



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
34.		Favor	Alex Dobbs	<p>Dear Honorable Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I am happy to support this proposal for much needed affordable housing and infrastructure improvements in East Los Angeles. Hollywood Community Housing's proposed 95 units of affordable housing will serve low-income individuals and families just off of Whittier Boulevard. The application for the AHSC program will include funding requests for pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements, enhanced urban greening, and zero emission transit vehicles to serve East LA.</p> <p>As a resident and community resource pastor in East LA, I have had many conversations with neighbors about housing and street improvement. 100% of the neighbors I have talked with agree that we need more affordable housing, that they would support the building of residential housing on Whittier Blvd., and that they would support adding a bike lane and more trees to Whittier Blvd. 80% of the people I have talked with say they would be interested in moving to new housing on Whittier Blvd if it was cheaper and more affordable, and that they would support lowering the speed limit to make it safer for pedestrians and bikers on the street.</p> <p>Hollywood Community Housing has been a proactive partner with the East LA community and has shown interest in getting community input for infrastructure development and an art mural on the proposed building at some point in time. They have worked closely with the department of public works to develop a scope for infrastructure improvements that will improve the quality of life in East LA. We are eager to see this affordable housing come to fruition and strongly encourage the Board of Supervisors to support this proposal.</p>



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			Erin Kleiner	<p>This project is important to the local community in improving access to quality affordable housing. We support this initiative and hope that it is supported by others as well.</p>
			Mary Lou Hernandez	<p>I fully support this item</p>
		Oppose	Monisha Parker	<p>Here are some suggestions for strengthening the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC) Grant Agreement in Los Angeles County:</p> <p>**Clarity and Specificity:**</p> <p>* **Clear roles and responsibilities:** Ensure the agreement clearly outlines the roles and responsibilities of all parties involved, including the County, developers, and any other stakeholders. This includes project management, reporting requirements, and dispute resolution processes.</p> <p>* **Specific performance metrics:** Define clear and measurable performance metrics to track the success of the project in achieving its affordable housing and sustainability goals. This could include the number of affordable units created, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and improvements in transit access.</p> <p>* **Transparency and data sharing:** Establish clear protocols for data sharing among all parties involved to ensure transparency and accountability. This data can be used to track progress, identify challenges, and inform future program improvements.</p> <p>**Flexibility and Adaptability:**</p> <p>* **Phased funding:** Consider incorporating phased funding mechanisms</p>

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that release funds based on achieving specific milestones. This can mitigate risk and ensure resources are used effectively.

*****Alternative compliance pathways:**** Allow for alternative compliance pathways to accommodate diverse project contexts and unforeseen challenges while still achieving the program's goals.

*****Regular communication and feedback:**** Implement regular communication channels and feedback mechanisms between the County and project developers to address concerns and adapt the program as needed.

****Community Engagement and Equity:****

*****Community benefits agreements:**** Encourage developers to establish Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs) with local communities to ensure projects benefit residents and address their concerns.

*****Prioritize equity:**** Emphasize equity considerations in project selection and implementation, focusing on serving low-income communities and communities of color disproportionately impacted by housing scarcity.

*****Public participation:**** Provide opportunities for public participation throughout the program process, including project selection, planning, and implementation.

****Financial Sustainability and Long-Term Impact:****

*****Long-term affordability mechanisms:**** Include mechanisms to ensure the long-term affordability of housing units created through the program, such as income restrictions or subsidies.

*****Sustainable infrastructure investments:**** Prioritize funding for sustainable infrastructure investments that improve access to transportation, renewable energy, and other essential services.

*****Leverage private investment:**** Explore strategies to leverage private investment alongside public funding to maximize the program's impact and create a sustainable funding model.

****Additional Considerations:****

*****Streamline processes:**** Review and streamline administrative processes associated with the program to reduce bureaucracy and expedite project approvals.

*****Technology integration:**** Explore how technology can be used to improve program administration, data collection, and communication with stakeholders.

*****Regular program evaluation:**** Conduct regular program evaluations to assess its effectiveness and identify areas for improvement.

****Remember:**** Strengthening the AHSC Grant Agreement is an ongoing process that requires collaboration and input from various stakeholders. By incorporating these suggestions and tailoring them to specific needs and challenges, Los Angeles County can ensure the program effectively contributes to its affordable housing and sustainability goals.

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Grand Total			5	

February 26, 2024

Letter of support is on behalf of Mary Lou Hernandez, resident of City Terrace for the past 62 years.

Regarding affordable housing in East Los Angeles Areas:

Affordable housing in the surrounding communities: El Sereno, Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights, City Terrace and East Los Angeles, for single person, multi-families and people with disabilities is essential for these areas. Currently it allows the residents to have easy access to public transportation to their Dr. appointments, everyday shopping, work and school, and to be home at a decent hour.

If affordable housing is discontinued in these areas, it will have domino effect with the following:

- The residents will need to move out to further communities if no affordable housing is available.
 - Affordable housing contracts will cease causing the property owners don't renew their contracts and choose to sell their property.
 - Causing the housing market to raise and the rents.
 - Residents will have to pay more rent if they stay in the same community.
- Public transportation will be in remote areas.
 - Taking additional buses
 - Residents will be home at later time.
 - Spending less time with families
 - Afterschool program with limited time leaving that child or children home alone; Latchkey child.

This is why it's so important to continue to support affordable housing programs and to continue to build additional housing apartments in the surrounding communities. Giving this individuals, families and people with disabilities a safe environment to live.

Thank you,
Mary Lou Hernandez