



Motion to submit letter in support/ opposition of 9500 Pico Blvd

Agenda Item: LU 30221-1
Date: March 2, 2021
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

The proposed mixed use development at 9500 W Pico Blvd is located at the intersection of Pico & Beverly. It is currently a single story car wash on a 26,000 square foot site. The applicant's goal is to create a mixed-use building that serves the neighborhood with ground floor retail and dining options, as well as five stories and 67 units of much-needed housing at a major public transit stop, including 7 affordable units in an area with a high median income and dearth of market rate housing options.

The project seeks Density Bonus exemptions and FAR, Height, and Parking Incentives. The C4-1VL-O Zone typically allows a FAR of 1.5, which was originally intended and optimized for non-residential development. The proposal is a mixed-use, mixed-income project with multifamily residential, restaurant, and retail uses.

Proposed Motion

Submit a letter in support/opposition of mixed use development at 9500 Pico Blvd.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: ___ Against: ___

Arguments for:

Arguments against:

TBD

TBD



Motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 21-0002-S30 re: Metro fare

Agenda Item: LU 30221-2
Date: March 2, 2021
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

When COVID-19 hit, Metro eliminated all fares on trains and buses in order to assist essential workers who rely on public transit and were facing wage cuts. Cutting Metro fares has made it easier for working class riders to use the bus or train for free. Fares represent a very minimal amount of Metro's profits (between 5% and 15% depending on calculation) but do represent a large barrier to public transit use (fare increases have outpaced cost of living increases over the last several decades).

Proposed Motion

Submit a CIS in support of Council File 21-0002-S30:

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, SUPPORT the motion to support and/or sponsor legislation that would provide funds to agencies to provide fare-free transit in Los Angeles. Reliable and affordable public transit supports our general economy, helps reduce car reliance, and clears our air. Transit fares are often a burden on those that can least afford it, and COVID-19 has led to service cuts at a time when people can least afford alternative transportation. Currently, Metro is considering permanent fare-free transit for its riders. Very little of Metro's operating budget actually comes from fare collection. Free Metro fare would incentivize more Angelenos to use public transit rather than cars.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: ___ Against: ___

Arguments for: **Arguments against:**

TBD

TBD



Motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 21-0113 re: Project Roomkey

Agenda Item: LU 30221-3
Date: March 2, 2021
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

Project Roomkey is a collaborative effort by the state, county, and LAHSA to secure hotel and motel rooms for vulnerable people experiencing homelessness ie. persons over 65 or those with health risks and co-morbidities as they are especially susceptible to COVID-19 which has remained a high risk in congregate shelter settings. The program was discontinued due to city budgetary reasons. At the end of January, the Biden Administration announced that FEMA would reimburse 100% of costs associated with such programs and thus would fully subsidize hotel rooms without requiring the city to find money in its budget.

Proposed Motion

Submit a CIS in support of Council File 21-0113:

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, SUPPORT the motion to re-launch Project Roomkey considering the budgetary concerns which discontinued the program are no longer relevant. Project Roomkey represents a massive opportunity to place unhoused people into government care and into temporary housing that is safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: ___ Against: ___

Arguments for: **Arguments against:**

TBD

TBD



Motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 20-0995 re: short term rental ordinances

Agenda Item: LU 30221-4
Date: March 2, 2021
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

In 2020, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council opposed efforts by the city to deregulate AirBnB and similar short term rental services. Sara Flocks of Better Neighbors LA reached out to the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council Land Use Committee to ask for input on a similar council file. The Blumenfeld motion in this council file moves the council to request relevant city agencies to report on the progress of implementing and actually enforcing the city's short term rental ordinances to make sure companies like AirBnB abide by established law.

Proposed Motion

Submit a CIS in support of Council File 20-0995:

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, SUPPORT the motion that encourages the city to report on the progress of implementing and enforcing short term rental ordinances. Unregulated short term rentals have destabilized housing stock in other cities and pose a massive threat to the LA housing supply.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: ___ Against: ___

Arguments for: **Arguments against:**

TBD

TBD



Motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 21-0183 re: RSO covenants rent freeze

Agenda Item: LU 30221-5
Date: March 2, 2021
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

Affordable housing is maintained through regulatory rent covenants. When a new building is developed, a set amount of housing is set aside to remain affordable based in income levels – however, those restrictions only apply for several decades and eventually expire. The City is currently at risk of losing thousands of affordable housing units through the impending expiration of regulatory rent covenants. A recent UCLA report found that the lifting of eviction bans led to increased likelihood of COVID-19 deaths nationally — the lifting of moratoriums likely resulted in between 365,000 and 500,000 excess Coronavirus cases.

Proposed Motion

Submit a CIS in support of Council File 21-0183:

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, SUPPORT the motion to instruct HCID to report on recommendations for implementing an immediate rent freeze on residential units with expired or soon to be expired affordability covenants based on health and safety findings regarding undue tenant displacement during COVID-19.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: ___ Against: ___

Arguments for:

Arguments against:

TBD

TBD