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Planning Dept.
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Re: Resolution - Request for Dwelling Unit Capacity calculations in West L.A. Sawtelle district and West L.A. Community Plan area

To the City,

At the Apr. 27, 2022, meeting of the West Los Angeles Sawtelle N.C., the Board of Directors voted 13-0-0, to requests that the City Planning Dept. provide the Dwelling Unit Capacity calculations for all WRAC Community Plans in process (Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey, Venice, Westchester/Playa, West Los Angeles), and authorize the Chair to submit Community Impact Statements in the future, and authorize the Chair to submit a CIS.

Facts and background:

1. Our NC has estimated zoning capacity in our district to be as high as 150,000 (with a projected population of 91,000), which can be used to determine if upzoning and increased density is warranted as part of the West L.A. Community Plan update.

Findings and justifications:

1. WRAC approved this Resolution for distribution to member NCs.
 - a. <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/request-for-dwelling-unit-capacity-calculations/>
2. This is a prerequisite to the development of a community plan, and is a basic component of good planning. The term DUC has to do with the maximum building capacity in the community plan area under the current zoning code. It is important to know what is possible to build, before upzoning to add capacity.
3. DCP has been working on Westside community plans since 2018. This information must be available because the City has approved the Housing Element and would need this information to do so.

June 28, 2017 Resolution -- West L.A. Community Plan population and zoning capacity:

The area's population will be ~91,000 in 2020.

Current zoning (including density bonuses) allows for a population of 159,000 in the area, which allows for 76,000 more people to move into the area.

Therefore, no upzones are "needed" to create more housing.

Ex parte communications: None disclosed by any committee members.

Disclosures and conflicts of interest: None disclosed by any committee 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/ Jamie L. Keeton

Jamie L. Keeton, Chair WLASNC

cc: Jason Douglas, Gaby Markley, Council District #11