

Skid Row Now and 2040
Response to September 2023 DTLA 2040 Report from DCP

October 16, 2023

[COUNCILMEMBER NAME AND DISTRICT, or other advocacy colleague information]

Re: Skid Row Now and 2040 Coalition Response to City of Los Angeles' Department of City Planning [Council File Number: 22-0617-S3](#): Downtown Los Angeles Community Plan / IX1 Use District Modifications / Community Facilities / Skid Row Neighborhood dated September 19, 2023

Dear Councilmember,

Our Skid Row Now and 2040 Coalition began in the Summer of 2017 and over these five years we have worked with the Department of City Planning's DTLA 2040 team in productive ways on the Downtown Community Plan, along with extensive outreach throughout our Skid Row neighborhood - residents, workers and other stakeholders. We are grateful for the department's work with us to date along with City Council and the Mayor to achieve plan adoption, including the recent report [Council File Number: 22-0617-S3](#): Downtown Los Angeles Community Plan / IX1 Use District Modifications / Community Facilities / Skid Row Neighborhood.

Based in our [Containment and Community](#) policy paper as a framework and the Department's recent report, we advocate for City Council to:

- Retain the IX1 Zone with current boundaries and at 80% affordable housing, and clearly define affordable housing levels to remove moderate income units and prioritize deeply low income, extremely low income, very low income and lower income residents.
- Retain the Community Benefits Program as currently adopted in the community plan, and described in this report.
- Define representative members of the oversight committee for the Community Benefit Trust Fund so 30% of membership includes residents or workers with lived experience of being unhoused.
- Ensure funds from the Community Benefit Trust Fund are used within a 1-mile radius of Downtown Los Angeles development, not a 1.5-mile radius, with a priority benefit to Skid Row.

As the adopted community plan moves through the City Attorney's review and subsequent implementation, we also continue to advocate for City Council to:

- Establish a Skid Row district council for self-representation by residents (housed and unhoused) and workers within the historical Skid Row boundaries.
- Implement elements of DTLA 2040 that foster a healthy and sustainable Skid Row neighborhood.

We look forward to the upcoming review of the Department's recent report to the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee agenda, and the related public comment period.

Please contact us if you would like to discuss our advocacy further.

Thank you,

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