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Planning Dept.

Re: Resolution – West L.A. Community Plan update and RHNA/zoning capacity

To the City,

At the Jun. 28, 2023, meeting of the West Los Angeles Sawtelle N.C., the Board of Directors voted 11-0-0, to insist, on behalf of the stakeholders it represents, that prior to the completion of Community Plan updates the City inform communities of the methodology by which they determine the allocation of RHNA numbers and the calculations that derive density housing goals in order to meet the aims of Housing Element, and authorize the Chair to submit Community Impact Statements in the future.

1. These include, for each Community Plan and Community or Neighborhood Council area:
 - a. Current zoning capacity (including existing density bonuses & commercial zones that allow residential uses) and reasonably expected population change.
 - b. The methodology which will be used to allocate RHNA growth numbers.
 - c. RHNA allocation of units in each community.
2. We also urge the Planning Department to thoughtfully consider the input (submitted by previous written comment or imparted in real time) of Neighborhood and Community Councils as well as stakeholders that come together for the purpose of contributing to the community plan update process with informed and productive input, insight and/or suggestions. This essential input must be implemented by Planning staff, and the contributions reflected by being substantively included in the outcome/drafting of revised Community Plans. We urge that a report back mechanism be implemented by planning staff, in order to inform communities of where and how their input has been received and incorporated into the final drafting process.
3. We'd like to understand the role of the Westside Community Plan Advisory Group (WCPAG) and to be assured that their voice will not outweigh that of local stakeholders.

Ex parte communications: None disclosed by any members.

Disclosures and conflicts of interest: None disclosed by any members.

To government agencies: Only the Chair and designated Boardmembers may testify to public agencies on behalf of the West L.A. Sawtelle NC. The Board requests that the Council Office and private/non-profit entities do not testify or speculate on behalf of the NC.

/s/ Walton Chiu

Walton Chiu, Chair WLASNC

cc: Jeff Khau, Michael Amster, Gabriela Medina, Council District #11