

Testimony in Support of the campaign for Inclusionary Zoning's Proposal, case number: 04-03

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As a community activist, I have been deeply concern about what is to become of my neighborhood. Obviously gentrification is the apex of my neighborhood worries, I acknowledge that battling gentrification has proven too difficult and stressful a task. The fact is compromising would be better than fighting against it. One major compromise would be the inclusion of the Inclusionary Zoning regulation. Inclusionary Zoning regulation would provide affordable housing for underprivileged individuals, help stop the eradication of the cultural scene already in the neighborhood and most importantly preserve ethnic diversity

Inclusionary Zoning regulation will ensure that low-income individuals will be able to afford and maintain decent housing From January 1999 to March 2003, the sales price of home raised four times faster then the average income This means that some people are not going to keep up with the increasing flow of prices. This can be very dangerous for ethnic groups. One of the frightening effects of gentrification is that the neighborhoods are sometime wiped out of the existing people and are scattered to different places far from their native neighborhood hence the extermination and genocide the existing culture Inclusionary Zoning regulation eliminates this problem substantially, the fact is that the regulation requires affordable units to be built within the complex and

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not in some far off isolated area. The culture of the people who live there is preserved due to Inclusionary Zoning regulation and at the same time mixing in the newcomers into thus creating more diversity

This is important for the sake of diversity of both ethnicity and economics As it is known diversity is what makes America exist It's only fair to help preserve it Another key component is the affordability of the units. The Inclusionary Zoning regulation requires the rental units to stay affordable for 50 years which is ample time and longevity to ensure coming generations to be able to live in their neighborhoods. A shorter time frame may discourage people from moving into the units This Zoning commission must act out of righteousness and put into place this proposal before there is anymore displacement