

PLANNING and LAND USE MGT.

MOTION

Preserving the residential character of our neighborhoods is a quality of life concern throughout the City of Los Angeles.

Residential structures on R1 zoned properties located within the area bounded by Colgate Avenue on the north, Fairfax Avenue on the east, Lindenhurst Avenue on the south, and San Vicente Boulevard on the west, hereby unofficially referred to as "Beverly Grove", were built approximately 75 years ago and are examples of Spanish Revival architecture in one of the most centrally located neighborhoods of Los Angeles. These homes have a unique blend of architectural style, massing, landscaping, and building setbacks.

Currently, the Department of City Planning is analyzing single-family zones citywide focusing on residential structures that are out of scale with the existing neighborhood character and structural mass. An interim measure is needed in "Beverly Grove" to preserve its character and to protect the neighborhood from development that is inconsistent with the intent of the General Plan.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of City Planning and the City Attorney be directed to take appropriate steps to create an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) prohibiting the issuance of any building permits for any R1 zoned lot over 30 feet in height and a maximum Floor Area Ratio of 1.1:1 (calculated by buildable area) within the Beverly Grove area, as described above, of the Wilshire Community Plan.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of City Planning include the Beverly Grove area as part of the Department's "Neighborhood Character" study and any future ordinance, which may result.

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