

CATEGORY: POLICY

COMMITTEE: PLUM

PURPOSE: To streamline the processes for the development of affordable housing.

BACKGROUND:

Whereas, only 6 percent of the housing projects approved since 2015 have been 100 percent deed-restricted affordable housing, while the need for affordable housing in the City far outpaces that rate.

Whereas, the Mar Vista Community can see the affects of the lack of affordable housing all around our neighborhood. High-end apartment and condo buildings seem to spring up almost overnight while more and more of our neighbor's sleep on the streets. It's clear that the housing supply being created is not meeting the needs of our community.

Whereas, the Mar Vista Community Council applauds the Mayor's directive to prioritize developments of at least 20% affordable units, but that has made little impact on this crisis. In the past 20 years Los Angeles has seen a precipitous loss of affordable housing units as they reverted to market rate upon covenants expiring.

Whereas, homelessness, evictions, and rents are at an all-time high, and the housing crisis will not be solved by half-measures and incremental changes.

Whereas, The City is taking bold action to solve this humanitarian crisis.

On September 13, 2021, the PLUM Committee approved without objection.

THE MOTION:

Therefore, be it resolved that The Mar Vista Community Council hereby supports Council File 21-0658 which calls for a strategic plan to streamline processes for the development of affordable housing and incentivize the development of 100% deed-restricted affordable housing in Los Angeles, provided it preserves current protection of public and neighborhood councils' input on future developments. The Mar Vista Community Council supports the City's efforts to find ways to cut more red tape that is holding back the creation of such housing.