CATEGORY: Policy

COMMITTEE: PLUM

PURPOSE: Request for the City of Los Angeles (City) Department of City Planning (DCP) release a full housing element concept document, including a target map

BACKGROUND:

Concurrent with the Community Plan update and as one of the nine components of the General Plan update, the Department of City Planning (DCP) began in 2020 the process of updating the Housing Element. This element, which is mandated by state law, must be updated every eight years in keeping with the Regional Housing Need Assessment (RHNA) cycles as determined by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Pursuant to the release of the draft of the 2021-2029 Housing Element update in July 2021, this motion requests that DCP release a fuller version of the draft that includes target maps that explicitly indicate by parcel and planning area changes to the City's zoning to accommodate the goals of the update.

THE MOTION:

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles (City) is required by state law to update the Housing Element of the General Plan every eight years to accommodate the targets set by the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA); and

Whereas, the City Department of City Planning (DCP) began the process of updating the Housing Element in 2019; and

Whereas, DCP released a draft of the Housing Element in July 2021; and

Whereas, this update process is taking place concurrently with the Community Plan Update; and

Whereas, this draft plan does not include specifications by planning area, neighborhood council (NC) area or by parcel regarding the Housing Element update's impact and policy application;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors request the Los Angeles City Council instruct the Department of City Planning to release target maps by parcel, neighborhood council area and planning area specifying planned zoning changes and allocated housing targets by income level.

Therefore, be it further resolved that a revised draft plan with appendices be released in full to the public as soon as possible.

Therefore, be it further resolved that a revised draft be issued with transparent and easily accessible data resources enumerating the aforementioned zoning changes.