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## Comment on East 12th/public land

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Dear Councilmembers:

Regarding today's closed session, this controversy over the extension of the ENA for East 12th street is another crucial reason why the city must revive efforts to pass a [comprehensive citywide public land policy](#). The time and resources of Oaklanders are too precious to be spent in years-long-negotiations over a prominent parcel like this one, when the need for affordable homes is pressing. We urge the council to use this project as the impetus to move a holistic policy including the following principles:

- **City-owned land should be leased, not sold.**
- **Ensure and prioritize the maximum amount of deeply affordable housing on city-owned sites developed for residential use, and develop 100% affordable whenever possible. This prioritization of affordable housing is particularly important in light of the City consistently exceeding its RHNA targets for market rate housing while falling far short of its affordable housing goals, as evidenced by a ratio of 9.5 market-rate units for every 1 affordable unit.**

**Prioritize holistic healthy development that includes not just affordable housing but high environmental standards, resident amenities, and quality jobs.**

- **Ensure robust public participation from the *start* of the process to ensure community buy-in and that the development meets neighborhood and city needs.**
- **Continue the precedent set by the Pallet community at E12th and enable interim housing and shelter solutions on land that is vacant during the entitlement process.**

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Best,  
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