

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi. Please see the attached support letter for the DTLA 2040 CCU Plan from APIFM. Thank you.



Los Angeles City Council
Planning and Land Use Management Committee
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Delivered via electronic mail.

April 24, 2023

RE: [CF 22-0617] – Downtown LA Community Plan Update 2040

Dear Councilmembers,

On behalf of Asian Pacific Islander Forward Movement (APIFM) we submit this letter in support of the Central City United (CCU) Coalition's comments and policy recommendations that would ensure that the Downtown LA Community Plan will promote equity and justice throughout downtown. We also share CCU's appreciation for the Planning Department and the City Planning Commission for their role in drafting and advancing a plan that incorporates many of the community-centered policy recommendations put forth by CCU.

CCU is multi-neighborhood coalition led by Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC), the Los Angeles Community Action Network (LA CAN), and the Southeast Asian Community Alliance (SEACA), as key organizations embedded in Little Tokyo, Skid Row, and Chinatown, along with Public Counsel. CCU formed to lift up the voices and concerns of Downtown's poorest and most vulnerable residents and stakeholders in the community plan update process.

As the City continues to grapple with institutional racism and structural injustice, we applaud the Department of City Planning for acknowledging the deep harms that past land use and planning policies have inflicted on low-income communities and communities of color. Now, as the City commits to repairing these harms, the Community Plans are a tool to do just that. As the framework for growth, development and investment in Downtown for years to come, this Plan must center the needs and priorities of those communities that have been most harmed. To advance an even more inclusive and equitable Downtown Community Plan, we ask the City to adopt the following changes recommended by CCU, and to approve and pass the Plan by May 12. Any delay not only creates uncertainty, but puts us in violation of state housing law, preventing us from addressing the housing crisis that plagues our city.



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1. **Adopt the graduated affordable housing program recommended by the Department of City Planning.**
2. **Ensure that new affordable housing created by the Plan is actually located in the Downtown LA Community Plan Area.**
3. **Require mixed-income projects to utilize Schedule 6 rents for affordable units.**
4. **Include a new Program creating a Displacement Impact Analysis.**
5. **Require replacement of Acutely Low, Extremely Low and Very Low-Income units at the same or lower affordability level and apply this requirement across all projects.**
6. **Include on-site affordable housing in all Adaptive Reuse projects.**
7. **Expand IX1 to reflect the true boundaries of the Skid Row neighborhood.**
8. **Expand Community Facilities incentives to support street vendors and Small Legacy Businesses.**
9. **Prevent displacement and promote good garment manufacturing jobs.**
10. **Create stronger standards for hotel development review.**

The Downtown Community Plan presents an important and timely opportunity to establish a framework for equitable growth and a just recovery. If done right, this Plan can protect current low-income and houseless Downtown residents, create new opportunities for safe and affordable housing, open the economy to low-income entrepreneurs, and establish a model for equitable community planning. Thank you for considering these recommendations and please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Heng Lam Foong, written in a cursive style.

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Comments for Public Posting: retain and expand the ix1 zone to represent the historical boundaries of skid row, from 3rd. to 7th streets and from main to Alameda streets. establish a skid row district council for self-representation by residents (houses and unhoused) and workers within the historical skid row boundaries. advocate for elements of dtla 2040 that foster a healthy and sustainable skid row neighborhood.