

Revised Proposed Motion re Rezoning R1 – Item 7c, WRAC 10/30/23 meeting agenda

*(Compilation of motions passed by BABCNC and WWNC,
recommended by Robin Greenberg and Lisa Chapman)*

Re Council File # 21-1230, Housing Element / General Plan / 2021–2029: City data, including in the Housing Element and Community Plan Updates, demonstrate more than enough capacity and zoning opportunities in our underutilized commercial corridors, public lands and through adaptive reuse to meet State mandates. Our residential neighborhoods have already been rezoned through SB 9 and ADU laws that allow duplexes and ADUs on a single lot. There is no need to rezone, through overlays or other zoning devices, R1 zones or sensitive, rent-stabilized multifamily housing.

The _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Neighborhood Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes the Housing Element’s proposed rezoning and densification of R1 and multi-family neighborhoods beyond what SB9 and ADU laws allow. We demand that Mayor Bass and all Councilmembers representing WRAC neighborhoods (Park, Yaroslavsky, Hutt and Raman) stand up for our communities and direct the City Planning Department to reject the upzoning of our single-family and sensitive multifamily neighborhoods, and instead, locate all upzoning on our underutilized commercial corridors.

Motion passed by BABCNC – “Re Council File # 21-1230, Housing Element / General Plan / 2021–2029: The Housing Element and Community Plan Updates have plenty of zoning opportunities in commercial corridors, public lands, and through adaptive reuse to meet State mandates. There is no need to rezone, through overlays or other zoning devices, R1 zones or sensitive, rent stabilized multifamily housing. The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council opposes the Housing Element’s proposed rezoning and densification of R1 and multi-family neighborhoods beyond what SB9 and ADU laws allow.”

Motion passed by WWNC – “WHEREAS City data shows more than enough zoning capacity in each of our communities on our underutilized commercial corridors, public lands, and through adaptive reuse, and because our residential neighborhoods have already been rezoned through SB 9 and ADU law that allow duplexes and ADUs on a single lot. The WWNC stands with our other neighborhood councils, community groups including United Neighbors, and HOAS in demanding that our Councilmember Katy Young Yaroslavsky and Mayor Karen Bass stand up for our communities and tell the Planning Department to reject the up-zone of our single-family and sensitive multi-family neighborhoods, and instead, locate all upzoning on our underutilized commercial corridors.”

Rationale (from United Neighbors): “While there is no doubt that Los Angeles needs more affordable housing, there is also no doubt that the LA City Planning Department is currently proposing the rezoning of our single-family and sensitive multifamily neighborhoods to allow 4-5 story apartments. This is not acceptable! Many of these neighborhoods are home to people who have struggled and saved to create a place for their families. With zero guardrails, Planning is handing these residential communities over to developers. Instead of destroying residential neighborhoods, we’ve worked with neighborhoods across Los Angeles and created community maps that locate enough housing to meet the state’s housing mandate. These community-based maps rezone underutilized commercial corridors, public lands, and create places for mixed income housing that would revitalize ALL our communities and make them more walkable, sustainable, and livable. While being mindful of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, we can meet the need of our city without ruining our existing neighborhoods.” -- Statement on United Neighbors website: <https://www.unitedneighbors.net/>.