



June 12, 2023

Re: Item 6.2 – 2023-24 Budget and 2023-25 Council Strategic Priorities and Work Plan

Dear Mayor Hicks and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports the removal of barriers that inhibit the construction of low and moderate income housing. We oppose the rescission of laws that penalize people experiencing homelessness for engaging in necessary life activities in public spaces, including sleeping and camping.

We support implementing the recommendations from the Development Review Study (Matrix), reorganizing and increasing the Building Division, and formalizing the Housing Department. In order to fulfill the recently-approved Housing Element's goal of housing to address the community's needs, the city must continue to make significant efforts to improve housing production. We look forward to the results of the Technical Assistance Panel and the new development review website.

We also thank the Council for setting the holistic review of street parking regulations as a Category A project, along with the Displacement Response Strategy and Homeless Response Strategy, noting the continuing negative impact of the 72 hour rule on vehicle residents.

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

Thank you for your consideration,

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