

**WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MOTION RE  
Faith-Based Incentive Program, CF23-0172**

**The WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL opposes the removal of the date of ownership criterion from the Faith Based Incentive Program in LA's Housing Element.**

**WHEREAS:**

Last year, California State Senate Bill 4 granted Faith-Based Organizations and Institutions of Higher Learning the right to build 100% affordable housing on property they owned even in restricted zones, **provided these properties were owned prior to January 1, 2024**. This bill was a means of helping these institutions build affordable housing, but the bill also added a time restriction to prevent these organizations from becoming land speculators acquiring new properties and being granted these special waivers.

**Now the City of Los Angeles Planning Department has proposed adding more flexibility to SB 4 by removing the date of ownership criterion.** These groups will now be the only group that can purchase new sites on an advantaged basis in single family neighborhoods.

**THEREFORE:**

The Westwood Neighborhood Council supports Faith-Based Organizations being allowed to build on land they acquired prior to January 1, 2024.

The Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes these organizations being allowed to build multi-family housing on land they acquired after January 1, 2024, in single-family neighborhoods.

The Westwood Neighborhood Council asks that the date of ownership restriction be added to the FBO Incentive Program.

Our Community Impact Statement will be sent to our Councilperson, Council File 23-0172, and the City of Los Angeles Planning Department.