WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

November 8, 2023

Agenda Item # 10

Motion to Oppose Proposed Ordinance Amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to Create an Administrative Review Process for 100% Affordable Housing Projects

Motion

The Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes the transfer of decision-making authority from appointed and elected officials to staff for "all affordable" housing projects. The proposed ordinance would authorize an administrative-only approval process for projects providing 100% affordable housing, and incorporates the so-called streamlining provisions of Mayor Karen Bass's Executive Directive 1. The proposed ordinance bypasses due process including site selection, public hearings, community impacts, the right of appeal, and competitive bidding. It would also unjustifiably grant unaccountable power to City employees, circumvent dissent or opposing views and remove transparency. This sets the stage for potential abuse and threatens our democratic principles.

Background

The proposed draft ordinance is now available for public review and can be found here.

To view more information regarding the proposed Affordable Housing Streamlining Ordinance, including the <u>Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Sheet</u>, please visit the webpage linked <u>here</u> and search for "Affordable Housing Streamlining Ordinance."

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Executive Directive 1 (ED 1)