

Flores, Dora

From: Nathaniel Greensides [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 12:42 PM
To: eComment
Cc: Hernandez, Johnathan; Brown, Judson
Subject: Feb 20th City Council Meeting Agenda Item 28

Dear City Council,

I applaud the efforts to increase homeownership via the development of residential real estate to be sold at affordable rates. I was aware of the RFP regarding the approximately \$7.8m funds to be put toward home ownership opportunities and even spread the word to some organizations who I believe would make a good fit for the RFP. However, as noted in the staff report, it is not a surprise to me that the requirements of the RFP in addition to the current state of economic affairs resulting in lower than expected submissions. In addition to the proposed amendments from city staff, I also urge city staff and the Council to consider manners of making funds available for conversions of rental units to non-rental housing units, especially where tenants have resided in the same unit for a minimum period of time such as 15 years. There are a few organizations in California and even two specifically in Santa Ana I can think of that are already uniquely poised to assist long-term tenants in the process of buying the apartment where they have lived for decades.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nate Greensides
Resident of Ward 5

Flores, Dora

From: Brian Hendricks <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 11:10 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Item 28 - For your consideration

Hello Mayor Amezcua and members of City Council:

As it relates to Item 28, I would like to request that council consider giving priority to any project that involves acquisition/rehabilitation over new construction - if this aligns and is consistent with City of Santa Ana goals related to affordable housing. Preservation of affordable housing in the city can be just as important as developing new units. I have been fortunate to be involved in a number of new construction affordable housing developments, so of course I am overall very much in favor of them. However, perhaps City of Santa Ana leadership would like to prioritize rehab and preservation of existing housing units rather than adding more new development of affordable housing projects.

I thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,
Brian Hendricks
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