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Dear Councilmembers,

Regarding your joint committee meeting on MURALS tomorrow (Oct.12th), I would like to comment on each file number:

FILE NO. 08-0530-S1. Agenda Item #3

I believe you should stop issuing citations or notices to comply *only* on MURALS already in existence. Without this provision, new MURAL creation can run rampant and uncontrolled throughout the City.

FILE NO. 08-0530. Agenda Item #4

I think you should add the appropriate Neighborhood Council to this notification list.

FILE NO. 08-1233-S1. Agenda Item #5

This item is O.K.

FILE NO. 08-1233. Agenda Item #6

While defining "what a fine art mural is" as well as "the City's need to facilitate new [murals]and preserve existing murals", I believe you must separate out all R-zoned properties. The old saying "A man's home is his castle" loses all its meaning if your castle is facing directly at a MURAL on your next door neighbor's property... much the same way living next door to a McMansion is abhorrent. Single-family homeowners, in particular, need protection from murals just like they do from McMansions. Please consider the impossible position many homeowners do and may (literally) face.

FILE NO. 08-0515. Agenda Item #7

Again, "establishing a process which would permit the installation of fine art murals on private property" must take into consideration all R-zoned properties, particularly Single-Family homes. We need protection. One homeowner's beauty is the innocent next door neighbor's visual blight and probable reduced home value.

Also, I believe Neighborhood Councils should play an integral part in approving all murals, much the same way they do now along the Ventura Boulevard Specific Plan... with each community in the Plan having their own Design Review Committee to approve all building facade changes. This actually works!

Thank you for considering my thoughts,

Barry Johnson, speaking for myself and no one else

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