

October 19, 2023

Dear Chair Mensinger and Planning Commissioners,

LAAHA strongly supports the zoning changes proposed by Staff in accordance with the Housing Element Update for various programs. We also support these actions so that our Element remains in compliance with State laws.

More specifically -

The CT district has capacity for higher density housing and is the logical place to add housing due to access to transit and amenities. We approve of changing our code to allow 5 stories before a density bonus in the CT zone.

Housing should be allowed in the OA district, and we support increasing the maximum densities there to 30 du/acre.

The Loyola Corners Plan should be rescinded as it has stifled meaningful development and upgrades. We appreciate getting rid of the 20 unit density cap, the dwelling size requirement, and the height limitation. In all, creating a Loyola Corners that is consistent with all other CN districts makes sense.

Village Court should be consistent with other CT zones, and we support the rezoning at this major intersection.

While change is difficult, we see that these zoning changes on the whole create greater consistency within our city's specified zones, eliminate ambiguity, and increase density in areas of our city that can accommodate more density. These are strategic changes that we hope will lead to more units of housing.

Respectfully, LAAHA Steering Committee