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To Jesse Gabriel

I hope you got some idea of the near unanimous feeling of our extended community of the opposition to the slate of anti-single family residential zoning and of the limitations that the State is putting on the ability of Los Angeles to control its own land use.  People are certainly supportive of the need for affordable housing, particularly for lower income people, but SB 50, SB 330,  SB 592, and others  are absolutely not the way to go.  I can easily think of three options:

     Exempt charter cities or specifically Los Angeles

     Dump these and similar bills entirely and work on legislation that helps multiple family zoned properties, and perhaps neighborhood         commercial properties, accommodate affordable housing,  perhaps with financial support from the state

    Implement the suggestion made at the meeting to combine housing and effective transportation to allow affordable housing in outlying         areas

In any event, work with the community and the Los Angeles City Council towards a fair and equitable solution.

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