

From: Cynthia de la Torre

Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 4:46 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Patricia Diefenderfer <Patricia.Diefenderfer@longbeach.gov>; Alison Spindler-Ruiz <Alison.Spindler-Ruiz@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Public Comments Received Thus Far for September 14 - Enhanced Density Bonus

Hello,

Please see the public comments received thus far on Enhanced Density Bonus, which is going to City Council on Sept. 14.

Thanks,

Cynthia de la Torre

Planner IV

Pronouns: She, Her, Hers, Ella

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Cynthia de la Torre

From: DICK WARDEN <rdwardenii@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 9:03 PM
To: Cynthia de la Torre
Subject: Re Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) that would amend sections 21.25.506

-EXTERNAL-

As a resident of Long Beach I think this plan to modify LBMC codes to increase density is a bad idea. We already have a huge issue with a shortage of parking and this would make it even worse. Please do not change the density codes. You need to listen to the residents

Sent from Dick's iPad

Cynthia de la Torre

From: fred Zavala <alfredozavala@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 7:21 PM
To: Cynthia de la Torre
Subject: Long Beach Density bonus Ordinance

-EXTERNAL-

Hi Cynthia,

I was directed to your email address to submit testimony or concerns about ADU and new Ordinance?

I'm a homeowner and a landlord.

As a homeowner the new ordinance to enhance housing units to accommodate the lack of affordable or available housing units only exuberates the housing crisis.

The only ones that benefit from ADU and additions in high density area are the landlords and investors that are for profit only.

Just drive on Pine blvd. the lack of housing and parking is a nuisance how is that we come to the point where is legal to park on the center divider of the street.

My point is simple. We have to build more housing projects to save the esthetics of our neighborhoods. This includes using eminent domain to build multi story condos and apartments.

The current landlords of apartment have to interest in the well fare of our city they only seek to keep the housing market tight so they can profit.

The city will benefit from homeowners (condos) rather than renters.



August 30, 2021

Long Beach City Council
411 W Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90802 (*sent via email*)

RE: Enhanced Density Bonus Ordinance

Mayor and Members of the City Council,

We appreciate your consideration of the Enhanced Density Bonus (EDB) Ordinance, and thank staff for their work on this to date. The City of Long Beach is urgently in need of more housing that is within an affordable price range for current and aspiring Long Beach residents. We at Burnham Planning & Development support this policy tool to assist in the production of affordable housing citywide.

We believe that the housing shortage, and in particular the shortage of affordable housing, is a Citywide issue. The EDB Ordinance will provide the appropriate incentives to allow for more housing production outside of the Downtown and Midtown areas. Providing affordable housing opportunities throughout the City is an important component of creating a more equitable City.

In addition, the EDB Ordinance will encourage development in transit rich neighborhoods, which will assist in reducing automobile dependency and encourage development in areas with existing nearby amenities, which supports the City's mobility, climate action/adaptation, and racial equity and reconciliation goals. Similar policies adopted in other jurisdictions have proven successful in facilitating the development of affordable housing.

In closing, we believe the sunset clause in the ordinance provides a level of certainty to the community with respect to the extent of expected development, as the sunset clause ensures that any development occurring as a result of the EDB Ordinance will be within the assumptions contained in the Land Use Element adopted in 2019. We appreciate the opportunity to comment, and we are hopeful you will approve the ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely ,

Derek Burnham
Principal

Ford Do
Vice President

Cynthia de la Torre

From: THOMAS VISKA <tviska@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 6:35 AM
To: Cynthia de la Torre
Subject: Re: Enhanced Density Bonus Ordinance - September 14, 2021 City Council Hearing

-EXTERNAL-

I'm so glad they have figured out the water, waste, parking and electricity issues and are allowing more building in Long Beach. thanks for keeping me posted.

Thomas Viska

On August 30, 2021 at 6:10 PM, Cynthia de la Torre <Cynthia.DeLaTorre@longbeach.gov> wrote:

Hello,

You are receiving this email because you've been added to our interested parties list for this project. Please let me know if you wish to be removed from this list.

On September 14, 2021, the City Council will hear the following project at its regularly scheduled meeting:

Proposed Project: The proposed Project consists of changes to the Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) that would amend sections 21.25.506 (Findings Required), Chapters 18.15, 18.16, 18.17, and 18.18 related to impact fee waivers for affordable units in mixed-income buildings, and add a new chapter (Chapter 21.68) related to the following: establishing an Enhanced Density Bonus Ordinance to facilitate the development of mixed income multi-family housing on properties that already allow 5 or more housing units, by establishing regulations that offer a density bonus and development concessions in exchange for the provision of on-site, deed-restricted, very low-, low-, or moderate-income housing units. No development projects are proposed at this time. (Citywide).

Environmental Review: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, a Negative Declaration (ND) has been prepared for the Project and finds that the Project would not have any potential significant adverse environmental impacts. The ND (08-

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephanie Boettcher [mailto:supplywizard@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2021 11:06 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Public comment for 9/14 council meeting

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City Council,

I'm writing to express my concern about our affordable housing shortage and its impact on the future of our city. Exclusionary zoning and land use practices have led to an undersupply of affordable medium- and high-density housing near jobs and transit, and have perpetuated segregated living patterns and the exclusion of historically disadvantaged communities.

Long Beach has an opportunity to address the need for more housing in a way that furthers equity, environmental sustainability, and economic recovery in its housing element update. We should update the housing element in a way that encourages historically high housing growth, while furthering fair housing opportunities and undoing patterns of discrimination in housing. We can't miss this opportunity to fix our city's housing crisis.

I urge you to legalize more housing, make housing easier to build, fund affordable housing and end homelessness, and strengthen tenants' rights.

Sincerely,
STEPHANIE BOETTCHER

PS: my rent payment for the month is now \$1014 per month for a small one bedroom apartment and that is a low income senior housing building. I am being priced out. My Social Security will not cover this and my other monthly expenses.

Sent from my iPhone

From: catesjosephm [mailto:catesjosephm@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2021 11:00 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
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Sincerely,
JOSEPH CATES
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

-----Original Message-----

From: Lashica Johnson [mailto:shicajohnson@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2021 10:34 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Public comment for 9/14 council meeting

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 Sincerely,
 LASHICA JOHNSON

Lashica Johnson

From: Paulette Lofton [mailto:plofton1208@att.net]
Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2021 3:59 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Public comment for 9/14 council meeting

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Sincerely, PAULETTE LOFTON