## **COMMUNITY-BASED HOUSING SOLUTIONS**



# Presentation to **VANC TOWNHALL**

October 14, 2023

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### State of California Regional Housing Needs Assessment RHNA



#### **STATE MANDATE**



- LA is required to zone for 456,000 housing units in this RHNA cycle
- LA Planning added a 7% cushion making it 485,000 units
- LA identified existing zoning will accommodate 230,000 units.
- LA must rezone for the remaining **255,000** units.

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Charts from 2021-2029 Housing Element L.A. City Planning Department

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 To reach the 1.4M units, Planning is up-zoning single-family and multi-family neighborhoods without fully identifying all the opportunities on the commercial corridors and public lands.

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San Fernando Valley Housing Element Map

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Woodland Hills

Allows more density on existing multi-family lots.

Sherman Oaks

TOC Expansion (TOC EXP) Allows 4 to 6 story apartment buildings in single-family neighborhoods San Fernando Valley Housing Element Map

Encino

#### West San Fernando Valley Housing Element – Interactive Map



#### Southeast Sherman Oaks/Van Nuys Housing Element – Interactive Map



#### Valley Village/Toluca Lake Housing Element – Interactive Map



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#### If the proposed rezoning goes ahead, this will happen in every single-family neighborhood



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Eliminating overlays that affect residential neighborhoods, still leaves 760,000 units, much more than the 255,000 units required to meet RHNA.

#### Dangers to over zoning:

over zoning will result in over building causing unnecessary stress on the city's finances, environment, infrastructure and change the socio-economic make up of communities as they absorb more marketrate units.

Total= 760,000 units (3.3X more housing than required)

#### LA Planning Department is zoning for an additional 3.2 Million people in the next 8 years.



Data from SCAG 2021 and Housing Element 2023

#### However, the State does not even project that magnitude of growth in LA County.



#### And neither does SCAG that projects less than 1 Million people in the next 25 years



Data from SCAG 2021 and Housing Element 2023

The density belongs on commercial corridors where we have the space, infrastructure, transit and the economy of scale to build meaningful amounts of affordable housing



The city can demand a greater percentage of affordable housing by incentivized rezoning, fee waivers, priority processing and financial assistance.

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Why support this approach? Piecemeal development has no accountability for infrastructure costs, creates segregated living patterns, and with no parking criteria this creates barriers to access job opportunities throughout the City.



#### WHY PUT AN APARTMENT HOUSE HERE?



#### WHEN THERE IS AN UNDER-UTILIZED SHOPPING CENTER HERE

#### **MISSING MIDDLE**



#### CREATING NEW AFFORDABLE, MIXED-INCOME ROW HOUSES THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD GENERATIONAL WEALTH

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#### **UNDER-UTILIZED SHOPPING CENTER**



CREATING NEW AFFORDABLE, INTEGRATED NEIGHBORHOODS WHILE REVITALIZING THE COMMERCIAL AREAS

#### **Corridors Can Do Everything That Needs To Be Done**



Instead of leaving underutilized centers that are not identified in the Housing Element...

#### **Corridors Can Do Everything That Needs To Be Done**



- Respects adjacent single-family and multi-family neighborhoods and can add missing middle housing
- Builds density where sufficient infrastructure exists
- Meets Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing by integrating significant amounts of mixed income housing throughout communities instead of concentrating development in one area
- Locates density where there is transit and makes communities more walkable
- Revitalizes commercial corridors making communities economically viable

Our Sherman Oaks "community-based housing" study does not rezone single-family or multi-family areas



- All sites are on underutilized commercial corridors
- Located throughout our community Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
- Revitalizing Sherman Oaks

## These sites more than exceed the RHNA criteria for Sherman Oaks

On existing sites that are one-story, underutilized developments with vast areas of surface parking...and not identified for upzoning in the Housing Element and not currently zoned for significant amounts of housing.











## Lack of transparency and outreach

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Woodland Hills

## Planning never shows these maps nor explains the rezoning impacts when they do community outreach

San Fernando Valley Housing Element Map

Sherman Oaks

#### **Planning Departments Outreach Survey is full of ambiguous questions**

Within higher opportunity areas should new housing to be located:

- O Focused in walkable neighborhoods near major streets and centers or
- O Spread more evenly?

Do you support allowing more apartments and condominiums options in locations close to jobs, amenities and transit?

O Yes	
O No	
O Unsure	
	Clear selection

## Lack of transparency and outreach



Our City Council and Planning Department are misquoting a State Law saying apartments have to go into single-family neighborhoods.

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### California Government Code Section 65583.2(h)

The program required by subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 65583 shall accommodate 100 percent of the need for housing for very low and low-income households allocated pursuant to Section 65584 for which site capacity has not been identified in the inventory of sites pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) on sites that shall be zoned to permit owner-occupied and rental multifamily residential use by right for developments in which at least 20 percent of the units are affordable to lower income households during the planning period. These sites shall be zoned with minimum density and development standards that permit at least 16 units per site at a density of at least 16 units per acre in jurisdictions described in clause (i) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c), shall be at least 20 units per acre in jurisdictions described in clauses (iii) and (iv) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) and shall meet the standards set forth in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (5) of subdivision (b). At least 50 percent of the very low and low-income housing need shall be accommodated on sites designated for residential use and for which nonresidential uses or mixed uses are not permitted, except that a city or county may accommodate all of the very low and low-income housing need on sites designated for mixed use if those sites allow 100 percent residential use and require that residential use occupy 50 percent of the total floor area of a mixed-use project

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# Single-family zones already allow 4 units



Senate Bill 9 (SB9) already allows for 4 units per lot. It also allows for a lot split with 2 units per lot.

