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Nithya Raman, Councilmember District 4, Los Angeles City Council

Via email

**RE: Council File: 22-0158 Los Angeles Municipal Code / 12.03 / 12.80 / 12.81 /
Shelters for the Homeless / Interim Housing / Zones**

Position: Oppose

The Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA), the advocacy group for all residents of Los Feliz, has concerns with Council File 22-0158. While we support efforts to find creative solutions to house unhoused residents, the above referenced City Council Motion is too broad and diminishes community input.

As Councilmember Raman recently noted in her district newsletter (July 26, 2022), "residents simply do not trust [electeds] to manage land use fairly." "Cutting red tape" by removing the public's right to a transparent approval process does nothing to increase the public's trust. Nor does the act of converting shelters which were sold to the public as being temporary to permanent.

Adding a shelter can have a big impact on a community, and the community should have the right to be part of the process. When the community is involved, as LFIA was with the Los Feliz A Bridge Home facility, the solutions can work for everyone.

We request that serious consideration be given revising this motion once the report is received from Los Angeles City Planning.

Sincerely,
The Board of Directors of LFIA

Amy Gustincic
President, LFIA