

July 10, 2020

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Draft Inclusionary Housing Ordinance - Request to strengthen the draft ordinance by not exempting the East LA\Gateway submarket area.

Dear Honorable Supervisors:

This letter is to inform you of the Health Innovation Community Partnership's strong concern regarding the exclusion of the East Los Angeles communities from the proposed Inclusionary Housing ordinance draft that will come before you on August 4, 2020. As a partnership established in 2017 through your unanimous vote, we continue to work collectively to ensure that developments in and around the LAC+ USC Medical Center are guided by community perspectives as voiced by local residents and community-based organizations. As part of the many community meetings that were held throughout the Eastside from December 2018 through June 2019, the Partnership asked community residents to articulate their concerns about proposed developments around the LAC+USC Medical Campus. Their answers to this question showed that a prevailing concern was the lack of affordable housing available in the Eastside. Moving forward with this ordinance without including the East LA\Gateway submarket area would be ignoring the hundreds of voices that have come forward to be a part of shaping development and investment in their community.

The LA County Inclusionary Housing ordinance is one of many policy tools to preserve and expand affordable housing that will come for your consideration this year. It is critical that the County adopt an inclusionary housing ordinance that produces the maximum amount of affordable housing, targets affordable units as deeply as possible, prevents displacement, and better integrates neighborhoods. We urge you to approve this ordinance without excluding the East LA submarket area; we also ask you to consider not excluding any submarket area. Furthermore, we recommend that all three rental affordability options for rental units include a portion of units affordable to households making 30% AMI or less in order to meet the needs of the most vulnerable LA County renters.

Supervisors, the COVID-19 pandemic has created tremendous hardships for our already vulnerable communities. As we continue to work to contain the virus and to keep our communities safe, healthy and whole, we must move forward with bold solutions that ensure an equitable future beyond the pandemic. An inclusionary housing ordinance that applies to all 5 supervisorial districts will be a cornerstone element of this equitable future.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,