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August 20, 2021

Hon. Nury Martinez, CD 6, Council President; Hon. Joe Buscaino, CD 15; Hon. Paul Koretz, CD 5; Hon. Mike Bonin, CD 11; Hon. Nithya Raman, CD 4; Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas, CD 10

Via email to each addressee and submission to the Council File public comment portal

Re: CF 21-0002-S142 – Support for Senate Bill 15 (Portantino) – SUPPORT Resolution

Dear Council President Martinez and Members Buscaino, Koretz, Bonin, Raman and Ridley-Thomas:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is an alliance of all fourteen Neighborhood and Community Councils on the Westside of Los Angeles, located in CDs 5 and 11 and portions of CDs 4 and 10.

In April 2021, WRAC passed, by a majority of voting Councils in our alliance, the following motion supporting Senate Bill 15:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) recognizes the need for positive solutions to the state's affordable housing crisis, specifically as it relates to workforce and low-to-moderate income housing. Solutions should involve legislation that 1) focuses on increasing the production and supply of truly affordable housing; 2) does not compromise public safety or the environment; and 3) respects principles of democracy, local land use control and self-determination of local governments to expand housing opportunities unique to their jurisdictions.

WRAC supports Senate Bill 15 (Portantino) and Senate Constitutional Amendment 2 (Allen and Wiener) as examples of positive legislation that forward the goal of achieving more affordable housing consistent with these principles.

The language of the motion has been approved by the following WRAC Member Councils: Mar Vista Community Council, Neighborhood Council Westchester/Playa, Pacific Palisades Community Council, Palms Neighborhood Council, West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council, Westside Neighborhood Council and Westwood Neighborhood Council. A modified version that maintains the spirit of the above motion has been passed by Brentwood Community Council. The WRAC motion was passed by all Member Councils that considered it to date.

WRAC therefore supports the resolution in CF 21-0002-S142.

Please contact me with any questions regarding the above motion.

Sincerely,

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