Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council

Community Impact Statement

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Position: OPPOSE

The Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council (GTLNC) opposes the proposal to make permanent the policies advanced under Executive Directive 1 (Expedition of Permits and Clearances for Temporary Shelters and Affordable Housing Types).

GTLNC opposes the transfer of decision-making authority from appointed and elected officials to staff for "all affordable" housing projects. The ordinance authorizes an administrative-only approval process for projects providing 100% affordable housing, and incorporates the so-called streamlining provisions of Mayor Karen Bass's Executive Directive 1. The ordinance bypasses due process including site selection, public hearings, community impacts, the right of appeal and competitive bidding. It also unjustifiably grants unaccountable power to City employees, circumvents dissent or opposing views and removes transparency. This sets the stage for potential abuse and threatens democratic principles.

GTLNC does not support the acceleration of more housing, greater building and population density when it is unnecessary and undesirable. It comes at the great expense of the community that simply wants to recover its long lost city services and the standards of living that preceded the so-called "crisis." Executive Directive 1 should not become permanent. The underlying assumptions are incorrect and are being accepted without challenge or insight. This is forcing a costly and ineffective methodology on an unwilling electorate and public.

We request that GTLNC authorize its President to appear and object to Executive Directive 1 during a public meeting of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee of the Los Angeles City Council and/or before the Los Angeles City Council.

This will be submitted as a Community Impact Statement to Council File 23-0623.