

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

November 8, 2017

Agenda Item #8

PROPOSED PROCLAMATION REGARDING INCENTIVIZING THE HOUSING CAPACITY OF AFFORDABLE AND MARKET-RATE HOUSING IN WESTWOOD, WEST LOS ANGELES, AND THE GREATER LOS ANGELES HOUSING MARKET

WHEREAS,

The increasing costs of renting and buying property in Los Angeles has become a major issue within the community of Westwood that impacts ALL stakeholders from students, to employees, to businesses, families, and other groups.

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The demand for housing makes has increased the cost of living within the area to such an extent that it is now increasingly difficult for emerging companies, and entrepreneurial individuals to further develop a sustainable economy in Southern California as well as made it further problematic for future and current and current law enforcement officers, educators, and other public servants to further improve the Los Angeles community.

WHEREAS,

The increased traffic in Los Angeles due to an emergence of long-distance commuter traffic from outside areas of Southern California has overwhelmed the regional transit system and further made it impossible for the area of Southern California to comply with its share of AB 32 greenhouse gas emissions 2050 reductions.

NOW, THEREFORE,

The Westwood Neighborhood Council affirmatively stands for increasing the number of Low Income Housing units that will comply with federal and state Low Income Housing programs especially within Westwood, West Los Angeles and the greater Los Angeles area. This Council shall strongly encourage the development of Low Cost Housing units in all new housing developments proposed in the foregoing areas and increase the number of overall housing units in Westwood and overall Los Angeles area. This Council strongly urges Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilmember Paul Koretz and all city, county, state and federal leaders to promote housing developments within all these areas. Under the case by case discretion of the Westwood Neighborhood Council, this Council will support the development of housing units by granting variances, zoning amendments and other means for developments that keep in mind the Council's expressed environmental and community concerns. The Westwood Neighborhood Council may support these projects at its own discretion.