

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I support Council file #150103S4 motion instructing the Department of City Planning to report to the Council within 90 days following the adoption of the 2021-2029 Housing Element with a detailed work plan and timeline for a comprehensive review and update to the Health and Wellness Element, and/or the General Plan Framework Element, and/or the creation of a standalone Environmental Justice Element, to guide the City's climate, land use, and housing policies alongside the citywide rezoning program; this work plan should include funding, staff, and resources required to carry out this critical task; and, the report should include an evaluation of Chapter 8 Implementation Programs of the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles, also known as the Health and Wellness Element, that identifies the barriers, challenges, and opportunities for successful implementation; identify impacted and disadvantaged communities using CalEnviroScreen and other demographic data highlighting housing insecurity and climate displacement risk, proximity to freeways and noxious land uses, formerly redlined areas and current high opportunity and high poverty areas, and other important population characteristics that capture environmental racism; develop a strategy for thorough public outreach and community engagement, especially to marginalized, historically underserved, and disadvantaged communities; establish and convene an Environmental Justice Working Group composed of resident leaders and community organizations representing impacted communities, subject area experts, and City staff from relevant City departments to co-develop targeted environmental justice priorities, policy recommendations, and solutions-oriented implementation actions; detail a process to conduct a climate change vulnerability assessment in order to guide priorities in climate adaptation, emergency and safety preparedness, risk management, and community resilience; and, include a plan for regular maintenance and updates to the City's General Plan to ensure that it exceeds state standards, exemplifies best practices in environmental justice planning, and maintains active stakeholder involvement. The wide range of social injustice, institutional/environmental racism, misogynistic behaviors of elected officials, economic disparities, have widened the margin of neighbors fighting poverty with other neighbors at extremely

high socioeconomic class, is resulting in loss of middle class. Los Angeles appears to be going backwards, especially regards to Institutional racism. I believe many areas, particularly in Venice, have been redlined, and, gentrification process in place with suspicious fire incidents in blighted buildings, evictions of 25+ year tenants (Some whom are our houseless neighbors).