# Do *not* let the Council Office or the Planning Department talk you into accepting 5 units per lot.

That opens single-family zones to State laws that will define your property as multi-family zones, opening you up to even more density.

Mayor Bass said "I would not and I do not believe you force things on people. But you do involve people and let them come up with their own solutions. The attitude has to be "we all have skin in the game" and given that how do you deal with it in your neighborhood."

We simply ask our mayor: Remove R1 from the rezoning strategy.

### Developing apartments in single-family areas creates problems

- Puts density where there is insufficient infrastructure
- Does not meet Affirmatively
   Furthering Fair Housing because it
   concentrates apartment housing in
   designated areas
- Locates density where there is no transit and insufficient parking
- Removes trees, open space and permeable surfaces





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### **Developing apartments in commercial areas solves problems**

- Builds density where sufficient infrastructure exists
- Meets Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing by integrating significant amounts of mixed income housing throughout communities
- Locates density where there is transit and makes communities more walkable
- Revitalizes commercial corridors making communities economically viable
- Makes our communities more attractive and more livable





# What do we do?



## **Next Steps**

### Step 1: Submit to Council File 21-1230. All of us in LA must do this.

Neighborhood Councils can use our motion attached to submit a CIS to the council file. Currently only pro housing people have submitted to this file. We need to change that. This motion enclosed is a word document which allows you to enter your nc's name, but you are obviously encouraged to submit your own motion. We are offering you an example.

- For HOA or neighborhood groups, please submit a comment as well to this file. It can be this motion or anything else that will explain your anger at the city considering rezoning single-family neighborhoods and sensitive multi family neighborhoods when there is ample zoning capacity on our commercial corridors to meet the RHNA requirement. Submitting to the file is easy. We've attached step by step instructions. Again, time is of importance.
- Individuals (all of us) can also submit to the file. We want hundreds of submissions. Spread the word.

**Step 2: Email blast- call to action**. We sent out an easy email blast that will have a "click and submit" capability so we can send a message to your council members and the mayor. We need you to blast this email out to all the people on your email list so we can get a lot of comments sent so the city starts paying attention to us.

Whereas the Housing Element and Community Plan Updates have sufficient zoning opportunities in commercial corridors, on public lands and through Adaptive Reuse to meet State housing needs mandates, there is no need to divide and destroy existing residential neighborhoods by rezoning through overlays or other zoning devices of R1 zones or sensitive, rent stabilized multi-family housing. The Neighborhood Council opposes the Housing Element's proposed rezoning and densification of R1 and multi-family neighborhoods beyond what SB9 and ADU law allows.

To be submitted to Council File 21-1230



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		-	EUNISSES HERNANDEZ	1	YES	
06/16/2023 Council action final.		2	HEATHER HUTT	10	YES	
06/14/2023 Council adopted item, subject to reconsideration, pursuant to Council Rule 51.		-	PAUL KREKORIAN	2	YES	
			JOHN LEE	12	ABSENT	
06/09/2023 City Clerk scheduled item for Council on June 14, 2023.		1	TIM MCOSKER	15	YES	
		-	TRACI PARK	11	YES	
06/06/2023 Planning and Land Use Management Committee noted and filed item(s).		2	CURREN D. PRICE	9	ABSENT	
06/02/2023 Planning and Land Use Management Committee scheduled item for committee meeting		-	NITHYA RAMAN	4	YES	
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Management Committee.			KATY YAROSI AVSKY		YES	

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Public Comment Form

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Council File Number (enter numbers only):

#### 21-1230

Including a correct Council file number will help ensure expedient and accurate posting of your comment. You can search for Council file numbers on the City Clerk's COUNCIL FILE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

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# Public Comment Pending

A verification link has been sent to your email account. Please click on the link to verify your email for the public comment to be processed

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All pertinent documents that you wish to attach to your request should be in

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Thank you,

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# Send a letter to Mayor Bass and your Councilmember

For a copy of this call to action, contact Linda or Maria at:

lindag@lakebalboanc.org

### mpkalban@gmail.com



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We, United Neighbors, are doing our part to find solutions but is the City willing to let us have skin in the game? We don't need to destroy our housing to build new housing.

Now we need YOUR HELP!

Tell your elected representative to stop needless rezoning of your neighborhoods!

#### Email the Mayor

CD1 - Eunisses Hernandez CD2 - Paul Krekorian CD3 - Bob Blumenfield CD4 - Nithya Raman CD5 - Katy Yaroslavsky CD6 - Imelda Padilla CD7 - Monica Rodriguez CD8 - Margueece Harris-Dawson CD9 - Curren Price Jr CD10 - Heather Hutt CD11 - Traci Park CD12 - John Lee CD13 - Hugo Soto-Martinez CD14 - Kevin De Leon CD15 - Tim McOsker

# Time is running out!

# We must have the Planning Department's rezoning maps changed by the end of Fall.

# Let's stand together as



we say "yes" to more housing but "no" to bad planning of our neighborhoods!