

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: This is Zeke Sandoval with PATH (People Assisting The Homeless), in favor of Items 8 and 9. We encourage the City to act with urgency in approving policy changes to streamline housing development, especially for affordable housing. Regarding Item 8, PATH seeks to address both the symptoms and causes of homelessness – first and foremost, a lack of affordable housing. Under the current status quo, our affordable development arm PATH Ventures waits in the same plan check and inspection line as market-rate and luxury development. Los Angeles needs more housing of all types, but affordable housing already faces countless financial and regulatory obstacles, driving up the per-unit cost of each development. A dedicated affordable housing planning process will right-size the City's priorities, enabling faster completion of affordable homes unencumbered by inequitable delay tactics or bureaucratic log-jams. We respectfully ask the Committee approve and even consider expanding on the Department of City Planning's request for more affordable housing pipeline staff.