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April 23, 2023

Re: Item 3.1 – FY 2023-25 Work Plan Development: Project Prioritization and Gatekeepers

Dear Mayor Hicks and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports an increased stock of affordable housing (to decrease the number at risk of becoming homeless), and the rescission of policies, practices, regulations and laws that criminalize, penalize, or permit the harassment of people experiencing homelessness for engaging in necessary life activities in public spaces, (including sleeping and camping).

We recommend item C37 (Conduct a holistic Citywide review of parking regulations) to be ranked higher in importance, given past discussion on how the 72 Hour rule impacts vehicle residents. Alternatively, action on the 72 Hour rule can be explicitly incorporated into the Homelessness Response Strategy (A12).

While we are not asking for a change in priority level for an R3 Zoning Update, we do ask Council to ensure that it will be held to the timelines presented (2024 Q4), since it has taken longer than was expected in 2019 and because of its relationship with the Displacement Response Strategy (A6) and housing production in general.

We would prefer that a Gatekeeper process be held within this calendar year, given its past performance in producing some of the city's largest housing projects. Additionally, it has been some time since the last full process was held (2019), so potential areas of change may only become apparent after another round. As for the authorization criteria, we recommend allowing the applicant to demonstrate how innovative their proposal is in terms of new industry, (which ties in with the Economic Vitality Strategy's desire to encourage entrepreneurship -B28), or in terms of extra effort — such as lot consolidation.

(Please send any questions about this email to Kevin Ma at housing@lwvlamv.org)

Thank you for your consideration,

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