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## UNNC Planning and Zoning Committee

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Wednesday, December 16, 2020

7:00 p.m.

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## AGENDA

1). Welcome & Call to Order; Introductions; Approval of the Agenda

2). Public Comments (1-2 minutes per speaker)

### 3). **Council File 20-1477, Proposed Structural Demolition Policy**

Councilmembers Buscaino and Koretz have proposed a motion directing the City Planning Department (LADCP) and Building & Safety (LADBS) to report with recommendations on a demolition policy that would allow developers who are in an entitlement process to be granted demolition permits for properties that have become a public nuisance, without the need for an approved set of plans, issued building permits, approval for the entitlement(s), or certification of an environmental clearance.

There was significant opposition from residents and stakeholders throughout the City at the City Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) hearing on December 8, but nonetheless PLUM passed the initial motion to ask that LADCP and LADBS to prepare a report on how to implement this idea into law.

Among the issues noted by those who commented were:

- It would encourage and incentivise developers to evict tenants and then allow a vacant property to become a nuisance;
- It therefore could lead to increased homelessness, or longer periods of homelessness for individuals who lose their housing in this manner;
- It could cause further blight by creating vacant lots that may never actually be developed (the project may not be approved, or construction permits never issued, or financing never acquired);
- A property owner is responsible for maintaining a property – to not abandon it, not turn off the electricity or water, not allow vagrants onto the site – yet this initiative would encourage “demolition by neglect” rather than encouraging owners to maintain the property;
- Technically, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not allow “splitting” of projects, and a proposed demolition is a part of an overall project, and thus this would help a developer/project evade public scrutiny before the demolition is irreversibly accomplished and would violate the public’s due process rights;
- It endangers identified but not yet designated historic resources, since part of the entitlement process is an evaluation of historic significance;
- At a time of an economic crisis and diminished staff funding, directing staff to prepare a report does not appear to be a well-thought-out use of limited available funds or staff time; and
- Noting that the city of Los Angeles is in the midst of an unprecedented affordable housing crisis, what is needed are structural DISINCENTIVES for displacement, not the opposite.

For these reasons and others, it is proposed that UNNC prepare a Resolution and Community Impact Statement opposing this Council motion. (*Written comments filed by the public with the L.A. City Clerk are in the meeting agenda packet*). – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

### 5). **Follow-up to Previous Cases, ENS, and Old Business -- DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

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1-800-855-3000/Spanish

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