

Council File: 18-1246

OPPOSE

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, are requesting that you oppose Council File 18-1246. During a historic housing crisis and pandemic that has exacerbated housing access, the City should not allow AirBNB and other home-sharing services to expand operations. By chopping its widespread effort to legalize home-sharing into three smaller actions, the City is distorting the environmental consequences of its effort and circumventing informed decision-making under the California Environmental Quality Act. So too, the City has failed to sufficiently analyze, identify, and mitigate cumulative impacts resulting from the VRO and related City efforts to unduly loosen its Code to legalize home-sharing activities across the City. The HSO, VRO, and HSO/RSO amendment essentially remove roughly 42,000 units that would otherwise be available to provide long term housing—which is more than the 36,571 shortfall of very low-, low-, and moderate-income units need for the City to meet its Regional Housing Needs Assessment (“RHNA”) obligations.

Council File: 20-1042

SUPPORT

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, request that the Department of City Planning develop a numerical formula for distributing Los Angeles’ RHNA target across its CPAs. The formula should include criteria such as housing costs, median income, access to transit, proximity to job centers, access to public resources like parks and schools, patterns of historical exclusion and segregation, and environmental quality. The RHNA distribution should be broken down by income level as well so that it equitably distributes affordable housing throughout neighborhoods of opportunity while also directing affordable housing to the communities of greatest need.

Council File: 14-0268-S13

SUPPORT

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, support the proposed Ordinance in the Report dated May 7, 2020 submitted by the Mayor, that addresses harassment of tenants, of both RSO and non-RSO housing, and urges the City Council to consider and pass such an Ordinance as soon as possible. This motion, a recommendation from the Los Angeles Tenants Union, is similar to ordinances already in effect in West Hollywood and Santa Monica. Tenant

harassment is an urgent situation; LATU estimates that up to 100,000 tenants have been evicted in Los Angeles during the last two years with harassment being a primary contributor to those evictions. We must continue our efforts to make sure the Ordinance gets implemented in full.

Council File: 20-1225

SUPPORT

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, applaud the City council's initiative to explore ways to sequester carbon, increase water capture, and support biodiversity by rebuilding healthy soil through urban agriculture. We are thrilled to hear that, if passed, Council File 20-1225 would also explore adding green jobs to our economy, may result in the use of fewer harmful chemicals in landscaping by the city, and may unpave underutilized space to be used for composting or mulching operations.

Council File: 20-1360

SUPPORT

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, support the allocation of remaining County funds into Homelessness Efforts expeditiously in order to meet the housing requirements of the LA Alliance for Human Rights lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles, and to ensure unhoused individuals are placed into adequate and substantial housing. The size of our unhoused population will only increase as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to batter the economy, and limited resources are available to SORO stakeholders experiencing homelessness.