

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ashley

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to you regarding blocking the nomination of Ilissa Gold to the City Planning Commission. I oppose this nomination and seek a request for her withdrawal as a candidate due to serious conflicts of interest in terms of her position as PRESIDENT of the Abundant Housing Board of Directors. It is alarming that the president of a strident lobbying group is seeking an appointment to a neutral governing body such as the CPC. This deciding body is supposed to take a neutral and community-centered approach to approvals or disapprovals of incoming density developments that should offer upgrades and improvements for a community instead of character-destroying elements with a menu of entitlement requests driven by profit margins and returns-on-investment for investors with no regard for positive contributions to an involved Neighborhood. While Abundant Housing Advocates are loud and vocal, they do not represent the majority of Angelenos who seek to see land use decisions that are sensitive to neighborhood context and character. The Scott Wiener/Abundant Housing "one-size-fits-all" approach to land use by State policy is in direct opposition to those who understand that local land use planning is a critical component to creating livable communities. Local land use authority is being undermined by the actions of California YIMBY and Abundant Housing initiatives. When appeals reach the level of the CPC, there must be the ability to recognize a community's or a neighbor's right to a fair and impartial hearing and consideration of their concerns -- not the adherence to Abundant Housing's determined institutionalization of politically-driven trickle-down housing economics. There must be a balanced approach. I oppose this nomination and appointment of Ilissa Gold, as her position is clearly biased and will not reflect a fair-and-balanced approach that will BETTER a neighborhood over destroying a neighborhood for profit-margins.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jonathan Y.

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The only "dirty tricks" here are the attempts to smear Ms. Gold by mischaracterizing both her personal attributes and Abundant Housing. I've had the pleasure of knowing and working with Ms. Gold in numerous organizations for nearly a decade. From my fierce and thoughtful discussions over decisions on boards we've both served on or causes we've both been involved in, I am absolutely confident in her intelligence and integrity. She has opinions (let's not pretend anyone doesn't), but as a fellow attorney I have no doubt she will be a fair-minded public servant. If anything, her advocacy shows a willingness to engage and question the assumptions that have led to our housing crisis, and her resume and qualifications speak to her degree of technical expertise that is critical to effectively serving in this role. I urge you to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Gold. We need her experience and voice now more than ever on the CPC to help it play a crucial role in fixing our broken housing system.