvements and commitments are still needed to make the housing element update successful. For example, the City's current plan would yield little housing growth in many high-resource Westside neighborhoods, where housing costs are especially high. I urge the City to amend the housing element's rezoning plan and rezone more parcels in high-resource Westside neighborhoods to allow more housing. There are many policy tools the city has to get there, including allowing 8 units on R-1 parcels in exclusionary westside neighborhoods. If the city fails to do this, my neighborhood will continue to see its residents suffer. This is fundamentally not fair or just for our city. So I ask for the sake of justice that you implement these changes to the city's housing element. Thank you

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Name: Kyle Fordham

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Comments for Public Posting: Agenda Item #14 The housing crisis is a Los Angeles problem, something everyone needs to pitch in to solve, including our more affluent Westside neighborhoods too. It's clear that Los Angeles as a whole needs significantly more housing supply to keep up with demand in our city, and all neighborhoods are going to need to pitch in to make that happen. While neighborhoods may change, as they always do, making prices more affordable for everyone that lives, works and contributes to our community should be everyone's priority. I think you'll see that once we get over the anxiety and fear of change, increased housing access for all Angelinos across all of our neighborhoods will only enrich our city with new economic opportunities and possibilities Council President Nury Martinez set a goal to achieve the creation of 300,000 new homes. To help get there, I would like to add my voice in support of legalizing 8 homes on more R1-zoned parcels in affluent westside neighborhoods. I encourage City Planning to consider this as you continue to find ways to help make housing more of a possibility for all of our residents across Los Angeles. Thanks