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Subject: public input – Leonora Camner may not remain on HC – 2/17/22

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This is to object to the participation of Leonora Camner on the Santa Monica Housing Commission due to ethical violations, and to request Ms. Camner's immediate resignation from the seat she's holding.

Ms. Camner heads a legislative advocacy organization that undermines the decisions of the Santa Monica City Council, the policymaking body comprised of seven elected officials. Ms. Camner may not at the same time serve on an advisory body to the Council like the Housing Commission, where she pursues the political goals of the organization she is the paid Executive Director of.

From the Facebook page of Abundant Housing LA, whose Executive Director, Leonora Camner, is a member of the Santa Monica Housing Commission:

[Abundant Housing L.A.](https://www.facebook.com/abundanthousingLA) -- <https://www.facebook.com/abundanthousingLA>

In a letter sent to [#SantaMonica](#) yesterday, HCD declined to certify the city's housing element, stating that major revisions are needed for it to be compliant with state law:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/my-drive>

We can't thank our pro-housing advocates in Santa Monica enough for this. They've organized & spoken up for housing every step of the way to secure this win. Notably, several advocates, including [Tieira Ryder](#), were cited by HCD to have contributed to the determination that the city is not compliant.

Santa Monica got called out on almost all aspects of the housing element, including showing no analysis on whether the plan affirmatively further fair housing, a lack of substantial evidence supporting the likely redevelopment of non-vacant sites into housing, overpromising ADU production, and zero commitment to constraint removal.

On the consequences of not having a compliant housing element, our Policy and Research Director David said, "It's very unlikely Santa Monica can come into compliance before the 120 day grace period ends on 2/12, so they'll have to complete any necessary rezoning within a year (of the original due date, which was 10/27/21), and **they'll be vulnerable to developers who may want to use the builder's remedy until they come into compliance.**"

We look forward to continuing our work with HCD to ensure high-resource cities like Santa Monica create compliant housing elements that will **encourage historic housing growth**, meet the RHNA goals at all income levels, and advance fair housing.

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