

POLICY MOTION

COMMITTEE: Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM)

TITLE: Support for CF 25-0247 – Single-Stairway Multifamily Buildings

BACKGROUND:

Single-stair buildings are a proven, safe, and cost-effective typology used successfully in cities like Seattle, Austin, and New York. By making development viable on smaller or underutilized parcels, this change will help create the "missing middle" housing Los Angeles desperately needs. The benefits are clear:

- Increased Housing Supply & Affordability: Construction costs can be 6-13% lower, with more efficient floor plans that translate directly to more affordable homes.
- Superior Design & Enhanced Community Context: This typology allows for better design flexibility, improved natural light and ventilation, and a more human-scaled urban environment that fosters stronger neighborhood connections.

THE MOTION:

This Motion allowing Single Stair buildings across the city will decrease the cost and increase housing supply in Southern California.

MVCC strongly supports CF 25-0247 with the following amendment.

The MVCC recommends the Committee to direct staff to convene a technical advisory panel composed of practicing architects and engineers. This panel would work directly with LADBS and LAFD to provide real-world design insight and technical analysis.

DIRECTED TO:

City Clerk

Councilmember- Katy Yaroslavsky CD-5

Councilmember-Traci Park CD-11

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ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

MVCC PLUM Committee meeting, October 09, 2025

Motion of opposition moved by XXXX, seconded by XXXX

Motion of XXXX approved by MVCC PLUM XX-XX-XX

MVCC Board Meeting, October 23, 2025

Motion of opposition moved by Director XXX, seconded by Director XXX

Motion of opposition approved by the MVCC Board XX-XX-XX