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**Subject:** (Community Land Trust) Request use of Santa Monica airport that offers affordable housing only for Westside residents! Our right to safe, clean and affordable housing is being denied.

Hello,

I'm emailing again to request use of the Santa Monica airport, starting with the 17 acres that LA city owns. It is my goal to lead the project as a community affordable housing advocate that connects directly with residents in Mar Vista, Santa Monica, and Venice to discuss the type of housing that should be built at the airport. The Westside is in dire need of housing that is community owned. Right now the city seems to be only working with developers and asking them to include a few affordable housing units instead of **returning city land and using it as an affordable housing zone that is desperately needed!**

We need an affordable housing advocate that works directly with the community to ask them what they need. I've been asking people what they need and residents on the Westside, our essential workforce are saying they need HOUSING! I was talking to a mother at a local coffee shop that has been working through the pandemic, she is working two jobs and had to recently move out of her apartment in Santa Monica to afford an apartment for her and her children. Her rent in Santa Monica was overpriced and what she is paying is still overpriced, we should not be doing this to working class residents, the city has pushed many of them into poverty by not creating housing they can afford!

I'm requesting LA city start a process to grant use of the 17 acres it owns at the airport to be used for affordable housing only, also asking that the city of Santa Monica reverse or allow a vote of closure of the airport this year to create an affordable housing community owned through a CLT in partnership with the cities of LA and SM. **The city of Santa Monica has displaced many residents by not creating enough affordable housing. How can we start the process to ask residents in the cities I mentioned to vote???? There is a need still for interim housing on the westside but this is not that, I'm looking to stabilize the people that are working in the city or close to it but sleeping in their car or driving from far away to come to work, or one paycheck away from being homeless. We can't keep doing this!**

<https://htwws.org/santamonicaairport/>

[The plan to turn Santa Monica Airport into a park is irresponsible. The Westside needs housing - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

*"Housing has to be a part of the equation. Since the 1980s, Santa Monica has approved the construction of millions of square feet of office space, transforming it into a hub for both the tech and entertainment industries, with a daytime population that swells by [more than 150,000 people](#). But this explosive job growth has not been accompanied by a proportional increase in housing units. The opening of a the 227-acre site on the Westside — in close proximity to jobs, good schools and transit — is a once-in-a-generation opportunity. Santa Monica's [estimated population](#) of 92,478 residents in 2019 was only a blip above what it was in 1970, when 88,289 people called the city home. This growing imbalance between jobs and housing has created a massive influx of daily commuters into Santa Monica (even well-compensated tech employees) who either can't find or can't afford housing near these job centers. Meanwhile, population in neighboring jurisdictions has swelled, displacing lower-income residents. The result is more and more commuters crowding the freeways from increasingly distant parts of Southern California."*



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I introduced AB387 w/ [@BuffyWicks](#) today to establish Social Housing for California

Social Housing is how we provide housing as a human right

Publicly developed, maintained, and owned housing for Californians of all socioeconomic levels is the key to solving our housing crisis

