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November 27, 2024

Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Councilwoman, CD 5
Hon. Traci Park, Councilwoman, CD 11
Hon. Nithya Raman, Councilmember, CD 4
Hon. Heather Hutt, Councilwoman, CD 10
Vince P. Bertoni, AICP, Director of Planning, Dept. of City Planning (DCP)
Lisa Webber, AICP, Deputy Director of Planning, DCP *Via email to all addressees*

Re: <u>CF # 23-0623: Request Cap on Development Waivers for ED 1 & Affordable Housing Streamlining Projects</u>

Dear Mayor Bass, Councilmembers Yaroslavsky, Park, Raman and Hutt, Director Bertoni and Deputy Director Webber:

Following up on our letter of November 22, 2024: Jeff Khau, CD 11 Planning Deputy, has brought to our attention the DCP implementation memo of September 24, 2024, as well as the 3rd revised version of ED 1, dated July 1, 2024. These documents appear to contain provisions that may limit certain incentives and waivers for ED 1 projects, with some exceptions.

The WRAC motion (subject of our November 22 letter) originated in the WRAC Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) in February 2024 and was circulated among the WRAC board and member councils before the implementation memo and 3rd revised ED 1 went into effect and/or were known to us. Our member councils' recent experience with waivers granted for affordable housing projects appears to differ from the provisions in the new documents. Clarity is now needed as to current DCP policy and practice with respect to granting incentives and waivers and whether our concerns have in fact been addressed by these provisions.

Accordingly, the WRAC LUPC (Chair Maryam Zar) will invite a knowledgeable DCP staffer to explain the effect of the new provisions and provide clarity as to current DCP policy and practice with respect to incentives and waivers for ED 1 and affordable housing projects.

We respectfully request the assistance of Director Bertoni and/or Deputy Director Webber in identifying a DCP staffer to attend the next LUPC meeting on January 13, 2025 (6:30pm via Zoom), for this purpose.

Thank you for your consideration and anticipated prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Robin Greenberg and Christina Spitz

Robin Greenberg, Chair, and Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair
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cc *(via email):*
Key staffers for the above officials; Maryam Zar, WRAC LUPC Chair