

PROVIDER ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS

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To the Mayor and City Council:

The Department of City Planning recently drafted an ordinance to streamline the production of Permanent Supportive Housing. We strongly endorse the core elements of this draft: 1) city approval should be based on objective criteria and determined by a ministerial process; 2) site requirements should allow for appropriate unit sizes, lower parking minimums, and adequate space for social services; and 3) developer incentives should be provided to reduce the per-unit costs of construction.

We also urge you to reconsider the “letter of acknowledgement” requirement in connection with subsidized projects, which must be obtained from the Councilmember in whose district the development will be located. These letter requirements have the potential to act as an unnecessary barrier that may further delay or block worthy projects. The Housing and Community Investment Department should make funding decisions solely on the project’s merits, as outlined in the proposed ordinance.

Our organizations are on the front lines of providing services and housing to people experiencing homelessness. We worked hard to advocate for Prop HHH last year, recognizing that Permanent Supportive Housing is an important tool in serving our most vulnerable neighbors. We ask for your support in removing barriers and providing incentives to develop more of this housing.

Sincerely,

A Community of Friends
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Bet Tzedek Legal Services
Bethel LA Community Development Corporation
Chrysalis
Covenant House California
Dolores Mission
Door of Hope
Downtown Women’s Center
First Place for Youth
First to Serve
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Good Seed Community Development Corporation

Harbor Interfaith Services
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Hollywood Community Housing Corporation
Homeless Health Care Los Angeles
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Los Angeles Youth Network
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Public Counsel
Rainbow Services
Reach For The Top, Inc.
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Skid Row Housing Trust
Southern California Health and Rehabilitation Program
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